



Windham Ridge Council Agenda

Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 2009
Windham Ridge P.S. Library

Present: Deb Dollery, Renee LaFlamme, Anna Landry, Leon Barton,
Corrie McBain, Liz Novatidis, Rose Hatzissauvas, Karen Sorbara, Parmo Singh, Jason Snaggs,
Soody Dahesh, Cindy Malapitan, Tanya Wallgren
Leo Po, Josie Ruggiero-Khan, Anahita Printer Nepton, Jennifer Petkovic, Julie Daniele

Regrets: Janis Shean, Mari Dunstan, Carrie Hoffelner

	Item/Discussion	Owner or Vote Outcome
2	<p>Approval of Nov. Minutes Late distribution of minutes, therefore email vote required. Please email your vote to Corrie ASAP.</p>	
3	<p>Miscellaneous Information Update You're the Chef – 15 kids, 3 Friday afternoons for 1 hr, great feedback from kids, thank-you to school council for funds, want to run it again, kids would like program to run longer in time next time, program would like to purchase basic cooking utensils if program runs again.</p> <p>Council Newsletter – Deadline for submission is Jan. 22nd</p> <p>Mad Science – only 10 kids this session but program will run after school. This is the last session for the 2010 school year.</p> <p>Girls on the Run – original \$275 from council not required, 28 girls registered, two \$50 deposits required for coaches kits, group working on logistics may need four coaches (currently have 3 confirmed).</p> <p>Quest Conference – no parent council members ended up attending, Corrie suggested pre-purchasing one ticket in May at a reduced cost, council still felt this was a worthwhile event.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report – refer to spreadsheet</p>	

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5	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Construction –commencing after March Break, 3 classrooms need to be moved, these classrooms will move in the conference room, milk room, and library. End of year concert may need to be at Oak Ridges, parking issues will arise and memo will be sent to parents, construction will be complete by September, considering staggering lunches for constructions and next year with over 700 kids at school. Logistics are still being worked on.</p> <p>Level Assessment – council reviewed example of level assessment for Grade 1 Math. Example booklet will be placed in the parent resource center.</p> <p>Literacy Week – teachers organizing various events for different grades, activities and dates being collated this week.</p> <p>Winter Carnival – Date to be determined, suggestion of Olympic theme.</p> <p>Information Night – for new grade 1's scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 3rd at 7pm, need some parent volunteers to come at 6:30pm to speak with prospective parents, registration for grade 1 starts Feb. 4th. Please email Corrie if you can volunteer for the evening (anticipate 6:30 to 8pm)</p> <p>Bill 157 – Keeping your kids safe at school, amends Bill 212, becomes active on Feb. 1st, Bill 212 stated that all board employees (incl. janitors, etc..) must respond to incidents that could lead to expulsion or suspension (i.e. drugs, alcohol, threatening teacher, etc), new Bill 157 extends this stating that staff must also respond to incidents which will affect the healthy climate of the school. Schools must have a Safe Schools Committee which needs to include 1 teacher, 1 administration, and one member outside of school staff. Committee needs to perform survey of bullying. Council set up Safe Schools Survey Sub-committee including Parma, Jennifer, Corrie, and Leon. One member (other than Leon) from this sub-committee will need to be a member of the Board's Safe Schools Committee.</p>	
7	<p>Subs</p> <p>Grade 8's have been helping with the distribution of subs, subs are anticipated to make approx. \$4000 for the year, council has agreed to split the profit of the subs with the grade 8's for the portion of the year that they have been involved (based on the profit). Therefore council voted to give the grade 8's 50% of the profits for the 77% of the school year that they have been helping with the subs. Motioned by Tanya, seconded by Liz.</p> <p>Approximate funds, based on current orders: $\\$3,939 \text{ profit} \times 77\% \times 50\% = \\$1,516$</p> <p>Approximate amount per student: $\\$1,516/32 \text{ students} = \\47.39 each</p>	<p>Council voted yes to 50 % of profits to grade 8's for remainder of year (77% of full year)</p>

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8	<p>Expenditures to Finalize</p> <p>Facebook Seminar – Postive feedback from other schools, student presentation valuable for students to hear about danger and safety from outsider as some students may accept it more readily than if it came from their own parentes. Therefore, Council voted yes to facebook seminar, cost of \$650, motioned by Liz, seconded by Parma. Corrie to look into opening presentation up to grades lower than grade 4.</p> <p>Lego Robotics – concerns voiced that this is a costly program that would only allow minimal participation, however it was decided that this program would attract the attention of students who thrive on a hands on approach. Council approved funding of \$5650 for 12 sets by a show of hands</p> <p>\$10 student amount – suggested that this money go towards books this year since the playground was complete.</p>	<p>Yes to Facebook Seminar at a cost of \$650. Corrie to book.</p> <p>Yes to Lego Robotics at a cost of \$5650. Corrie to organize purchase.</p>
9	<p>Education Committee Update</p> <p>Multicultural Event – construction may be an issue for this event, sub-committee needed.</p> <p>Movie Night – suggestion of skating family night instead</p> <p>Parent Resource Center – needs to be catalogued and suggestions made for additional materials.</p>	<p>Cindy to investigate</p> <p>Rose</p>
10	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>Bag to School – program to bring in used clothing, boots, winter clothes, etc... where the school is paid on weight. \$200/ton. www.bag2school.com. Logistics with where to store clothing need to be discussed with school.</p>	
12	<p>New Business</p> <p>Homemade to go – sales are dropping dramatically, need to increase awareness, she has gone down to 3 times/week, issues discussed: no brochure, people don't like to pay by credit card. Need champion to get it going. Healthy Schools will work on developing a "brochure" to publicize benefits to parents.</p> <p>Numbers: Lunch Lady generated \$2,698 profit last year, projections on Homemade to Go based on current order volumes is \$792. Note school enrolment has increased by 18% since last year.</p>	
12	<p>Items for February Meeting</p> <p>Council agreed to invite Diane Giangrande (Trustee) to the next school council meeting.</p>	

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Considerations	Proposed norm
<p>Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How frequently will we meet? • Will we set a beginning and ending time? • Will we start and end on time? • How will we handle issues/concerns when we run out of time? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 times per year • 7 pm to 9 pm • Yes • Vote if it's a voting matter, otherwise carry forward to next meeting or set up a subcommittee to meet at another time. Topics to be deferred once only, with a decision being made by the second meeting. • Items carried forward are prioritized for next meeting
<p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will we encourage listening? • How will we discourage interrupting? • How will we discourage side-bar conversations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect each person's right to speak without judgment or interruption. • Encourage hand raising, with participant waiting to be acknowledged by Chair and added to a "speaker's list". List will be maintained in order of hands raised. • If you wish to add a comment raise your hand to be added to speaker's list. • Write down your thoughts.
<p>Confidentiality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the meetings be open to the public? • How will the public participate in our meetings? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES • Open dialogue, with same opportunities to speak as members • Inform Chair of issue/discussion so it can be worked into the agenda. • Parent "New Business" can be added at the start of a meeting, with discussion taking place at the end of the meeting. • Comment box to allow for parent input