

WEST ROUGE JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

November 8, 2016

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendees

Monique Ziezold, Helena Ashberry, Ted Vine, Carol Foote, Darcie James Maxwell, Vanessa Martin, Kim Stewart-Strong, Heather Alousis, Traci Arroyo, Nic Ruscillo, Rebecca Forsey, Kristin Kampouris, Pooja Chaudhury, Jacqueline Abel, Norm Able, Meghan Thompson, Sonja Mutapovich, Franco Genco, Anita Klubal (part)

The meeting was called to order at: 7:05pm

1 Previous Minutes

- a. Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting

Motion: Carole Foote

Second: Pooja Chaudhury

Motion Passed: Unanimously

2 Lunch Lady Presentation – Guest speaker did not attend

Darci outlined the Lunch Lady Program – online program to order lunches and get them delivered to the school. Lunches are brought into school and distributed by company staff to students and does not involve teachers or other school staff. Company can accommodate different lunchtimes through visiting multiple times. Lunches are eco-friendly and they cater for allergies. There is the option for regular lunches or specific fundraising opportunities with themed lunches.

Mr Vine advised that approximately 190 kids stay for lunch with 2 supervisors. On Pizza Lunch days approx 250 kids stay for lunch, eating in their classrooms and it involves 15 parent volunteers to support it.

Proposal to trial company and experience service by holding a theme day in January

Motion: Darcie James Maxwell

Second: Monique Ziezold

Motion Passed: 10:2

3 Principal Report

- a. School Improvement Plan (SIP) – School SIP is in process of being finalized. The SIP will focus on Mindfulness, Equity and using Technology to improve academic achievement. Mindfulness was to begin for every class by November and will run for 15 weeks, lessons should be held weekly. Additional copies of the resource have been purchased for non-home room teachers. iPads have arrived (Thanks SAC!!) and we are awaiting the covers and the laptops. More will be explained about equity after the plan is finished.
 - b. Extra- curricular in full swing - Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball, WECO for junior and primary, Annie auditions for 3-6 have taken place, choir.
 - c. Remembrance Day - assembly will be Friday at 10:30 – parents/guardians and relatives are
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welcomed to attend

- d. Aussie X - has been tentatively booked for January 22-24 and the focus will be their mindfulness program as it fits right in with our SIP. There will also be a parent night as part of the fee and the program will be run from Kindergarten to Grade 6. We have \$1000 from the PRO Grant and the total cost is \$3600. Discussion as to how much each child will contribute assuming the SAC will pay for some of the cost was deferred until later in meeting (item 13) when Treasurer in attendance. 260 students so \$10 per child if no SAC support. \$5 per child would mean an SAC contribution of \$1300. Full SAC contribution means no request for money from parents.
- e. Report Cards - go home Monday (Nov 14th), interview slips went yesterday. All parents should attend an interview for the interim report. Only SK's get reports at this time but JK parents are too attend as well. New format for Kindergarten reporting should begin in February.
- f. School Clothing – thank you to Traci Arroyo for her efforts in finding a new supplier and coordinating the entire effort!
- g. Lockdown – a 'Hold and Secure' was implemented recently at some areas schools due to a robbery at the Lawrence/Port Union Plaza. West Rouge was not affected. A 'Hold and Secure' differs from a 'Lockdown' in that only exterior doors are locked and no one is allowed in or out of the school, but school activities continue inside as normal. A 'Lockdown' involves classroom doors being locked and children remaining silent. 'Lockdowns' are practised at West Rouge twice a year.
- h. Optional Attendance – the school is now closed for alternative attendance, all students need to reside in school boundary area.
- i. Christmas Concert – scheduled for Tuesday December 13th (**Later revised to Dec 20th**)

4 Co-Chair Report

- a. SAC Meeting Days – a proposal to move all SAC meetings from Wednesday to Tuesdays was made. It was noted that Nadia would be unable to attend on Tuesdays.

Motion: Monique Ziezold
Second: Kim Stewart-Strong
Motion Passed: 11:1

First Tuesday meeting will be held on January 17th. NB. There will be no December meeting.

- b. Kindergarten Fundraiser – a discussion was held regarding targeting a fundraising event to generate funds for play equipment for the newly expanded Kindergarten play area. It was suggested that donations are requested at the Christmas concert. This was generally supported and Mr Vine intends to move forward with this and will publicize through West Rouge Weekly.

5 Health and Safety

- a. Lice Check

Lice check on Nov 2nd went well – there were lots of volunteers and no new cases were found.

- b. Walk to School Day

Next events will be held on Feb 1st – 'Winter Walk', and April 19th – 'Spring to Spring'.

Volunteers are needed.

- c. Mental Health – Rebecca Forsey proposed bringing in a Dr she knows who works with CAMH and Manulife who is willing to come and speak on a variety of mental health topics. It was suggested that an online survey be generated to solicit ideas for topics from parents. During the evening talk it was suggested that an activity is put on for the kids.

6 Fundraising

- a. Artisan Sale – sale was a great success for both the school and the vendors. It raised \$1200. Next year is planned to be even bigger and better. It was suggested an craft or activity room could be set up to occupy the kids.
- b. Acorn Cards – cards are being sent to Acorn this week. The response in terms of orders was not high. This activity is not part of the curriculum so we are relying on teachers incorporating it into lesson. A flyer will be produced next year to explain the options to parents and allow discussion on type of cards are teacher is not always clear as to what parents might want students to produce. Mr Vine will also discuss with staff.

7 Webmaster/Web Admin Report

- a. Teachers list has been updated on the Website
- b. The list Council Members has been updated on the Website
- c. All teachers have a webpage now with day pages up to date.
- d. An unsubscribe link to allow users to self-unsubscribe will be sent out on all emails going out.
- e. Council motion application to allow impromptu creation of council motions and allow voting via email is now up and running.

8 Pizza Day

Nic confirmed that the online pizza form 'submit' button now displays as 'Print' to make it clearer to parents that the form must be sent into the school along with payment.

9 Social Responsibility

- a. A Toy Drive and Clothing Drive will be held for Heroes in Black. Kids and Adults winter clothing is being collected. Boxes are in entranceway near front doors. Information will be sent out.

10 Area School Liaison

- a. Anti-bullying/Cyber-bullying information night was held at Joseph Howe.
- b. Jungle Sport Climbing Program held at Miller.

11 WEco

- a. Both Junior and Primary Eco teams have been established.
 - b. Butterfly Garden has been weeded (suspected to be a kind parent who did this). Milkweed is being planted.
 - c. Planning to plant one bulb for each kid in the school to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday.
 - d. Looking at selling water bottles as fundraising activity
 - e. Planning two drink/popcorn fundraising events in January and March
 - f. It was suggested that a calendar for fundraising activities was tied to the website page explaining volunteer opportunities to co-ordinate WEco and SAC Fundraising activities.
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12 Political Information

- a. US Elections

13 Requests for Funds

- a. Ms Genco requested \$1000 to help stage Gr 3-6 production of 'Annie'

Motion: Kim Stewart-Strong

Second: Anita Klubal

Motion Passed: 11:1

- b. Fund request from item 3 d. – Aussie X was raised. It was proposed that SAC fund the total of the remaining amount \$2600 avoiding the need for parents to contribute at all.

Motion: Monique Ziezold

Second: Jacqueline Able

Motion Passed: 9:3

5 Treasurer's Report (refer to Treasurer's handout)

- a. Prior to items 13a & b above being passed, Treasurer's reports shows approximately \$5000 (non-designated) in remaining funds.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:37pm

Next Meeting - January 17, 2017 (NB No December Meeting will be held).
