

WPS Parent Council Minutes – Sept. 25th, 2017

Attendance: Donna, Steve, Chad, Darwin and Cecelia

Regrets: Lorie Delane

Agenda: Accepted by Chad, motion seconded by Cecelia

Minutes: Motion to accept by Chad, seconded by Cecelia

Principals Report:

-Start of the school term was seamless, with little to no changes.

-Reminder P.D day this Friday

-EQAO results are in, very positive. Individuals will be receiving their letters with results to go home soon. Gr.3: 71% in reading, Level 4, which is higher than the provincial average.

-New electronic communication app available, for mobile devices, should make it easier for parents to keep up with the school.

-Cash on-line in full swing now, all money transactions regarding the school will be done this way, no more paper.

-Same staff, with the exception of those for maternity leave.

Treasurer's Report:

-No change to the funds in the account:

-Numbers from frozen yogurt sales, pizza, samosas and milk are not on hand at this time. Pizza is the main seller, and the money from this goes to athletics.

-\$500.00 available from the Parent Involvement Committee, to be used for something to help get parents involved at the school.

Update on playground proposal:

- Steve did a Rotary presentation 2 weeks ago, and felt it was very positive. Let them know about our project and that we are at a stand still with it. Steve feels he made a connection with them and we just have to wait and see if anything will come of it. Steve mentioned Charlie Whittaker's annual bulb planting with the school, and how he is missed. Charlie's daughter was in attendance and was touched.
- Next steps are perhaps to take it upon ourselves to raise the money with a specific fundraiser
- Donna suggested a regular movie day booking, before P.A. & P.D. days as a start

New Business:

-Pro grant plans have been submitted to hold a Parent info night on a Wed. or Thurs. in co-ordination with teacher interviews in November. Possibly November 22nd.

-Chad shared the Bullying Prevention Plan, to be reviewed by council members by this Friday, and confirmed that Donna Haskett will be on the committee again this year.

-Donna followed up on the posting of community events on the website for school families, Chad and Steve remarked that there are specific board regulations on adding outside info to the site, but that they could add it to the resources drop down, or via Twitter. Donna will share that news with the community agencies, so that they can forward or connect information electronically with the school.

-It was suggested to hold the council meetings in the evening again as daytime attendance is to an all time low.

Next Meeting: Wed., Oct. 25th in the library with refreshments at 6:30. Childcare will be provided if requested.