

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Meeting Minutes Nov 20, 2019

Commencement 7:03 pm

Adjournment 7:55 pm

Executive in Attendance: Cindy Rodier (Chair), Jean Pakvis (Vice chair/Communications, Krissy Johns (Secretary), Stephanie Novak (CPF Rep), Trish Weaver (Class Rep Coordinator), Brenna O'Connor (Principal), Dianne Chrétien (Vice principal), 7 parents.

Welcome Words by PAC Chair, Cindy Rodier.

Approval of the November agenda approved by Sam Crawshaw, seconded by Danielle Brochu.

<Note: The October meeting minutes were not approved as they had not been distributed for review at the time of the November meeting.>

Parent education – Brenna O'Connor: benefits of combined classrooms

Update from Brenna O'Connor and Dianne Chrétien:

The Pro-D day (Friday) topics covered are as follows:

- Social and emotional learning
- Danielle Coleman will be presenting the learning strategies of Ross Greene.
- Jeanette Alexander will be presenting a workshop on visual learning, and mapping for children with processing and sensory sensitivities.
- Sheldon Franken (school counsellor and facilitator from Vancouver) will be presenting and discussing his inquiry adventures program. Further details can be found on his website <https://inquiryadventures.ca/>

Students in Divisions 1-16 will be going to Oak Bay High to see Jingle Jury on December 16 (Monday of the last week).

Owen Stacey (Willows parent) helped out at the Remembrance Day assemblies. He will work with the school to update the audio equipment next week (Tuesday afternoon).

PAC Business:

Chair report, Cindy Rodier

Parent survey:

- Michelle Bristow has put together the survey. This will only take around a minute to complete the 4 questions. The survey feedback will help the PAC decide the allocation of the fundraising efforts. The survey will go out tonight or tomorrow to parents and staff, with a newsletter about movie night. In January, we will talk budget and wishlist, to compile suggestions and thought for going forward.

Brenna O'Connor suggested the following items for potential fund allocations:

1. Caged projector for the gym; cost was about \$11 000
2. FM sound fields – teacher wears a microphone, sound comes out of 4 speakers in classroom.

Budget totals

Gaming grant - \$12,005

Balance in general - \$74,982.90

Gaming account - \$12,009.15

Money from school dance tickets/food sales - \$2,377.70

-costs not yet calculated, so we should break even on this event

- excess pizzas were donated to shelters downtown

PAC donation totals- \$17,021.85

Participation was 65%

<Class reps to send out a reminder in Feb for further donations before the donuts are delivered.>

Other Business

- VCPAC rep position is vacant- we can share minutes on Willows page
- Nov 27 is the kindy parent pub night which will take place at Christies Pub at 8pm

Stephanie Novak – CPF:

CPF family movie event – Polar Express (in French).

New classes for parents starting in January is Level 1. (Parents are expected to have some French proficiency) It will run for 10 weeks. Lessons are 2 hours.

Late French immersion review is happening in the district. Doesn't change Willows students, but it will change the distribution and priority system for future students.

School membership is expiring. \$60/year, or 3/\$150. Due December. Will need a new CPF rep.

Trying to get the Maple Man to come to the school.

Sam Crawshaw - Events Committee:

Thanks for all the help from parents and staff for a successful dance!

The Holiday Movie Night is Christmas Chronicles

- o December 4 and 5. Grades 3-5 on Wednesday (4) and K- Grade 2 on Thursday (5).
- o Kernels for popcorn, asking for bag stuffers
- o Gr. 5 elves needed. Volunteers will be accepted on a first come first served basis
- o Parent participation required – come in pyjamas, eat popcorn

Discussion:

PAC morning catch-up, Thursday morning.

The next PAC meeting is on January 15th, 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the school library