

Willow Road Public School Parent Council Meeting

Minutes – 11/29/17

- **Welcome & introductions:** @ 6:30: Steve, Chad, Donna, James, Hong, Cecelia, Anshu, Wumi, Jen, Mark, Josh, Siforan
- **Acceptance of Agenda:** 1) Josh 2) James
- **Acceptance of Minutes:** from last meeting 1) James 2) Steve
- **Principal's Report:** Steve displayed on the computer the YouTube clip of WPS "End of an Era" song, was a school wide CBC contest entry, submitted by Mrs. Leach. Very few students did not participate in this initiative. The event is on line now, and was filmed by Mr. Teasdale. Steve also did a visual review of the WPS website, and messenger app. There was discussion of how these media are improving exposure and communication between parents and the school, as well as between the teachers and parents. Many of the older students are doing homework on line now, and lower grade teachers can take pictures during class & immediately give parents insight as to what their kids are doing at school that day. Parents can connect at home onto UG cloud and Google classroom with their kids, or have the teacher add them as a parent at the school. Chad offered once a month to show individual parents these programs, and to help out with navigating how to get in. It was suggested that we do a calendar browse every meeting, on line. Progress reports went home followed by teacher interviews which went well, but there were some "no-shows". Wellness day with the 7/8's is done, there will be one with the Juniors coming up. Lots of school trips coming, for the grads, trips to GCVI, College Heights, trips to River Run, and the Kindees get out every day. There have been trips to places around the community such as Zehrs as well. It was anti-Bullying week last week. There will be a school-wide Bingo game to build relationships within the school, and CYC is working together with

a few other classroom groups on a “Give back” campaign for Dec. which involves helping people of the community who may be in need. This means possibly shoveling snow for people, caroling at the seniors’ center, baking food for people doing some shopping on their behalf & other duties as such. If it goes well, it is destined to become a monthly event. There have also been some partnerships with “Knights of Columbus” and “Tim Horton’s” with donations of food, ski-jackets and backpacks. Donna will coordinate with Lori Jamieson and Lorie Delane to see which families are in need, so they can connect with Steve to help out. Some key times for this are summer time for school supplies and Kindee registration.

- **Treasure’s Report:** No change since last meeting
- **Fundraising Updates:** Some parents of council are meeting tomorrow @ 2pm in Shelldale Ctr. to brainstorm and begin planning, Updates to be provided at the next meeting.
- **Events Updates:** Summary from parent interviews: Council came together to create a Parent council kiosk, which can now be used at all parent school gatherings. Some of the parent council members volunteered their time during the interview days to collect names of other school parents, and talk to them about council. We now have a good list of parent names to add to council.
-Anshu gave summary on “Coffee with the principal”; 4 people attended, very positive, will do next one open to entire school, time changed to afternoon, very relaxed atmosphere, parent to parent chats with Mr. V.
- **New Business:** Discuss elections: Steve led the election process, Chair and Co-chair positions taken by Josh and James, Secretary position-Cecelia, Treasurer-Hong. Donna will lead some committee projects.

-Discuss literacy night: Anshu has book packages to provide which came to her as a donation, these will be good for literacy night or any other type of reading event.

-WPS community skating rink update: All systems go, just waiting for cold weather, 1st volunteer orientation meeting: Wed. Dec.6th, 6-8pm. There will be signage regarding liability and safety issues, as well as hours of operation for the rink. No additional lighting at present, but this is not a showstopper. More volunteers always welcome.

- **Next meeting date/Meeting Close: Wed. Jan.10/18 @ 6:30**