

Willowbrook Public School Council Minutes  
September 17, 2014

Attendees: Petra Nobel, Danielle Williams, Dorothy Smith, Anushka Grant, Paula Lipkus, Boua Majidi, Kim Armstrong, Maryam Montaseri, Adrienne Gabriel, Ulrike Krapp, Beth Gould Crotty, Robin Andrews Morton, Olivia Zhang, CiCi Chen, Kim Bendik, Rozanne Treger, Mirela Neculai, Tonya Young, Lucy Giannotta

Council Positions:

Petra Nobel will continue to be co-chair this year, with Danielle Williams stepping down, and her position is now shared by Anushka Grant and Paula Lipkus. The new secretary this year is Rozanne Treger. Adrienne Gabriel and CiCi Chen will be co-treasurers, with CiCi in charge of reporting.

Future School Council Meetings are moved to 6:45 p.m.

Principal Report:

New Staff this year include:

GR. 2/3: Ms. Singh

Music: Ms. Ho

Secretary: Ms. Khan

Art: Mr. Kim

GR. 3/4: Ms. Kraizel

SERT: Mr. Titus

Community Class EA: Ms. Leinwand

Ms. Parina is on sick leave. She is expecting her 2nd child and will start her maternity leave in January so she will not be back until January 2016.

Information and Medical Package sent home. Families are encouraged to return these forms ASAP. Anti-Spam Legislation form must be filled out to grant the school permission to send out anything commercially related i.e. Pizza orders.

Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) must be completed by all volunteers who will be working directly with children on a regular basis. This can be done at the Stouffville Police Station (same day service) or at the Hillcrest Mall Police Station. The application forms can be downloaded from the YRP website. For those who are only interested in volunteering for one day events (i.e. school field trips), VSS is not required, unless you will be alone with the children (i.e. being a designated driver without a teacher present). VSS is only valid for a year and costs ~\$20. For subsequent years, only a Declaration of Offence form need be completed, and there is no cost for that.

The first of two Compliance (Safety) Training has already been completed by Staff. The second one will take place on PA Day, Sept 22.

This year the school has 6 Lunch Assistants. On Friday (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>), they will be trained on what to do for a child under anaphylactic attack, and if there is a wild animal or stranger on school property. At least two staff members at school are trained in First Aid/CPR.

Bus evacuation procedure already completed. Terry Fox is coming up soon.

The focus this school year will be the same as last year: critical thinking, enquiry base mathematics, and positive learning atmosphere.

Rounds Process has been initiated. It allows Willowbrook to work with other schools, so the schools can learn from each other.

#### School Council Report:

The Kindergarteners and their teachers love the new playground.

Need to figure out lunch recess schedule for the 2 Kindergarten classes during Pizza Days. Currently their recesses are staggered. Possible solution: buy or borrow pizza warming bag so one class can eat first and second class will play first and eat later.

Community BBQ is on Oct. 2nd, starting at 5:30 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be 2 sessions, each 20 min. long. One food order envelope sent home per family. Parent volunteers are needed before and during the BBQ, and high school student volunteers after the BBQ to help with cleanup.

Ski trips for grades 3 to 8 have not been discussed with staff members yet. Lucy will check with the teachers to see if they are interested in organising a ski trip this year. In the past, grades 3/4/5 went to Uplands and grades 6/7/8 to Horseshoe.

Pizza and sub forms sent home.

There were huge turnouts for Movie Night, International Potluck, and Spring Fling Family Dance last year. We will hold them again this year. As for Movie Night, all students must be supervised by an adult. There is no fee for the movie itself, and we will check if licensing is required to show movies.

#### Treasurer Report:

The current balance is \$20124, of which \$614 from Acorn Cards were incorrectly put into the school account and \$2879 from fundraising letter incorrectly went into the school's donation account. Both amounts belong to the school council and will be allocated by the school council.

The following expenses still need to be deducted from the current balance:

Seussical (\$2000),

Technology Cost-Sharing (Board pays for 2/3 and school council 1/3) (\$10000),

Team Jerseys (\$700),

Student Agenda (\$1300), and

Sports Equipment for each class, for use during recess (\$1000 total).

We are looking to allocate some money towards:

buying games and puzzles for indoor activities (i.e. indoor recess) for each classroom,

\$500 for Gr. 8 Graduation,

\$100 for each teacher (~19 teachers total) to buy classroom supplies,

\$1000 Arts Fund (i.e. bussing),

\$1000 Music Program (i.e. instrument repairs), and

Lice Checks.

We still have ~\$2000 not yet earmarked.

Lice Checks have already been scheduled by Kate Kurek. Will check on the dates.

We will ask the teachers to make a list of indoor toys/games they would like for their classrooms. We will also check with the school community to see if they have any toys/games in good conditions they can donate. Parents can drop them off at the school the week of the Community BBQ, and please make a note of specific pieces that are missing from board games, if any. We will check if it is more cost-effective to buy through the school board. Kim Bendik has volunteered to sort toys/games donations.

Last year was the second year that the school did not have a Carnival. Is anyone interested in organizing one for this year? Another activity for spring is a Community Garage Sale. Maybe have the garage sale and the Carnival on the same day.

The first fundraising committee meeting will be on Thursday Oct. 23rd, from 7 to 9 p.m at the school library. An email will be sent out soon to see who else is interested on being on the fundraising committee.

Dates:

The dates for the next 4 council meetings are as follows:

November 26th, January 14th, March 4th, and June 3rd.

Sept. 24th: Terry Fox Run

Oct. 2nd: BBQ/Curriculum Night

Nov. 6th: Movie Night

Mar. 5th: International Potluck

April 9th: Spring Fling Dance

May 22nd: Staff Appreciation Lunch