

WTT School Council Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Attending:

Pam, Brenda, Sharon, Rita, Barb, Danielle, Erin, Karen, Robyn, Ellen, Meredythe

WTT School Council Admin Report

Around the School

- Events!
 - Grand Opening of Playground – awesome! Price of BBQ is concerning: \$7 per combo seems high and forced to buy the “combo”. If there were individual menu items that might be better. Can we check into a menu for the next function? Should we look for a new provider? Can we do it ourselves (too much investment and health regulations).
 - Candidates meeting (P6)
 - Retro day (Back to the Future) – Wednesday, Oct. 21. How are these events communicated? One teacher is responsible for the spirit committee but it may not be on the monthly calendar. We will blast it out on School-Day. Put out blast tomorrow (Friday Oct 16) and Tuesday Oct 20th.
 - Move-a-thon – Oct. 29th. Need some parent helpers to sell the “bling”. Envelopes will go out the end of next week (Oct and are due on the 29th).
- Fundraiser continues – comments? Thanks to parent helpers! We collected approx. \$4,000 so far. There is one nut item in the catalog so we will check the catalogs more closely next time to ensure that all items for sale are nut-free. Pam suggested that we include a letter for parents on how to donate directly through the board site rather than fundraise. Natalie to check on Mabel’s Labels account.
- Photo proofs home today- what do we think? Parents to provide feedback on online process for ordering photos. Re-take day is Oct 23 and is also the

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class picture day. Ali suggested that re-takes are taken at the same time as class pictures.

- Nutrition for Learning update – we got gift cards to buy food and bins are available in the main office and other locations.
- After school sports programs – TSN is running (soccer). With extra volunteers we were able to extend the program to all kids who signed up.
- Student Vote – program happened on 10/14 in the library. Results will be posted.
- No weekend rentals (church) – because of job sanctions with workspaces (custodial) all evening rentals have been cancelled. This has impacted the church and they are moving to a Community centre for the short-term.
- Halloween snacks from home – letter in first day package requested that no Halloween treats come from home. Other non-edible treats can be brought in. Costumes – we do not promote or discourage. Kindies will dress-up but other grades are optional. No make-up.

Around the Board

- Take our kids to work day – Nov. 4 – teachers may have their own kids with them.
- International language schools still operating despite no weekend rentals
- Nov. 3 WRAPSC meeting – Danielle and/or Erin will be attending.

Around the Province

- Not settled yetbut getting closer 😊

Safety

- Contacted both police and by-law officers to ensure mornings/afternoons are safe outside.
- Monthly inspection of the building.
- Please let Rita and Mr. Martz know about any issues.

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- The sidewalk in front of the school is a concern because of the huge puddle that accumulates there and our Facility Supervisor has been notified.

Other News

- We received the PRO grant. We need to decide when we have the speaker night
- Next month (November) – community council meeting – inviting other community organizations. Idea is to help build our community and make the school a good representation in the community. Please provide suggestions for community groups.
- Spirit Wear
 - o Blast out message
 - o Kids can bring order forms to the office
 - o Good quality
 - o Same pricing as three years ago

Food is mandatory for the next meeting (November!)

- February event
 - o Danielle will re-vamp donation letter
 - o We can all start looking for donations
 - o Blast? Asking parents to contribute, donate, soliciting
 - o Any donation is appreciated
 - o Still prizes from last year

School-Day

- 400 accounts on school-day

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Peanut-Free Messaging

- There should be signage on the doors that indicates the facility is peanut-free
- Can there be a letter on the first day for Kindergartens that states the rules for lunches.
- This also includes the Wow butter spreads and other alternatives/substitutes.
- Even if it's labelled it's not allowed.

Other Parent helping opportunities

- Could use help from parents to put the letters re: Move-a-thon in the JK/SK bags.

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 19, 2015.

Minutes Approved: yes

Seconded by Erin