

Willows Parent Advisory Committee BCSD61

Executive Meeting Minutes Nov 21, 2018

Commencement 7:04 pm

Adjournment 8:37pm

Executive in Attendance: Cindy Rodier (chair), Jean Pakvis (Vice chair/communications), Krissy Johns (Secretary), Wendy Holob(Principal), Alex Valdal (kindergarten liaison), 8 parents.

Welcome Words by PAC chair, Cindy Rodier.

Approval of the Nov 21 agenda approved by Emma Mister, seconded by Alyx Valdal.

Approval of the Oct 17 meeting minutes approved by Jean Pakvis, seconded by Krissy Johns.

Special guest, Bethan Ostermann- How to make your family a bit greener:

See www.houseofstarling.com for vegan resources and Zero-waste ideas

Update from Wendy Holob:

15 kids, 2 staff went to Vancouver for WE day with Dianne.

Scooter lock ups will be coming at some point from CRD Active routes to school. They will be installed near the bike racks.

Garbage cans have been ordered for the 4 /5 playground the big green bins have a 10 foot bag (same as the bins by the Cadboro Bay side patio area)*<Wendy will ask facilities about handles on the garbage cans.>*

Ann-Marie is leaving. This Friday Nov 23 will be her last day. She's going to Frank Hobbs.

Sketch club started in the library. 100 kids showed up!

Caroline Albiston will be starting a knitting club for grade 4s in the New year.

Information about grade 5 girls basketball will be provided in the New year

Cricket is coming to an end. It was well attended and a big success!

Swimming is ongoing

We club projects underway - The kids are collecting toilet paper rolls for Christmas crackers.

Ron is having a great time with chess club for Grade 2+

Lorraine Powell wants to start a board game group in Jan/feb. A request for board games will go out soon

6 teachers are currently working on their masters program

3 goals - How are we dealing with the new curriculum

- writing, math, and inquiry

teachers have book clubs dealing with each of the three topics of the new curriculum exploration

<Wendy will ask if a teacher would like to present the 'what's going on in the school' presentation to the PAC>

Wendy is asking for parents to fill out the catchment boundary survey

PAC Business:

Chair report, Cindy Rodier

Contribution drive: \$15584 as of Nov 20

238 families made donations 61.5% made their donations.

donations can still be made via Paypal, or Hot lunches website

tax receipt can be issued if paid through the school district

school district controls the allocation of funds if you request a tax receipt.

School secretary should be able to tell us the dollar amount in the PAC funds held by the district.

Hot lunch orders: 530 from 387 family accounts.

Wish list for PAC spending for this year.

-Lorraine Powell looking at loft space/quiet reading nook.

-picnic tables

-Covered play area/ shade sails

- shade for the 4/ 5 playground

-outdoor kitchen play area in the k/1 playground

-games painted on the concrete for game and exploration options.

-Natural outdoor play area

- K/1 soccer turf area

-start saving for the grade 2/ 3 playground in the next 5-10 years.

- second gaga ball pit (obstacle is finding space)

- getting fans for the gym

- giant chess game

-hockey nets

-swing set?

-basket ball nets

-One time book purchase for class libraries grades 1, 2 and 3

- a bunch of new teachers are in need of books to stock their class libraries for kids to read.

- sale beginning of December at scholastic warehouse. Dianne would like \$5000 for books.

-books would belong to the school.

<Wendy will ask teachers about their interest in a book drive for classroom books>

-Ipads and Chromebooks for the library

-Benches at 4 / 5 playground

-New Choir risers for Mrs. Evans - School district doesn't consider risers to be essential equipment. \$1500? each. x 5. School will help with the cost if PAC takes the lead.

<Wendy is pricing out options for this replacement>

Discussion:

Sam Crawshaw (away)- Events Committee:

Family Dance around valentines day

-looking into DJs for kids

<Wendy will check for conflict with french dance lessons>

Movie night

- Older kids will be on the first night Wednesday Dec 5th, younger kids Thursday, December 6th.

The next PAC meeting Jan 16, 2019. 7-8:30 pm School library