

# Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

**Meeting Minutes**                      October 18, 2017

**Commencement**                      7:05 pm

**Adjournment**                         8:47 pm

**Executive in Attendance**            Cindy Rodier (Chair) Bronwen Sharpe (Past Chair), Chelsea Wozniak (Secretary), Jenny Dickson (Treasurer), Jean Pakvis (Communications), Kelli Van Leeuwen (Class Rep Coord), Stephanie Novak (CPF), 15 parents.

**Welcome**                                 Welcome to parents and staff from the chair, Cindy Rodier.

**Approval of today's agenda by Chelsea Wozniak, seconded by Bronwen Sharpe.  
AGM September 20, 2017 minutes approved by Jean Pakvis, seconded by Kate Molloy.**

## **Report from Chair:**

Tim is away sick today. Wendy is away at "Me to We" day.

## **Me to we:**

New club to our school.

Lorraine, librarian, was given tickets to this last year.

Started by 2 brothers out of Ontario. Decided at 12 years old that child labour laws were wrong.

Now it is a Canada wide (local and global initiative). Aims to inspire child activism.

Somehow kids were picked to go today, 17 tickets.

Plans for a food drive.

We'll ask Wendy for a program update.

Lorraine and another parent are compiling a list of board games they would like to purchase for a board game club.

Welcome to Danielle Brochu, absent tonight, as our kindergarten liaison.

Letter to parents under construction for annual contribution.

Increasing the ask by 10 dollars. From \$40-\$50.

Fewer than half of families contribute.

Will do an email campaign, class reps, send out letters, website, Facebook.

Discussion of how to motivate parents to contribute.

Movie Night at Oak Bay High? Pros and Cons discussed.

Kids love popcorn, can't have popcorn at Oak Bay High.

Kids like to be at school after hours.

Arthur Christmas and Elf Landing done in the past.

Have we done a toy drive? It is a class initiative. Not a PAC initiative. Classes do this.

**Report from Kelli Van Leeuwen:**

23/28 have class reps.

Div. 11, 18, 17, 22, 24 do not have class reps. Will ask teachers to email class to ask for a volunteer.

Question from class reps, can we use websites to share photos? Probably not. All data is on US servers. Not for now.

**Kim Kuran, Jane, and Harriet, our new pizza gurus:**

Friday is our deadline to order pizza.

402 orders at this point.

50 cents of every item you order goes to the PAC.

Had 520+ orders last year.

Send out to class reps this week. Order pizza this week.

Volunteers for pizza day: 11:15 to help sort pizza. 11:40 to hand out pizza to classes.

**Playground update from Bronwyn Sharpe:**

District approved a community installation verbally, but didn't get it in writing. That person is now away on vacation.

Community installation: swingtime can install or parents install it.

Swingtime won't give us a quote on installation with out approval in writing from 3 district reps with authority.

Even if parents do installation, we have to pay Swingtime for a supervisor: \$10 000 for 1.5 days of supervision.

District will charge \$35 000 for installation (equipment cost \$40 000)

Now we don't have an approval for community installation.

Proposal to Abstract tomorrow for installation. See what happens.

**Report from Loring on Emergency preparedness:**

Every classroom has a back pack. Doing back pack check next week. Need 3 new bags.

Checked the container for expired supplies, need to replace water.

**Report from Loring on VCPAC:**

Dress code issues. Being discussed at schools, a committee has been formed.

Lunch monitors. Teachers feel having grade 5 children supervising smaller children unsupervised is unsafe. Grade 5 kids aren't old enough to be left alone, but are minding other children.

Teachers/district also won't allow parent volunteers, they require paid staff.

Stories about lunch monitors. Allergies. Etc.

**Report from Markus Lueder:**

Is happy to answer questions. Likes kids, has 4, youngest in grade 12 at Oak Bay High.

Can discuss issues with people as needed.

Can do anti bullying program.

Is happy to provide programs or come speak with us as needed. Often meets with whole classes.

Safe to school initiative. Walk, bicycle, roll, etc. active travel to school.

We need to teach our kids to ride safe, to be safe.

Discussed bike rodeo. Teaching bike safety.

Parents need to teach kids to walk on sidewalks, cross the street. This could be simulated.

Oak Bay Police Survey, response was excellent.

Will results be made public? Hopefully. Expect so.

In his role as police, he will never scold our kids. He wants to preserve that relationship such that in later years, if they get in trouble they will come to police for help. Don't ever want to make kids fear police.

Discusses with grade 9 kids about consent, decisions, drugs, alcohol, social media. Advice to parents: have the tough conversations now. Get involved.

Missed due to time:

**Report from Stephanie CPF:**

French Movie on October 29 at 11 am at Cinecenta. "Une Vie De Chat"

Free for CPF members, \$2 for non-members, cash only.

**The next PAC meeting is November 15, 2017.**