

Willow Road Public School- Parent Council Meeting

Minutes- March 22, 2017

Attended: Amanda, Donna, James, Shreya, Nancy, John

Regrets: Steve V., Chad R., Dana, Diane, Mark, Hong, Karrie

Welcome- by Donna

Acceptance of Agenda- accepted by Amanda, 2nd by John

Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting- accepted by Amanda, 2nd by Shreya

Principal's Report- Steve V. was unable to attend, so it was postponed to next meeting

Treasure's Report- nothing to report

Previous Business

- 1) **Playground Proposal update-** meeting with Skyline did not go anywhere, clear that goals were different.
 - Contacts with Rotary did not go anywhere; Amanda spoke to some former Rotarians
 - Still open to the idea of making an infomercial/ sales pitch video using the students and residents of the area about why this is important not only for school, but community as well- need to talk to Steve V about this. Donna, James & Amanda to work on if approved. Possibly using GCVI media department or Lakeside church tech team to help with making video
 - Donna to follow up with Lorrie Delane
- 2) **Diversity Day update-** Amanda, Diane & Donna met last week
 - Date for Diversity Day is May 31st from 5:30-7:30PM
 - Donna to look into ordering spring rolls (won't be Diane's fresh spring rolls this year), and samosas from same vendor as last year
 - Diane and Shreya to organize cultural fashion show, Shreya to look into Bollywood dancers
 - Amanda to contact GCVI for volunteers, primarily for face painting, but can use lots of volunteers for various events
 - Cricket in the gym, it was very popular last year. Donna to talk to contact from last year, Amanda to talk to her contact as well, John to ask son to add to morning announcements to find out which students play cricket- (need to ask permission to add to announcements)
 - Karrie Cumming of GCHC was the volunteer coordinator last year, willing to do that again this year. Nancy is willing to help
 - Art wall- mural on brown roll paper that has a city scape or other basic drawing that kids can color in with chalk or crayons- staff supervision to make sure no kids do any inappropriate drawings/words; Donna to talk to art teacher Mrs. Ardley about this.

- photo booth in library with cultural costumes, hats, accessories (people to use their own cameras/ cell phones, no photographer)
- Amanda to organize & prepare a pre-order food form. Try this year, see how it goes. Compare the order forms and response to actual food purchased last year, and decide how much extra food to purchase.
- can we use "cash on line" system for food orders? Need to get answer from Steve V
- can we use "cash on line" system for fund raising? Other fund raising ideas? Kickstart, crowd funding etc.? Get city wide support? Need to get answer from Steve V

New Business

- 1) **Spring clean-up & BBQ**- scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 10-3PM (need to confirm date with Steve before advertising it)
 - Amanda to bring big bbq (charcoal bbq) & bbq tools (flippers & tongs, lighters)
 - Need to talk to Steve about supplies- disposable gloves, garbage bags etc for clean up
 - need paper plates, napkins, condiments, burgers, hot dogs, buns, drinks etc (Amanda willing to do a Costco run if needed)

2) **Annual Evaluation of Principal and Vice Principal**- to be completed by school council and submitted to Brent McDonald at the UGDSB – Donna to email to members of the school council. We need to create a submission together at the next meeting.

3) **Bookmobile**- comes every other week on Monday. How can we promote it better? Encourage more families to visit/ use the bookmobile?

4) **Digital Saturday** is this Saturday, March 25th at J.D. Hogarth School in Fergus 9AM-11:30AM
- see attachment/ next page

**note that parents are not going to the school website-need to get the communication barriers between school & home broken down-maybe back to sticky notes in agendas & paper hard copy newsletters to be sent home?*

5) **Kindergarten area**- Shreya updated us that this area needs mulch, as well as more sand for the sand box. Is the school responsible? Is it part of the school board/ maintenance budget? To ask Steve V.

Closing

Next meeting set for April 5th

12PM for diversity day meeting, school council right after at 12:50 at BBBF (Sheldalle) building this time

There is a lot to discuss and plan for, so anyone who can come at 12 we would love to have you!



WHEN: Saturday, March 25, 2017

WHERE: J.D. Hogarth Public School
360 Belsyde Street East, Fergus

TIME: 9:00 am to 11:30 am



UGDSB Information Technology:

The UGDSB is hosting an open house featuring displays on how students are using technology to learn.

Explore:

Digital Saturday will be an opportunity to explore and learn about:

- New technologies in the classroom
- Homework help
- Assistive technologies to support all learners
- Online digital resources for assisting student learning
- Parent engagement strategies for home use
- Appropriate use of technology and digital citizenship

