

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Meeting Minutes September 26, 2018

Commencement 7:03 pm

Adjournment 8:28 pm

Executive in Attendance: Cindy Rodier (Chair) Bronwen Sharpe (Past Chair), Krissy Johns (Secretary), Jean Pakavis (Vice-chair/Communications), Wendy Holob (Principal), Kelli Van Leeuwen (Class Rep Coord), Alex Valdal (Kindergarten Rep), 26 parents.

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

Approval of today's agenda by Sam Crawshaw, seconded by Jean Pakvis. June PAC Meeting June 20, 2017 minutes approved by Bronwen Sharpe, seconded by Krissy Johns.

Motion to vote Michelle Bristow as Treasurer Assistant by Cindy Rodier. Seconded by Kelli Van Leeuwen.

Report from Chair: Explanation of PAC, who is part of the PAC. Introduction of PAC executive. Introduction of PAC committee members, coordinators. There are roles that still need to be filled for anyone interested in helping out. School Supplies Coordinator for 2019/20 vacant, VCPAC Rep vacant. 2 classes (Div. 6 &7) still missing class representatives. Introduction of our new Vice Principal, Dianne Chrétien. We are fundraising free zone. Saves us time and money not selling wrapping paper, coupon books, and chocolates. "Donution" contribution added to hot lunches order page. PAC is asking for \$50 per child in lieu of fundraising. Hoping for greater family participation this year. The donut will be delivered in February, and a gluten free option is currently being sourced. A letter with more information will be sent out via email. Money raised from Sausage fest goes to playground equipment and enhancements. A parent suggested some money be used for benches and garbage cans at the new grade 4/5 playground. A survey will be sent out for ideas for what we would like to purchase, as well as our next large fundraising purchase. Pizza/sushi days to begin in October. Try again next week.

Words from the principal Wendy Holob: There are 600 students this year, 307 in the english program, 293 in french immersion. The process for student placement was changed for this year. All students were looked at instead of focusing on those students requiring additional supports. So far, the results have been positive. Students were in their classrooms with the district approval by Wednesday, Sept 5. Different feeling in the school this year. The students and teachers had a smooth transition to their new classes. Everyone seemed to have settled in faster this year. The

district will be moving the rope climbing structure soon due to a neighbour complaint. The specifics nor a date for the move have not been disclosed by the district at this time.

Words from the Vice Principal Dianne Chrétien: She joins us from Langley, where Dianne was a principal. She will be teaching an english grade 5 class. Dianne spoke to a curriculum focus on Big ideas, and core competencies. Ensuring the children understand the why, not just how. She will look into making resources available for parents to assist with school work help, especially regarding the new math curriculum methods.

Report from Karen Manders - Welcome Committee: Pub night will be at the Penny Farthing Pub on Thursday Oct 4, from 7-9pm. This is for families new to Willows. A separate Kindy pub night will be held, date TBD.

Report from Sam Crawshaw - Events coordinator: The ice cream social went well. Events committee will be meeting on Sep 28 to discuss upcoming events. The focus will be on the Movie night. A possibility of a Valentine family dance will be discussed, to see if this is something that can logistically happen, given other events occurring around that time. Event volunteer opportunities are listed on the PAC website.

The next PAC meeting will be October 17, 2018.