

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Executive Meeting Minutes Oct 17, 2018

Commencement 7pm

Adjournment 8:56pm

Executive in Attendance: Cindy Rodier (chair), Jean Pakvis (Vice chair/communications), Bronwen Sharpe (Past chair), Krissy Johns (Secretary), Kelli Van Leeuwen (class rep coordinator), Dianne Chrétien (Vice Principal), Stephanie Novak (CPF), Alex Valdal (kindergarten liaison), 21 parents.

Welcome Words by PAC chair, Cindy Rodier.

Approval of the Oct 17 agenda approved by Bronwen Sharpe, seconded by Sam Crawshaw.

Approval of the Sept 26 meeting minutes approved by Jean Pakvis, seconded by Krissy Johns .

Jean Pakvis moved and it was seconded by Krissy Johns to Amend something previously adopted -To add the paragraph 'A complaint has been received from a neighbour, stating privacy concerns and noise issues regarding the location of the new playground. The school district will be looking at solutions.' to the June minutes, immediately before the sentence beginning with Monika.

Motion Passed

Cindy Rodier Moved and it was seconded by Bronwen Sharpe to nominate Carrie Swatland and Ashley Hamilton as VCPAC Reps.

Motion Passed

Introduction to School liaison officer - Sandrine Perry:

Constable Perry has been with the Oak Bay Police for 2 years. She is the liaison officer for all 3 public schools in Oak Bay. Cst. Perry is happy to answer any questions from students or parents.

Special guest, Shannon Husk- Social media and its effects on our kids:

There was a question from parent about the cell phone policy at Willows. Dianne will look into the official school policy regarding cell phone and device usage at school.

Materials mentioned in the presentation are available for teachers and schools upon request, and a link will be provided to the resources for parents on the PAC website.

Update from Dianne Chrétien:

New math - links with parent resources for math help. This will be distributed via school newsletter at a later date.

A parent asked if an add to calendar option for upcoming dates and reminders in the newsletter could be made available. *Dianne will explore this option with staff.*

A question arose about where to find info about the clubs offered at this school, and if this information could be made available on either the school website or the PAC website. *Dianne will bring this up at a staff meeting.*

PAC Business:

Chair report, Cindy Rodier

Some items have been donated by a former Willows PAC chair, including \$150.

Contribution drive success - \$12580 in donations so far!

1 donut to be provided per student in February for the Donution. Exact date TBD.

425 lunch ordered placed so far, with the cut off for orders Oct 19. The Donution was listed as an available item on the Hot Lunches page.

The Gaming grant was approved, in the amount of \$14232.

Class reps will send another email to parents reminding them about the donation

Cindy presented Megan Taylor's book bag suggestion

-heavy weight book bags

-\$8.00/bag.

Book bag suggestion to be presented to teachers by Cindy.

Cindy talked about the current or upcoming school lunch clubs:

Board game club- Lorraine Powell will be starting the club

Chess club - Mr. Dann

Sketch club- Mrs. Maloughney (Div 8) for grades 2 and 3. Currently looking for donations of how to draw books. *Check with Playful Pencil to see if they would come in to do an intro class*

Discussion:

Survey needed to have parent input for spending ideas. The survey, once finalised, will be posted on Willows parents. *Jean will take the lead on the survey.*

How to get new parents on the facebook page?

Class reps send email to parents informing them about the Willows Parents facebook page?

Post a link on the PAC website?

Possible spending ideas?

Benches at 4/ 5 playground

New choir risers (request by Mrs. Evans) - *Some parents in opposition as this may be considered necessary classroom equipment*

Gr. k/1 soccer turf area

Sam Crawshaw - Events Committee:

Winter movie night will be over 2 nights (Dec 5 & 6) to accommodate the number of students. Split into primary and intermediate grades. Come in pyjamas, popcorn provided. Parent participation mandatory.

Claymation Frosty and Rudolph for the primary grades.

All I want for Christmas for the intermediate grades.

Colouring/craft area added this year to help keep the restless kids occupied.

Volunteer request via class reps TBA

Sam and the events committee are exploring the idea of a Family dance

The next PAC meeting Nov 21, 2016. 7-8:30 pm School library