

November 5, 2019 West Rouge SAC meeting

In attendance: Carol, Pooja, Rebecca, Carla, Carmela, Tesha, Ms. Sharpe, Nadia, Heather, Vanessa, Quathar, Sue, Laura, Mr. Murphy

Minutes approved

Next meeting date was approved last meeting - will be held December 4, 2019

Chair/Vice Chair Report:

- please send SAC images over to Carol for web site
- send an email to all families introducing all SAC members (request to approve sharing roles/names - no one was opposed)
- PIAC (parent involvement advisory committee) - from TDSB supports all parent councils - having a meeting on Saturday November 16th 9am-3pm breakfast and lunch provided, any other SAC members want to attend since Carol & Nadia are unavailable, they run workshops associated with SAC business - Carol may be available and Rebecca may attend
- Carol has items printed up already for Fun Fair, her company is donating several brand new games and items for raffle, will host a meeting to see who can run what room (not yet scheduled)
- Do we want to consider other fundraising activities due to potentially requiring more funds due to current TDSB budget cuts
- New motion proposed by Carol: anyone opposed to other fundraisers? Heather - maybe vote on hold until Fun Fair meeting to see if it is going to be scaled back or not? some ideas of other fundraisers discussed: selling chocolate, acorn cards, etc

Fun Fair Meeting: Wednesday November 13 6:30pm (looking for a Chair, for volunteers, etc)

Principal's Report:

- December 11th is holiday concert, December 12th is Howe's
- school budget - down a little bit - \$48,123 (down from last year about \$52,500) close to \$5000 shortfall
- classroom consumable budget last year \$20/student, going to decrease to \$15/student
- SAC has always donated \$150 per teacher to help offset that decrease
- reduced music allocation (invested a lot last year in instruments, hopefully won't need as many this year)
- challenge staff to reduce photocopy budget (use less paper!)
- continuing to work with SAC for big purchase items
- increase spending on PD opportunities for teachers (numeracy, wellness and global competencies)
- school improvement goals: align with PD (up on Mr Smith's door in library if wanting to see - achievement, wellness, equity and technology), will look back in June to see if goals have been met
- in main hallway past office, will have Board to publish goals where staff, students, parents, etc. can see them, seeking ideas/feedback from parents on interview night
- sensory pathway has a web site that goes with it, staff have been trained how to use it to improve self-regulation - can see videos of how to use the tool and learn more here: <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/sensory-path/home>
- Remembrance Day is on Monday, annual assembly (choirs, classroom groups) - all parents and families are invited 10:30am Nov 11, current Lieutenant-Colonel coming in this Thursday afternoon to speak to classes
- purchasing requests (see additional paper)
- bank balance is \$32,200 (as per Pooja) balance from last year, put aside \$6000 for Fun Fair - leaves approx \$26,000, committed at least meeting: \$7670 for bussing, \$1200 scientist in the school (\$17130 left)
- currently have 30 chrome books in 1 cart, used at 100% capacity, want to buy another set
- need to purchase a cart to go along with them as all are fully used (could potentially save money by making a cart or come up with other creative solutions)
- basketball nets need repair, need new backboards and net brackets (have poles and rims that are all in good shape)
- triple hoop primary net is another request, advocated for by primary students
- classroom consumable request \$150 each class (would be 15 classes or 19 teachers)
- folding benches for lunchroom (to go with added tables for this year) - request from facilities
- #6 Rebecca motioned, Tesha seconded - approved (10 votes) for folding benches \$321.86
- #5 Nadia motioned, Vanessa/Heather seconded - approved (10 votes) for Classroom Consumable budget for 19 teachers \$2850

- #4 Vanessa/Heather motioned, Sue seconded - approved (12 votes) for Triple Hoop Primary Ball Net \$1299+HST and installation
- #3 Rebecca motioned, Ms Skolnik seconded - approved (13 votes) for Basketball net repair \$761.08 each + installation x 4
- #2 hold off on carts in order to look for more creative, cost-effective solutions
- discussed movie night fundraiser to offset costs of #3/4...
- #1 Nadia motioned, Rebecca sec - approved (12 votes) to order 30 Chromebooks @\$274.69 each

Health and Safety Report - Jacqueline will organize lice checks, Rebecca can assist in morning

Social Responsibility - looking for easier options instead of bake sale - it is the eco team fundraiser so we want to keep - done at the Holiday Concert, could maybe run the bake sale in the library instead

Social Media/Web Admin - when sending to Nadia/Quathar, please draft the message and edit before sending, need at least a day's notice, will have more info on FB page in future, will add fundscrip and mabel's labels

Pizza Day - good to go, could use more volunteers day of, Wednesday November 13th is first pizza day

Area School Liaison - Nov 28 6-8pm - trustee will be there (ward forum) - Charlottetown Winter Fair on November 30th 10-2, Miller is holding a movie night on Nov 21, walk through Wednesday last wed of every month, any parents can come in and walk through with principal, clothing drives at many schools, can no longer make left hand turn out of Davis

Eco Team - pop tabs, milk bags are all being collected, will write eco-newsletter, talk to Mr Smith for recyclables for maker space, Ms Skolnik getting info on bike racks, bake sale for eco team at holiday concert, we scare hunger will continue, add these initiatives to the Weekly email

- Mr Murphy collects info by noon Friday and puts it on Weekly (then Nadia updates on calendar on web site from the Weekly)

Staff Rep (Ms Shkolnik) - reapplied for Platinum status, new audit will be upcoming, will pick a date for walk-to-school, met with WeCo student team, drafting letter to Gail re: unsafe areas of Kindergarten yard/playground, parents can provide input