

Willow Road Public School Parent Council Meeting

Minutes – May 16, 2019

- **Welcome & introductions:** @ 3:30: Steve Viveiros (Principal), Kristin Alie(Vice-Principal), Kim Richer (Co-Chair), Hong Nguyen (Treasurer), James Gollinger (Secretary), Perpetual Akua, Donna Haskett, Josh Kearns-Smith(Chair - sends regrets)
- **Acceptance of Agenda:**
Motion - Donna, Second – Steve
- **Acceptance of Minutes:**
Motion – Donna, Second – Kristin
- **Principal's Report:**
 - 50th Anniversary had a great turn out
 - Shreya Shinde created a sand mandala in the front foyer that was so nice it was decided to keep it for the rest of the week
 - Kindergarten playground has been refurbished; new sand and wood chips and general clean up
- **Treasure's Report:** No change since last meeting. There is currently a balance of \$1300 in our account.
- **Updates:**
 - Translation Project:
 - **Done** – money has been spend on 3 documents translated into our (current) top 6 languages
 - Diversity Day communication: \$312
 - Start-of-year Communication letter: \$350
 - Welcome to Willow Brochure: \$700
 - This will be paid for by the PIC grant (\$1000)

- School will absorb extra cost as this was something they had planned previously
- Council may continue to add documents over time
- 50th Anniversary BBQ
 - good turnout, profits were over \$200
 - there were issues around the BBQs not running well (we ended up borrowing Shelldale's); next time we MUST get them out and run them ahead of time, especially for the first time of the year
 - volunteers were able to reduce cook times by pre-boiling hotdogs before grilling
 - many people wanted drinks; there is water in the school
 - we could sell drinks but there are concerns around garbage from juice boxes/pop cans as well

- **Discussions:**

- End-of-year Picnic:
 - Will be held June 21st
 - Josh would like to do a no cost BBQ in conjunction with the EoY Picnic
 - James will touch base with Nancy White who is organizing to see what we can do
 - We will limit food so that people will still bring their own lunches and we will supply treats
 - Josh had reached out to Chris at NoFrills for food donations for this event
 - NoFrills usually provides the food for volunteers at Diversity Day; Chris says they are able to do both
 - since all students will be at the open house, not just the juniors, it's felt that this may be a better venue for the no-cost BBQ

- this also gives us more time to plan as we are currently focused on Diversity Day and Council Members can just sit back and enjoy the Picnic
- **it's agreed that the no-cost BBQ will happen at the Open House in September**
- Council Facebook Page:
 - Steve cautions about allowing community members posting in case of malicious comments
 - Kim would like to primarily use it for sending out info and surveys, as opposed to general conversation
 - James will look into the technical aspects
- Spring clean-up:
 - Shelldale has finished theirs with the mentoring group
 - Willow may have done them on an individual class basis but nothing school-wide or with parents
- **Next meeting date/Meeting Close: May 30, 2019, 3:15PM @ Willow Road PS**