

# WEST ROUGE JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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January 17, 2017

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

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### Attendees

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Monique Ziezold, Helena Ashberry, Ted Vine, Carol Foote, Vanessa Martin, Traci Arroyo, Nic Ruscillo, Kristin Kampouris, Jacqueline Abel, Sonja Mutapovich, Anita Klubal, Kerry Haines, Carmelo Graham, Kirsty Savoie, Deborah Bowers, Pooja Chaudhury (part)

The meeting was called to order at: 7:11pm

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- 1 Welcome and call to order
  - 2 Previous Minutes
    - a. Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting  
  
**Motion: Carole Foote**  
**Second: Anita Klubal**  
*Motion not passed: Deferred due to lack of members to achieve quorum.*
  - 3 Principal Report
    - a. Extra Curricular - very busy
      - Lego team just finished competing in the provincials – huge accomplishment!
      - Boys Basketball started
      - Girls Volleyball started
      - Guitar Club to start in February
      - Annie well under way – planning on an April Opening Night
    - b. Aussie X - coming in to run the Fusion program next week. All classes from kindergarten to grade 6 will get three experiences. The schedule will be altered to allow for the Aquarium trip so a few classes will have two visits on one day. Thanks SAC and PRO and Anita Klubal for submitting request for grant. The program ties in nicely with our mindfulness approach and combines learning self-regulation through fundamental movement skills from Pilates and gymnastics.  
  
Parent night for the Fusion-X is Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the gym and we want to see our parents/guardians there!
    - c. Report Cards - will be going home on February 13<sup>th</sup> and interviews will be given to those students that teachers feel are experiencing challenges with the expectations. Interviews are in the evening of February 16<sup>th</sup> and the morning of February 17<sup>th</sup>. Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> is the Family day holiday.
    - d. Lates Arrivals and Absences - have been an issue since returning from Holidays. Please call the school and spread the word with your friends to ensure the school is aware when a student is
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late or absent.

- e. Accidental Fire Alarm - first day back in January during the lunch hour and the school was cleared in less than two minutes. Emphasizes the importance of having something on your feet at all times when in school. Mr. Middlemas quickly checked all pull stations and localized the issue in the Kindergarten. Fire trucks did not attend as we called Oakburn and cancelled the call.
- f. Kindergarten play area – \$1000 was raised at the Christmas Concert during the 'pass the hat'. Mr Vine has been in touch with the representative from the TDSB and has some options for going forward in the Spring. The generous donations of our parents/guardians will give us a great start on getting some fun eco-friendly activities for our kindies to play on/with. Mr Vine will be speaking with the Kindergarten teachers to review options and would welcome one or two parents to join the discussion. Please let Mr Vine know if interested.
- g. Cashless School – This year West Rouge will be moving to being a cashless school allowing payments for trips etc. to be made directly online. More information will be provided closer to the time.

#### 4 Co-Chair Report

- a. Lunch Lady Trial – Following presentation at last meeting a trial has been arranged for Valentine's Day. Lunch Lady program is 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. Trial will take place on Feb14th, whole school will be offered a special 'Valentines' Day Breakfast for Lunch' theme of Pancakes for \$6. Email to be sent out on 23rd January. Looking for a couple of volunteers to support this special lunch delivery.
  - If we progress with this program, then volunteers will not required to help out with general deliveries and distribution of lunches.

#### 5 Fun Fair Report

Date of Fun Fair has been set of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

All rooms have now been assigned to volunteers.

#### 6 Treasurer's Report (refer to Treasurer's handout)

- a. Acorn Cards generate \$568
  - b. Artisan Sale generated \$1200 approx.
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## 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 Health and Safety Report

- a. Survey was sent out this afternoon to ask parents about what health and safety topics they would like to learn more about. We intend to work with the Toronto Public Health and Rebecca's physician contact to host info sessions and workshops and perhaps a family wellness night.  
If anyone is interested in volunteering they can connect with Jaqueline Abel – email address is included with the survey.
- b. Next Walk to School Day will be Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – 6 volunteers are required to make this a success

## 8 Webmaster/Web Admin Report

- a. Following next pizza day (27<sup>th</sup>) the online form will be 'purged' to allow ordering for Term 2 pizza lunches to commence.
- b. The online details for capturing Fun Fair sponsor details is being streamlined to ease use.

## 9 Pizza Day

Next Pizza Day is Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. More volunteers are required to make this a success.

## 10 Social Responsibility

- a. Toy Drive and Winter Clothing Drive were a success. On Christmas Morning, team went out to need things out to people in need. Team visited the Scott Mission who were most grateful. A message of thanks has been received. Mr Vine will read this out to the kids.
- b. Fundraising efforts before Christmas raised (all amounts approximate and to be confirmed):
  - a. Flower Pens - \$52
  - b. Bake Sale - \$537
  - c. Candy Cane Grams - \$819 (before costs)

All proceeds will go to 'Save the Children'

## 11 Area School Liaison

No Report

## 12 WECO

No Report

## 13 Political Information

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- a. Numerous activities and cultural awareness items are contained on TDSB website. For example, this month is Tamil History month and TDSB has information and competitions open to students.
  - b. Discussion held about different cultural awareness activities and it was agreed attention would be drawn to TDSB website for items of this nature. This will be done through weekly email newsletter.
  - c. Discussion about Canadian Native Heritage education. Mr Vine explained the curriculum is likely to be updated in coming years. Agreed to look into bringing someone in to provide interaction with the kids on native heritage, items such as drumming circles and stories where suggested.

14 AOB

Item for next month's agenda – Buddy Benches and additional benches around the school property

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:22pm

Next Meeting - February 8, 2017

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