

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Executive Meeting Minutes	Nov 16, 2016
Commencement	7:00 pm
Adjournment	8:53 pm
Executive in Attendance	Bronwen Sharpe (Chair), Chelsea Wozniak (Secretary), Angela Jackson (Vice chair), Dana Bell (Past chair), Jenny Reed (Treasurer), Wendy Holob (Principal), Christine Patterson (Vice principal), 1 teacher, 26 parents.
Welcome	Welcome to parents from the chair.
Approval of today's agenda by Daphne Wood, seconded by Angela Jackson. Approval of Oct 19, 2016 minutes by Lisa Rogers, seconded by Jean Pakvis.	

Welcome to Melinda Budgell our school counsellor.

The children call her Mrs. Melinda. She is at Willows 3 days per week, she is also at Frank Hobbs and Eagle View.

Great presentation about acknowledging children's concerns and hurt feelings. Using I statements to help children use language to express themselves. Practice what to say, to the child involved in the conflict. Role play and problem solve.

Parents can refer students to the school counsellor by discussing with the teacher or emailing Melinda directly at mbudgell@sd61.bc.ca.

She has groups and sees students 1:1. Appointments are often 20 min. She sees drop-ins over lunch.

There are issues during the eating part of the lunch hour. There are occasionally problems with lunch monitors in grade 3, there are no lunch monitors in grade 4 and 5. (Grade 5s are the monitors). Power struggles at older ages.

Currently we have Educational Assistant (EAs) that work 1:1 with students. We have 2 supervisors that watch the playground.

Wendy is looking to hire more EAs (adults) to supervise recess, lunch and before and after school. It needs to be posted internally, then can be posted externally. We hope this will be posted in the school newsletter for possible interested parents.

Some grade 5 leadership kids rotate onto the K-1 playground to help with supervision.

Bring concerns about bullying or mean behaviour on the school yard, contact Wendy or Christine.

PAC Business:

From Bronwen and Jenny:

Fundraising campaign: pay pal \$4100 cash and cheques \$565 so far, 1 week into the campaign.

Every PAC meeting morning there is a 9 am breakfast PAC meeting. Feedback from morning meeting: Parents believe if the reminder is written in the agenda more parents will remember to donate.

Playground funds update: Sausage Fest money: \$9400. We get \$8-8500 for our new grade 4-5 play structure.

Lisa Rodgers update on VCPAC

12/46 PACs were represented at the last VCPAC meeting.

President of VCPAC reported from BCCPAC who works with the ministry.

Emergency prep event coming, Lisa will coordinate with Daphne Wood and Greg Swann.

Transfer committee is being put together to discuss how children are directed to schools, elementary, middle and high school.

VCPAC president no longer sits at the board meetings or steering meetings. This is a concern to parents as there is no parent voice at these important meetings. Not in the bylaws, but what is the mandate?

We will add VCPAC meetings to our calendar so we can go and listen. We can also attend School Board meetings.

Report from Daphne Wood on emergency preparedness:

We have so many supplies we are going from a gold to a platinum standard. Getting easier to assemble tents. Removed expired items and replaced. Daphne plans to go through all classroom emergency bags. We have 2 large binders full of documentation for survival.

Report from Natasha Stott for Welcome to Willows pub night

Great turnout 15-20, good evening enjoyed by all. Future plans for more pub nights. A kindergarten pub night in January.

Kindergarten rep plans to send out a Happiness survey to kindy parents.

Movie night:

2 dates to accommodate all the kids. Parents must attend, encouraged to wear PJs, bring blankets, showing Arthur Christmas.

Money:

We received a grant for \$250 for Jennifer Gibson from ISH to talk to our kids about sex.

Volunteer ask:

Put signs up on Mondays indicating "PAC meeting today." Volunteers obtained. Thank you.

Announcement from the PAC chair:

Stepping down. We will need a replacement.

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 7 pm, School library