

Westminster Woods Public School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 26, 2023

Present: Allison Stoffman, Erin Hamilton, Angela Popofski, Kylee Booth, Julie May, Melanie Taylor, Natalie Thomas, Meelashini Avaduer, Bridget Williams, Romeo Vasson, Kimberly Powley, Naveed Zahid, Hiba Tariq, Melissa McEachern

Welcome:

- Allison called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- Explanation of School Council roles
- School Council nominations

Elections:

- Naveed nominated himself for Chair of the School Council
- Natalie nominated herself as Co-Chair
- Angela nominated herself as Treasurer
- Kylee nominated herself as Secretary
- Meelashini nominated herself to be Chair of Greening

Review and Acceptance of Past Minutes:

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

Principal's Report:

- Start up has gone well! Some reorganization in grades 1 and 2
- We gained a Kindergarten Class which meant we have a new teacher, Alison Corbett, who joined us from Brisbane PS
- Our school population is at about 660

- New staff: Alison Corbett (KE), Lexi Recalis (planning time), Leah Danis (5/6), Gillian Whitcombe (6), Rachel Hamilton (ECE), Dianne Wilson (ESL), Kathy House (EA), Tiffany Murray (EA), Hailey Leite (EA)

Information and Events:

- Terry Fox Walk/Run was held on September 22! It was a huge success! Allison and Erin were covered in Silly String as we raised nearly \$7000.
- Open House- tomorrow evening from 5:30-6:30
- Many clubs and teams have started up; Safety Patrols, Litter Busters, Shelving Crew, intermediate Football, junior cross country, Intermediate Cross Country, Recycling Crew... and many more to come
- Truth and Reconciliation Week is September 26-30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is September 30
- Bullying Prevention Plan has been reviewed by staff committee and parent rep, must be posted on our website by Friday
- Multi Year strategic Plan will continue to be the basis of our work this year
- Reading Teacher at Westminster until the end of November, working with grade 1 and 2 students to close gaps
- Science of Reading and the Right to Read report
- Grade 3 CCAT early October
- Garden update: Intermediate Garden Club will be doing a Fall clean up.
- Food orders (pizza and Booster Juice are set up)
- Westminster Woods Wear- same provider as last year has reached out who will set things up online, more information will be out soon

Treasurer's Report:

- Natalie motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Melanie seconded the motion
- See Treasurer's report for details
- Funds that are raised are meant to be used during the current school year
- Not going back to milk, too much waste, work, spillage etc. and very little profit

New Business:

- Spirit wear- dress options possible? (student request)
- Erin- Council by laws- posted on website, review and discuss next meeting.
- Discussion about school council attendance/feedback:

“year long commitment” might scare people away from attending school council meetings

- Anyone can come to any meeting
- Insurance for school council events will be reviewed and voted on via email when information is available

Community Building/Special Events:

- June 6th- family fun night:
 - Can we cover costs for food instead of food trucks? Hybrid? Can they make prices cheaper for the event? Can the percentage of sales go to the school?
 - Accessibility?
 - parents/ students volunteers
 - Temporary tattoos
- Winter Festival:
 - Beaver tails
 - Skating rink
 - Natalie calling rink to book for Thursday Jan 25th
- Movie Night- April 18th
- Zumba- Allison will try to contact Zumba instructor
- Coffee for parents morning:
 - Tentative date: Monday, November 6th (after daylight saving time)
 - wake up the woods
 - Kylee will contact Cavan Coffee
 - Natalie will contact Lost Aviator
- Naveed will make a calendar for events

Playground and Greening:

- Will discuss more plans as things come up
- Winterizing was discussed; snow fencing didn't work in the past
- Allison- playground log step needed to be fixed was paid for by board funds, but will need to take funds out of playground funds.
- Discussed instead of replacing kindergarten yard logs put money into recess equipment

Fundraising:

- No need right now, will revisit if there is a need.

Next Meeting:

- November 28, 2023

Adjournment:

- Naveed adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm