

Windham Ridge Council Agenda

June 9, 2010 Windham Ridge P.S. Library

Present:Corrie McBain, Rose Hatzissauvas, Karen Sorbara, Soody Dahesh, Janis Shean,
Cindy Malapitan, Mari Dunstan, Liz Novatidis, Tanya WallgrenTeacher's Rep:Anna Landry, Leon Barton, Anne-Marie Brouillet, Deb Dollery,
Kristy Woolsey, Jennifer Petkovic, Julie Daniele
Jason Snaggs, Carrie Hoffelner, Parmo Singh

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Welcome & Information Update	
Principal profile : Approval needed for the draft circulated via email earlier this week. This is an amalgamation from two documents, the first from 2-years ago that was submitted and the second, a master file. Approved by all present. This document will be submitted	Corrie to submit
Trees for playground – planted almost 2-weeks ago, between the fence and benches, still have about \$1,000 available in the bank; did not take warranty due to large price differential (2/3 of trees can be replaced with savings) and labour for removal not included. Excess funds will be held in reserve until next Spring, at which time they'll be used to replace any failing trees or add new ones. It is requested that during the summer and when the weather gets too hot, it would be prudent to personally drive-by and call the school janitor (voice # 154) to arrange for the water to be turned on; we need to water the trees ourselves. This is not the janitor's duty . Getting the trees watered in the first year is crucial to it survival for years to come.	
Multicultural Event: Friday, June 25th is the Multicultural Fair. Four countries represented in the classroom. Steelband will be on site with two performances during first & second recess, events will occur throughout till end of day.	
Girls On the Run : Marathon run occurred on Sunday, June 6 th . Positive feedback from both participants and parents. In the end it cost nothing, worthwhile having it next year.	
Outdoor Equipment : Purchase made; tennis rackets an issue due to space constraints on the playground right now with construction. Will look at keeping a small number of racquets available and storing remainder within school (ie. gym). Leon to look into a process for encouraging students to be responsible with equipment, returning it to the bins after use.	Leon looking into process.
Although \$1K had been approved there was a \$475 overage needed to complete the purchase. This amount was approved through the Expenditure Committee to expedite process. The objective was to have students enjoying it now rather then wait.	
School Board Processes & Communication: Flow of communication between Board & school is lacking. Each Council chair has a Board issued e-mail account, however it's rarely used. Specifically it would be ideal to receive automatic notification to policies under review. The process for issuing recommendations to the Board, and their follow up is unclear. Proposed to get a letter to Board about the lack of communication when critical decisions/changes are made without parents' awareness and input.	
Related to the communication issue, the transportation policy viewed by the public has not been updated to reflect situations where students require a 2-zone pass. The Board does pay the difference between 1 and 2 zone. This needs to be	

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documented if it's the current process.	
Principal Report	
options discussed, ie domain name registration and have students sign up through the domain name. More discussions for next school year. The domain name will	Leo Po John Woolse to be asked to assist
Teacher's Report - THANK YOU for Council support this year. No formal report.	
Treasurer's Report	
May Treasurer's Report – approximate funds on books \$23K, less \$15K for remaining expenses, less balance carry forward for Sept. 2010 of \$500. Funds remaining of approximately \$5,800	
A} Playscape Reserved funds	
At end of June both accounts will be closed and transfers to School account, Deb D (Head Secretary) will be the administrator, commencing September 2010, with regards to banking for both school and school council deposits and cheque issuance. Two separate entries for reserve related to playground:	
- \$1,500 reserve for repairs/maintenance	
- \$1,000 reserve for tree replacement/addition in Spring '11	
B Funds Remaining for the year	
[1] QUEST Conference: Full conference 3-day pass from Nov 17 – 19, 2010	
=\$575 http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/pdfs/w/innovation/quest/2010ISAEngagingLearning.pdf. The 3-day pass is available to council members/parents/teachers who are interested to attend either half-day or full-day session(s) that will benefit and enrich the council members/parents/teachers. All in favour.	Unanimously Voted
[2] School Wishlist	Unanimously
Insufficient funds to support request for 8 SMART document cameras + 4 carts (\$7,550). Motion put forth to purchase 4 cameras + 4 carts, for a cost of \$3,842 and \$1,200 respectively OR total of \$5,042 (includes tax + approximate shipping) . This will allow for one camera and cart per grade (4 to 8) as school already has one set.	Voted
Next Year – we will qualify for Board match once again, this year's is used. More laptops (60 now) needed as all laptops are used daily from grades 2 to 7s. More laptops will be purchased through Board cost-sharing. Currently have 5 smartboard carts, 2 projectors don't have carts for moving around.	

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PRO Grant – deadline June 11 - \$1K if approved; need someone to complete the online application. Purpose: Propose to use the grant and hire speaker to come to speak on bullying, related to outcome of School Climate Survey.	Mari & Liz
School Climate Survey Results	
Online Survey Monkey went well, better than previous year. There is still bullying occurring, still in the same areas - buses and playground. Other things that jumped out were parents unsure what to do when bullying does occur. Suggest having a speaker come in to talk to staff and parents, with separate workshops for each group.	
Proposed to have speaker on Curriculum Night at the start of the school year since parents are already at school with their child, Staff presentation is tentatively planned for Sept. 2 nd .	
Review Homework Policy - deferred to October – November	
Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm. Have a safe summer!	