



Windham Ridge Council Agenda

Thursday, April 8, 2010
Windham Ridge P.S. Library

Present: Corrie McBain, Liz Novatidis, Rose Hatzissauvas, Karen Sorbara, Carrie Hoffelner, Jason Snaggs, Soody Dahesh, Janis Shean, Cindy Malapitan

Teacher's Rep: Anna Landry, Leon Barton, Anne-Marie Brouillet

Guests: Liz Marchand, Afshin Vahidi, Leo Po, Diane Giangrande (Board - Trustee & Chair), Jay Parappally (Board – Superintendent), Dawn Adams (Board – Planning), David Neale (Board – Transportation), Wanda Muirhead (Board – Finance)

Regrets: Mari Dunstan, Parmo Singh, Tanya Wallgren

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1	<p>Welcome & Information Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Council Forum May 4th, 7 to 8:30 Meeting will be held @ Alexander MacKenzie HS. Supper provided. The event has presentations on specific topics (ie. parent engagement, finances) as well as open forum discussions. Regardless of new or experienced to Council, one will likely walk away with new ideas and perspective. Those interested, please email Corrie. • LEGO Robotics Club Twenty-two excited students from grades 4-8 signed up for this club which resulted in the purchase of a second board. This allows for more quality time in creating than waiting to flip the chart over for the second design. The students are preparing for a friendly competition in April at Nobleton Elementary Public School. There are two challenges, first the robot has to shoot the puck to score a goal and the second is a speed skate + slalom challenge. We also received good news that \$1400 was granted to the Lego Robotics Club which Tanya Wallgren had applied for through her workplace (Henkel). • <u>Safe School's Survey</u> Almost ready to go for end of April. Geared towards grades 4-8 students, parents & staff. • Facebook101 Some 40 – 50 parents turnout for the Thursday March 4th session. The presentation aimed at educating our community on the large social networking sites. • Fans - skip • WRPS representation at Oak Ridges Fair - Not sufficient volunteer interest, will decline for this year. 	

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2	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Anna had three pieces of good news to report. First, through "Blueprint for Technology" grant – a plan to get more technology @ board level – WRPS will receive an additional \$10K per school year for the next 3 years, over and above the school cost-share. This program was kicked off with an additional \$10,000 this year to get the program started. As a result, the "request to School Council wishlist" has changed.</p> <p>The new wishlist is to have Netbooks instead of laptops and computer carts. The older grades will have the new Netbooks, word-processing and all applications are available on the web. Current technology will be allocated to lower grades, ie smartboard; more cameras for the older grades.</p> <p>Second, WRPS will have two (grade 5 - LaFlamme & Boivin) Literacy teachers using technology (about \$10K) to implement their programs to commence in September.</p> <p>Lastly, due to school expansion, we will receive "Building Funds" of \$10K.</p>	Anna
3	<p>Treasurer's Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March <p>Pizza – about \$25K for March to June orders. Mag sales compared to last year sales would be the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projections of revenue for this year <p>Approximately \$34K on deposit. After all deductions, would be approx. \$20K net available funds for spending.</p>	Cindy
4	<p>Expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under \$500 expense approvals – urn for hot chocolate \$203 (Carnaval) <p><u>NEW requests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10/student, approximately \$6,330 for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Multicultural Event (school day -last 2 weeks in June) - \$4,000 ◆ Outdoor equipment & storage - \$1,000 – Rose & Karen will source and purchase <p>Suggestion to explore the Camp Robin experience for future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase Junior & Intermediate Books – approximately \$5,369 Our library already holds 15,000 books for 700 kids. • Chalking Machine (to mark the field) - approximately \$500 	<p>Unanimous YES</p> <p>Unanimous YES</p> <p>Unanimous YES</p> <p>Unanimous YES</p>
5	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.bag2school.com - 1.5 tons of clothing recycled!! About \$300 raised. Suggestion to have it twice a year (after the holidays and) as a way to help families de clutter. 	Liz

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phoenix Water Bottle campaign <p>New item is the sports cap. A sports lid is currently selling for \$6 at Mastermind. Campaign starts end April with pick-up second week of May. Pre-order only.</p>	
6	<p>Information Sharing with the Board</p> <p>Dawn Adams, Planning Department from Board office provided a PowerPoint presentation on Board work with regards to strategies, new construction and growth in Oak Ridges (“OR”).</p> <p>During 1999 – 2009 – 6 new schools were built, with Moraine Hill & Kettle Lake completed in 2009. Once Development Application is received at the board; Planning Department will look at logical yield in the area; this is our peak yield.</p> <p>In September Full-day kindergarten will begin, Bond Lake Elementary School is one of the first. This will be fully implemented in 5 years. A new elementary school is slated to complete in 2012 located at Bathurst, south of Jefferson SideRoad</p> <p>There is a 1.1% growth – a slow down in growth is evident – this is a new scenario in York Region.</p> <p>Issues: Portables are used in OR for sustainable growth. FI is an explosion in Richmond Hill but hard to deal with since Gr 8 is very small. Balancing our competing need for surplus and growth especially in OR for a 5-10 year range will be a challenge.</p> <p>Funding model in 99 was great but now “New Pupil Places” from Ministry of Education to justify funding need.</p> <p>WRPS is maxed next year, housing approximately 750 students in 5 portables and 5 additional classrooms. No further portables allowed. Limited washroom is one of the factor. A review in early next Spring for new program delivery if needed to address any concerns with the current program.</p> <p>FI High School for Oak Ridges residents: New boundary change for Langstaff Secondary School already in placed. Aurora HS have sufficient space to accommodate OR as well as Lester B. Pearson students at the moment.</p> <p>Inquiry on how to introduce “FI program for Gifted student”.</p> <p>At the moment, the FI program is not designed to provide FI for students identified as “gifted”. The family will have to decide if they want their child either (a) to enter the “gifted program” and leave the FI program, or (b) to continue with the FI program and abandon the “gifted program”.</p>	<p>Jay Parappally, Superintendent</p> <p>Diane Giangrande (Trustee & Board Chair)</p>

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	<p>To lobby for change, two agencies – ABC (Association for Bright Children) and CPF (Canadian Parents for French) should be approached to lobby a new program such as Gifted & FI Pride.</p> <p>We were informed that programming and classroom are identified as the # 1 priority at the Board. The budget formula will not change if the Board decides to introduce a new program like the “Gifted & FI Pride”. Funding will be cut from another program to implement the new program.</p> <p>Finance Department representative spoke briefly on the new role of school secretary who will complete all school council deposits starting in September. Treasurer role will be redefined. This requirement is part of Ministry reporting requirement. To help cope with the change, support will be given to our school secretary on how she can add this new task to her existing administrative responsibilities.</p> <p>Transportation representative spoke briefly on bussing issue. Yellow Busing for High School students e.g. 3 bus in some cases for students and greater than or equal to one hour transport time for other students. Students are required to buy a monthly student pass of \$75 through York Transit.</p> <p>A parent suggested using a holistic approach to board planning, taking into consideration the investment in transportation for students re: quality of life and the prevention of economic discrimination. In other word it more than lines of business, headcount and buildings</p> <p>The meeting concluded @ 9 pm</p> <p>Next council meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2010.</p>	