

Westminster Woods Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 2nd, 2020

Present: Dawn Nicholson, Holly Thompson, Angela Popofski, Cherise Johnson, Andrew Cloutier, Allison Stoffman, Kylee Booth

Welcome: Cherise called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Review and Acceptance of Past Minutes:

-Angela motioned to accept the minutes and Dawn seconded the motion.

Principal's Report:

Staffing:

- Lindsay Ly: off for an unknown period of time, LTO Amanda West has been hired
- Kelly Corriveau has been hired for our Junior Core French teaching contract

Information and Events:

- Police visits for VIP (March 9)
- Very limited at this time, due to the labour situation.

Information and Review Items:

- Yearly reminder of video cameras in the school and outside, not in bathrooms or classrooms
- PRIDE Flag: Discussion regarding applying to fly the flag for the month of June

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Update as of January 31st, 2020

- Playground Maintenance- \$199.16 2018/2019 HST rebate
- Milk- \$1463.72 paid to Crown Dairy in invoices, \$1025.88 2018/2019 HST rebate
- Fundraising-Community Building- \$663.99 2018/2019 HST rebate
- Fundraising-Special Projects- \$435.05 for Staff Parking flag
- Future Schoolyard Projects- \$1601.46 2018/2019 HST rebate
- Booster Juice- refund

Financial Update as of February 29, 2020

- Milk- \$975.82 paid to Crown Dairy
- Fundraising-Community Building- \$135.04 paid to Cherise for movie snacks; \$392.80 revenue from movie snacks
- Booster Juice- \$1262 paid to Booster Juice in invoices

Fundraising Reports:

- Nothing to report.

Community Building:

- Community use of the school is open during strike.
- School Movie Night- April 23rd?
 - Wait and see how things go with the strike- Allison will follow up.
 - Will look into the possibility of showing another movie- might not be allowed.

Playground and Greening:

- Soccer posts- do we have to buy the equipment through the board? Nets? Install? -Cherise and Allison will follow up
- Briefly discussed the parking lines, and why they are there. Suggestion that we do not repaint them when they fade.
- Repaint 4 square and the kindie track-
 - Angela motions to repaint the 4 squares and kindie track, Holly seconded it.
- Will discuss painting new games at a later date

Milk Program:

- Milk has been an issue with the strike days.
- Discussion of possibly doing tickets instead, or some kind of different set up for selling milk.

Old Business:

- **Bus & Staff Parking Lot**
 - Some progress on the staff parking lot since signs went up and the safety letter went home.
 - Cherise asked if we should consider another flag/sign for in front of the school as there are still lots of issues with people illegally stopping/parking- general consensus was that lots has been done with the parking lots this year, and overall we've seen successful progress in our efforts!
 - Revisit and re-evaluate in the fall.

- **Skate Night**
 - Skate night was a success! Great turn out!
 - Dawn expressed a concern about the custodian being frustrated about not knowing/expecting that many people.
 - For the next skate night- we should reach out to make sure the custodian is prepared.

- **Project Quotes for ideas presented at the last meeting**
 - Floor stickers-"body breaks"- Allison in contact about this.
 - They usually install stickers in the summer so floors can be waxed after to seal in the stickers.
 - Discussion of a possibility of Booster juice money to be moved into special projects to cover the cost of this.

New Business:

- **Food Programs**
 - Discussed how food programs have been affected by the strike days
 - Perhaps some changes for term 3- modifying the programs then reboot in the fall- will keep us posted
 - Discussion about 'Lunch Box orders'- could these work at our school? How much money is brought back into the school for these programs?
 - Dawn and Angela looking into more information about these lunch programs

- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
 - Plans to do this in June- email to follow for planning
 - Discussion of a possibility to do something for teachers on strike days to show support- will send email out about this when more dates come up

- **Music Program**
 - Our school currently does not have a music program- no designated space for the class room or storage for instruments
 - Dawn discussed how our school is one of the only schools in Guelph without a music program
 - Most were in agreement that this should be looked into; what are the steps we need to take to get a program started? Space approval? Fundraising that needs to happen? Instruments? Who will teach the program?
 - Dawn to forward info about other schools that have programs on to Andrew and Allison

-Allison and Andrew will find out more information at their superintendent meeting next week

Lost and Found/ “Lost Property”

- Dawn asked about what the lost and found process was
- Allison tries to get labeled items back to students, items get placed out on tables every 2 months, teachers are encouraged to take classes down to look, items that are not claimed are packed up and donated.
- Dawn volunteered to go through items to get labeled items back to students- class list in Parent Council mailbox to identify where students are.

Communication between School and Parents

- Concerns about communication were brought up- parents feeling like they aren't in the know about things happening in the school- special days, lunch program days switched with the strikes happening etc.
 - suggestions made to help with this - unofficial social media?
 - Allison to look into why reminders might not be showing up in UG Connect and the connection option for facebook and twitter
- Concerns about UG Connect not meeting all needs
 - frustrations with not being able to communicate with teachers through the app

Next Meeting:

May 4th, 2020

Adjournment:

-Cherise adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.