

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Meeting Minutes	January 17, 2018
Commencement	7:05 pm
Adjournment	8:44 pm
Executive in Attendance	Cindy Rodier (Chair), Bronwen Sharpe (Past Chair), Chelsea Wozniak (Secretary), Jean Pakvis (Communications), Kelli Van Leuwen (class rep coordinator), Jenny Reid (Treasurer), Stephanie Novak (CPF), Wendy Holob (Principal), Tim Murphy (VicePrincipal) and Melinda Budgell (School Counsellor) and 17 parents.

Welcome

Introduction by Cindy Rodier of Melinda Budgell our school counsellor.

Acknowledgment of murder of two children in our community over Christmas. Melinda has been at our school all week addressing issues related. Is normally at our school 3 days a week. Melinda answered questions from the parents related to access to counselling, groups, bullying, how to get your kid to talk to you, how to help a child who is having social difficulties, defining bullying and how to access assessments for learning disabilities.

Wendy update on custodial:

On Monday we received new guidelines for carpet vacuuming. Kindergarten through grade 3 classrooms, library and music room will have their carpets vacuumed "daily, as needed." Grade 4 and 5 classrooms can remove carpets or vacuum themselves, (kids or teachers can vacuum). We have previously sent our carpets to Love-a-Rug each summer. Now that the custodial contract includes the carpets, we don't know what will happen with cleaning. Kids will need to have inside shoes to reduce the amount of dirt/mud in the classroom.

Feb 28 is pink shirt day. Order forms will go home next week. Leadership grade 5 students will be handing out pink heart cookies to people on Oak Bay Ave. Discussion occurred around who are the leadership students and how is this opportunity distributed.

School district is deliberating on putting adult supervisors in Kindergarten through grade 2 classrooms during lunch eating time. Reviewing grade 5 lunch monitor system. May become a paid position or a parent volunteer position.

Update on Playground from Bronwyn:

We have the money to install the playground. \$46 000 equipment \$25 000 installation. We are on the school district waitlist for installation.

5 years in the works, we want to get this installed. Thank you to Wendy for helping us work with the district to arrange the installation. The main playground equipment will arrive in 4 weeks, we hope this will be installed right away. The second part of the equipment will arrive in 12 weeks.

We are considering asking for some businesses or families to contribute a small sponsorship toward our playground installation for a charitable donation receipt.

Have only collected money from 28% of parents. Brainstorming: Do fundraising by adding the donation onto our first pizza day? Make the ask in September, don't wait?

The next PAC meeting is Feb 21, 2018. 7 pm in the library.

PAC morning coffee chat Feb 22, 2018. 9 am in the staff room.