

Willows PAC Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2016

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Chair: Bronwen Sharpe

Minutes: Brian Wagner, Secretary

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve Feb 17/ 2016 minutes by Chelsea Wozniak, seconded by Angela Jackson

Update on 2016-2017 Attendance (Wendy Holob, Principal)

Wendy provided parents with an update on the upcoming school year, with an emphasis on the upcoming school year being extremely full with registered students. A wait list of approximately 70 new students was mentioned, with hopes of placing all students before the Fall. It was noted that this was the first year where some French immersion placements are on a wait list.

Prior Business

We were reminded of the upcoming May 11 tea for volunteers (including PAC) at 10am in the school staff room.

Also, a reminder was given about the upcoming Bike to School Week (May 2-6) as well as the upcoming Blossom Tree Festival (May 19, 6-8pm), with more details being posted on the Willows PAC website. More volunteers are needed for one hour shifts, who can sign up via the PAC website. At the Blossom Tree Festival there will be a Mexican food truck and ice cream for the children, although there will not be a magician this year.

The PAC AGM will be held in May, at which time the treasurer (Chelsea Wozniak) will present the budget for the upcoming school year, and the executive PAC team nominations will be held.

Stephanie Novak provided an update on the Canadian Parents for French (www.cpf.ca), which has as its mandate to support families in learning French. A recent event (Bonjour Nuit) had a successful attendance in the library. It was also noted that CFP may be developing an easier entry-level French course for adults, as the Level 1 course was challenging for some parents.

It was also noted that May is Emergency Preparedness Month, and that more volunteers are needed to help educate the children (in-school participation beginning May 5). For inquiries please contact Eden North. It was noted that additional funding is needed for this program, which was tabled for discussion at the next PAC executive meeting.

Parent Presentation on Eco-Friendly Living (Bethan Ostermann)

A school parent provided a friendly presentation to PAC attendees on how she and her family have made changes in their lives to waste less and live with a smaller carbon footprint. Her website, www.thegreenbicycleco.com, was provided as a reference for parents wanting to live a greener life.

Teacher Presentation on Using iPads in the Classroom

Teachers Kelsey Anderson and Cathy McMillan provided examples of how they are using tablets in their classrooms to promote learning, especially through creating and literacy. While there was not a present ambition to have a 1:1 ratio of students to tablets, there was an enthusiastic reception to having more tablets shared by classrooms to facilitate learning.

Meeting adjourned 8.45pm; next PAC meeting is AGM on May 18, 2016 at 7pm.