

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Executive Meeting Minutes Oct 19, 2016

Commencement 7:00 pm

Adjournment 9:05 pm

Executive in Attendance Chelsea Wozniak (Secretary (Substitute chair this meeting)), Alyson Enge (Hospitality), Angela Jackson (Vice president), Michelle Montgomery (Hot lunch coordinator), Dana Bell (Past president), Jenny Reed (Treasurer), Christine Patterson (Vice president), 2 teachers, 35 parents.

Welcome Words of welcome and introductions of executive.

Approval of the Oct 19 agenda approved by Angela Jackson, seconded by Natasha Stott.
Approval of the Sept 21 meeting minutes approved by Daphne Wood, seconded by Kristina Millen.
Report from VCPAC, Lisa Rogers:

Explanation of PAC-VCPAC-BCCPAC hierarchy, the structure of the VCPAC, VCPAC budget, current events facing the PAC. More details described about the specific issues facing Oak Bay High School. Parent Survey cancelled. Due to increased interest in attending Oak Bay High, pathways may be changing. Some district students are being diverted away from Oak Bay High, there are 200 international students at the school. How are applicants being prioritized?

PAC Business:

Christine Patterson has been working on Willows school handbook which is under review for final edits. It will be on the Willow's website when complete.

We will be having our first hot lunch next Friday Oct 28. If you haven't submitted an order, please do so this week.

Our contribution drive will start soon. We are a fundraising free school and we ask for a voluntary and optional donation to our PAC starting at \$40 per child each year.

We are planning to advertise a movie night on Tuesday Oct 25 at Cinecenta to see Bad Moms. Parents are encouraged to come out and enjoy a silly night out.

Natasha Stott is working to organize a pub night for parents new to the Willows school community. This is a way to casually meet and chat and learn about Willows school.

Guest Speaker:

Welcome to Wendy Payne and Orla Colgate, speaking to "The Reading/Writing connection."

Raising a reader, encouraging children to be motivated to read.

Praise effort, not performance. Find books of interest.

Normalize struggle, but not too much struggle. (Choose books that aren't too hard).

Children seeing their father reading has the greatest impact on lifelong love of reading.

The next PAC meeting Nov 16, 2016. 7-8:30 pm School library