

**Westminster Woods P.S. School Council**

**April 4, 2016**

**Meeting Date** - Monday, April 4, 2016

**Present:** Laura, Cherise, Melanie, Jennifer, Angela, Dawn, Tiffany, Melissa, Heather, and Donna

**Welcome** - Meeting called to order at 6:40

**Review and acceptance of past minutes** : Motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting by Melanie, seconded by Ange.

**Principal's Report** - Heather Broddy

- Digital Saturday was a great success and we won 10 Chromebooks
- Students enjoyed a fun beach day just before the March break
- We celebrated Water Can day on March 22nd
- Copernicus Photo and video shoot for three days March 30 to April 1st went very well and we hope to see some of our classrooms and staff and students highlighted in their next catalogue online or hard copy. We will be getting \$3000 worth of product from them.
- Sharon Wade's grade 6's are collecting gently used books for a book sale for the Me to We group.

**Upcoming events and Updates:**

- April 14 PIC event and 5 of us are going
- VIP graduation for grade 6's is coming up end of April
- Focus on Nature program coming to the school for a couple of classes
- Jump Rope for Heart on April 21st
- Earth Day Celebrations on April 22
- April 25 is a new PD Day which is on a Monday
- Grade 7/8 immunization April 29th

**Other:**

- Switching websites for school newsletter so it is late this week
- Parent requests for class placement next year will take place in May, and criteria for requests placed in May newsletter
- 2016-2017 school start time moved to 8:30. School day will end at 3:00 p.m. School yards open at 8:15 and close at 3:15.
- School cash online now accepts Mastercard and Visa! Whohoo!

## **Old Business**

### ***Guest Speaker in April:***

Angi Roberts will be our guest speaker next Monday, April 11th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Kirsten will set up a robo call to go out on Friday, April 8th after 5:00 so parents are home.

February's presentation didn't have a lot of coffee drinkers, so we will serve water with fruit instead. Tiffany is picking up the goodies, cookies, muffins, and fruit.

### ***Wake Up the Woods Coffee Morning:***

We cancelled **Thursday, March 24th** since the weather was not cooperating. We will pick a new date when the weather improves via email. Perhaps during Education week.

### ***Facebook:***

Ange needs to set up a time to meet with Heather and teach Heather how to create privacy and safety within the school's facebook page. We agreed to just start by advertising upcoming events to help keep parents in the loop with the reminders. No photos will be posted at this time.

### ***Spiritwear:***

Sales were not great. Next year, we want to promote spirit wear Fridays and offer Spiritwear earlier in the year. We discussed having a table at the Open House at the start of the year with samples and order forms.

We will revisit this idea in June when we are preparing for the start of the 2016-2017 school year, so we are up and ready to go in September.

We also tossed around the idea of ordering tees as prize incentives for students.

### ***Family Picnic/Gift Basket Draw***

We are setting up a time separate from parent council to meet and discuss all the logistics that the picnic will entail.

Lucy could not be here tonight, but she emailed to let us know that RBC approved the application she submitted for the RBC 'Day of Service Grant'. We have been approved and will receive \$1000! We already have 3 RBC employees (Lucy, Suzanne, and Matt), so we just need to get 3 others that are volunteering the night of the picnic to sign the form. We have to help out for 3 hours, which is not a problem, the picnic will run 5-8.

It was suggested we order temporary tattoos with the Westminster Woods logo to use as prizes for one of the activities at the picnic. Dawn looked up the info, and it would cost \$179 for 2,000 1 ½ x 1 ½ tattoos. Laura moved to order the tattoos and Cherise seconded. Dawn is in charge of ordering. She may go with a smaller size tattoo which would cost less.

### **New Business**

Events for the next school year will be discussed in May and June. ***Please come prepared with ideas!***

### ***School Events***

**May 4th is Open House.** We would like to have a parent council table set up to promote ourselves and get more diversity on our council as well. We want to get balloon sticks from the dollar store and have balloons on a stick at our table. Having a game for kids to play and draw their parents to the table was also discussed.

Laura and Angela will man the parent council table from 5:30-6:15.  
Jennifer and Melanie will be at the parent council table from 6:15-7:00.

Cherise will make a poster and put the meeting dates for 2016/2017 on it, along with a ½ page flyer to hand out during the open house with information to get people interested in attending meetings. We will also make enough for the Kindergarten Open House.

**May 11th is Kindergarten Orientation.** We would like to have a parent council table set up.

Tiffany & Suzanne volunteered to man the table.

## **Committee Reports**

**Budget** - Ange presented the financial update and provided a spreadsheet. She will email Kirsten to requisition a cheque to pay Angi Roberts \$250. Tiffany motioned to accept the financial statement and it was seconded by Laura.

## **Playground & Greening**

Dawn is going to see about acquiring more free trees this year. We would like to create a wind block along the soccer fields and the kindie yard.

We also have a goal to get 3 sets of 2 goal posts to run in the opposite direction of the current goal posts. We need prices for the posts, as well as costs to install.

We need to set a date in May for yard clean-up and gardening.

**Next Meeting - Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment:** 8:15 p.m.