

# **Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61**

**AGM Meeting Minutes June 17, 2020**

**Commencement 7:05 pm**

**Adjournment 8:13 pm**

Executive in Attendance: Cindy Rodier (Chair), Jean Pakvis (Vice chair/communications), Krissy Johns (Secretary), Kelli Van Leeuwen (Class Rep Coordinator), Jenny Dickson (Treasurer), Stephanie Novak (CFP), Brenna O'Connor (Principal), 3 Parents

**Approval of the June 17, 2020 agenda approved by Cindy Rodier, seconded by Krissy Johns.**

Welcome Words by PAC chair, Cindy Rodier.

**Update from Brenna O'Connor:**

The staff are currently planning for next year.

The following teachers are leaving:

- Mrs. Powell is going to Landsdowne
- Mme. McKinnon

We are down one Division in French immersion.

The class from Bank Street school will occupy the vacant classroom at Willows for the 2020/2021 school year. They will, for all intents and purposes, be part of Willows for the year, but all the kids will be in the same classroom.

We will have the AV system installed in the gym as soon as possible

Everyone is really sad about the lack of school events this spring. Since the grade 5 celebration are cancelled, a bike parade for grade 5 kids will happen at school; a.k.a. "The final lap"

The staff has been amazing with the arranging and organizing the new rules

Welcome to Kindergarten will be in the field this week. Friday morning 9-10:30. Materials will be sent out to new parents.

*<PAC will ask Alyx Valdal to post about Welcome to Kindergarten in this years' Facebook group.>*

The Victoria School District is currently in phase 3 of the pandemic plan. Phase 2 is the hope for September. The Ministry of Education will make an announcement in August regarding the school phases.

School supply lists will be ready soon for orders.

**PAC Business:**

**Chair Year End Report, Cindy Rodier**

Thanks to everyone involved with PAC. A special thanks to Stephanie Novak for your work as CPF Rep. we wish you well at Landsdowne

A Huge thank you to Brenna O'Connor for a wonderful new year leading the charge at Willows.

Movie night in December was a big hit. All the kids had lots of fun

February saw gifts for teachers – chocolate, Kleenex, whiteboard markers

In lieu of the teacher appreciation lunch, gift certificates for Pure Vanilla Bakery will be given to teachers and custodians.

***Jean Pakvis moved and it was seconded by Cindy Rodier to approve the 2020/2021 budget. Motion passed without opposition.***

***Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the 2019/2020 PAC executive will remain in their positions for the start of the 2020/2021 school year, until a new PAC executive can be elected.***

#### **Other business:**

We should explore the possibility of more outdoor learning areas. This process can take a couple of years, so this should be a priority item.

***<Brenna will get in touch with lifecycles to get ideas for outdoor classrooms>***

PAC can look for sponsors once a vision for the space is drawn up.

The Buddy Bench and scooter rack have still not been received.

School supplies are still available for order for next school year, but they will be delivered to homes instead of school. There is no cut off date for ordering. The site will be available soon.

***<PAC will send ordering info to Brenna to pass along to parents>***

Sarah Millan (Emergency preparedness) will get a final list to update all the supplies in the storage.

***<Cindy will purchase supplies by August>***

#### **Treasurer report, Jenny Dickson:**

All school related expenses stopped in February.

The gaming grant up in the air. Due to casino closures for the pandemic, there has been no word if PACs will receive any funds.

Fun lunch money – send a survey to parents to ask what they would like done with their remaining unspent lunch money.

The options will be:

- donate to PAC
- ask for refund
- donate to a local charity/school sponsored family lunch.

PAC funds expected to be lower for next year, due to no pizza day money, however, the current PAC fund is healthy.

For next year:

- Show specific initiatives for funding, such as Outdoor learning spaces, Kindy soccer pitch
- Ask for online donations

**The next PAC meeting will be September 2020. Exact date and location TBD.**