



Willows Parent Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes: 16 April 2014

Call to Order: 7:12pm

Approval of the Agenda: The April 16, 2014 agenda was approved by Angela Jackson, seconded by Dana Bell

Approval of the Minutes: The February 19, 2014 minutes were approved by Stephanie Novak, seconded by Heather McRae

Attended: 14 people (including Principal Wendy Holob, Vice Principal Christine Patterson and Teacher Leola Westby)

New Business

Introduction to PAC executive and guests by Kyla

Updates:

- VCPAC:
 - o We need someone to attend AGM, Tuesday, April 22, 7-9pm (contact Kyla if interested)
 - o Dana Bell makes motion to nominate Kyla Ward for executive seat on VCPAC; seconded by Kristin Semmens
 - Motion carried!
- Bike Rodeo:
 - o Date = May 23
 - o For all Grade Four students
 - o Contact Carolyn Kroeber to volunteer, ask questions
- Recent Purchases Report (Dana Bell):
 - o Every division received bag of outdoor equipment (soccer ball, skipping rope, Frisbee, etc.)
 - o One gardening box (25 hand shovels, watering cans, etc.) for school to use in garden beds
 - o Thank you cards from Mrs. Westby's class for equipment: "We really appreciate you thinking of us!"
- New policy re: Criminal Record Checks for parent drivers (Wendy Holob):
 - o In keeping with new government regulations and those of other school districts

- Parent volunteers must get criminal record check (Sooke and Saanich already do)
- For safety's sake
- Good for 5 years
- Willows School will have a code to allow parents to apply online
- Driver's abstract (also necessary) will be available online as well
- FREE
- Need to get on this before September if possible!
- How might that change things? How could PAC help to roll it out more smoothly? E-mail PAC with ideas!

Special Guest Speaker Wendy Payne

- CENTRAL THEME: "Reading is reading is reading" (whatever the book, whatever the language, whatever the medium, etc.)
- Stressing fluency (= better comprehension)
- Have them read easy books (sometimes you need to coast)
- Read "hard" books *with* your kids
- Let your kids check/re-read books to answer questions about it
- See handouts
- Suggestions for resources:
 - Reading 44 website (\$100)
 - Readinga-z.com

Adjournment: 8:50 PM

- Next meeting – May 21, 2014
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- Please direct any questions or requests to willowspac@gmail.com