

Westminster Woods

School Council Minutes

September 26th, 2022

6:30-7:30pm - Staff Room

1. Welcome & Introductions

-6:30 called to order

-Introductions around the table

2. Elections

-Ange has indicated interest in chair

-Kylie (who sends regrets for this meeting) is happy to continue in role of secretary

-Ange has agreed to continue as Treasurer

-Julie has volunteered to head up Fundraising

-Mel has agreed to head up Greening

-Natalie Community co-chairs

*only one person running for each position - positions are acclaimed

3. Review & Acceptance of Past Minutes

Julie motion to accept past minutes, Natalie seconds the motion

4. Principal's Report

-startup has gone well

-significant reorganization affecting grades 1-4 to accommodate 45 new registrations over the summer

-gained a ¾ combined class, which meant opening another portable and shifting about 70 students

- New staff: Carlyn Walser (3/4), Kate Thomas (Core French and Planning), Sarah Billings (Planning), Mia Cikovic (Gr.3 LTO pms), Lexie Recalis (Grade 1 LTO), Elizabeth Fraresso (Intermediate Core French)
- Returning staff: Lindsay Ly (Planning), Sara Montague (grade 2/3), Loren Armstrong (grade 2), Julia Eberhardt (grade 3), Lisa Natarelli (ECE), Lori Hicks (EA), Jad Arandis (EA), Kathy Lyndon (EA), Angela Karn (AOA)

-folks are settled, doing well, students are settled again

-lots of info and events so far: Terry Fox walk and run—over \$8200 raised and outside as a whole school. Open House was busy! Many teams and clubs have started again (QAC, shelving, cross country, office helpers, recycling crew, patrollers, liter busters and more to come)

-Truth and Reconciliation Week/Day this week (orange ribbons will be provided)

-Bullying Prevention Plan—created every year; posted on our website. The goals and data are school-specific. (Many classroom activities that are year-round, special weeks over the course of the year)

-MYP: all boards mandated to create a multi-year plan; this will drive our work over the course of the next 5 years. 4 Pillars (Inspire a love of learning, Champion Health and Wellbeing, Ensure Equity and Access, Lead through Sustainability) will guide our School Success Planning

-We have been allocated a Reading Teacher at Westminster Woods this year! Gaps caused by pivoting in and out of school over the course of the pandemic; reading teachers are used to target students who are 1-1.5 years behind targets in learning reading. Approximately, 32 students are working with the Reading Teacher to work on early literacy skills

-CCAT testing will be taking place in early October

-The Garden: last spring, we had mulch delivered and the Grade 8s put the mulch on the garden and did the weeding; they will be weeding again this fall. Brock Road Garden Centre to come do a consult regarding what we can put in the garden to fill it out and keep the weeds down. School Council allocated 700 for mulch but it only cost 406; we are hoping to allocate funds to purchase new plants?? Perhaps we should look into a tree?? Rocks? (Wait for the nursery consult)

-Food Orders: pizza, booster juice already on School Cash Online. Lunch Box orders?

-Westminster Wear: let's look at different vendors (High Schools have an online store all year)--schoolwear.ca

-Census--you've been sent info; Ministry initiative; help us understand our community. Voluntary for Grades K-12, for K-8s they are asking students to complete this at home with families

-Climber update: mulch is supposed to be provided by the board. Prior to playground inspection, Allison requested mulch. Playground inspection failed due to lack of mulch. Several emails sent through the spring. The dates of mulch arrival keeps getting pushed back; newest date is September 30th.

5. Treasurer's Report

-10830.27 to maintain the playground structure and kindie yard

-3709 for community building (used almost 1100 at the end of last year--gave 50 to each classroom to do something fun in lieu of family fun night)

- 1657 in Special projects

-2562 in Fixed Fundraising

(Need to determine where we are going to allocate these funds)

-is there something 'big' that we want to focus on allocating? (More big rocks for seating around the garden).

-what does staff think? Are there larger outdoor projects?

-Dawn motions to allocate booster juice funds into Playground School Yard Improvements; Julie seconded the motion

6. New Business

● Fundraising

-Many different options have been considered in the past

-What is the Goal?

-If we don't need; we don't do

● Community Events

Discussion regarding potential events-

-Skating? Discuss next meeting

-Movie Night? Free event, low profile, low organization

-Open Mic Night

-Family Fun Night: Thursday, June 1st, 2023 (start engaging food trucks now)

● Meeting Dates for 2022-2023

-As below. More dates can be added if need be, or if sub-committees need time to meet.

- PIC Meetings

(Dates will be shared as they are released by the board)

7. Adjournment

-Ange adjourned the meeting at 7:37

2022-2023 School Council Meeting Dates:

- September 26, 2022

- November 28, 2022

- February 6, 2023

- May 8, 2023

*Dates may be added if needed.