

Willow Road Public School Parent Council Meeting

Minutes – October 10, 2019

- **Welcome & introductions:** @ 6:30: Steve Viveiros (Principal), Kristin Alie(Vice-Principal), Donna Haskett(Chair), Hong Nguyen(Co-Chair), Kim Richer(Secretary), James Gollinger (Treasurer)
- **Acceptance of Agenda:**
Motion - Steve, Second - Donna
- **Treasure's Report:** No change since last meeting. There is currently a balance of \$1517.27 in our account.
- **Updates:**
 - focus on inner strength this year; resilience, strength in numbers to deal with tough times
 - Core values:
 - respect
 - safe environment
 - relevant instructional content for skills needed for the future
 - lifelong learning
 - Budget has been cut, 10% overall
 - school-wide fundraiser with MacMillans will happen to cover trips, which are usually offered at zero cost to parents
 - funds will be split among classes, orders due October 21st
 - school-cash-online has been setup to allow donations for the snack program
 - other fundraisers have been low as well, possibly people are stretched financially

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 - Karrie Brutzki is teaching her students food prep to help but still needs volunteers
 - hoping to apply for Green Apple grant
- PRO Grant is now going through PIC for projects instead of schools applying directly
- possibly there will be surveys sent out the schools to evaluate need
- students are getting Willow Strong shirts for assemblies that they will bring home at the end of the year
- Terry Fox assembly

- **Discussions:**

- Fundraising:
 - Review of map for the year
 - MacMillan is the only fundraising happening now
 - Ideas: Spirit Wear, Fun Night
 - Basket Raffle: each class creates a unique themed basket based on donated items from the class, then raffle them at the Parent Teacher interviews (Office basket, Parent Council Mystery Basket)
 - provide baskets and handouts to teachers, they'll send it home with their classes and put them together
 - council will organize tickets, the draw, contact winners and distribute prizes
 - themes are created and set out in the staffroom; staff can pick
- Bullying Policy:
 - Parents in attendance have not heard of acute bully behavior around their own kids; mostly incidents involving kids who are still learning social skills

- we will forward the core principals to parents in an effort to encourage them to connect with their kids

Next meeting date/Meeting Close: 6:45pm, Tuesday November 12, 2019 @ Willow Road PS