# Windham Ridge Public School October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Rose Hatzissauvas, Karen Sorbara, Renee Laflamme, Deb Dollery, Liz

Novatsidis, Anna Landry, Abigail Eptein, Jen Bishop, Corrie McBain, Jason Snaggs, Cindy Malapitan, Leo Po, Zoe Zhu, Starr Mills, Mari Dunstan, Franklin Orquin, Carrie Hoffelner, Wendy Thompson, Leon

Barton, Julie Daniele

Regrets: Greg Beros

Item	Description	Action/Vote Results
1.	Welcome from principal, followed by brief Tribes activity	
2.	Principal Report	
	<u>Lockdown Procedures – Leon</u>	
	* Bill 212-Keeping kids safe at school * all school boards and schools must develop and implement a lockdown procedure * must have a minimum 2 lockdown drills per school year	
	General Information for lockdowns  * use common language for key terms and procedures  * training for all staff including support staff in schools  * communication with community	
	<ol> <li>Lockdown – threat inside the school</li> <li>Hold &amp; Secure – threat outside the school – no on is allowed in or out of school and all exterior school doors are locked</li> <li>Shelter in Place – similar to Hold &amp; Secure except doors are not locked, all classes that are outside must come inside</li> <li>Evacuation – all students to relocate to Oak Ridges P.S. or another available holding place</li> </ol>	
	Communication to parents during a lockdown  * during a real lockdown police would take over and board would communicate with parents and public through CEC – the board's communication department	* add lockdown procedures to volunteer package
	Check board's Policies and Guidelines on website for lockdown procedures	
	Volunteers in the school?	* Leon to inform volunteers on
	1 practice lockdown has occurred-school did very well including the primary grades	procedures
	in the spring there will be another lockdown	

### Growing Success - Anna

\* students will now receive 1 Progress Report and 2 Report Cards

November 11, 2010 – Progress Reports January – Term 1 Report Card June – Term II Report Card

#### Why the change?

Parents across the province found it difficult to understand the wording of report cards and found that November was too early to assign a grade

#### Page 1: Progress Report

- \* purpose of Progress Report is to communicate a student's development of the following learning skills and work habits:
  - 1. Responsibility
  - 2. Organization
  - 3. Independent Work
  - 4. Collaboration
  - 5. Initiative
  - 6. Self Regulation

7.

\* students will be assigned an excellent, good, satisfactory or needs improvement

## Page 2: Academic Progress

for each subject area, students will be assignment one of the following:

- 1. Progressing very well
- 2. Progressing well
- 3. Progressing with difficulty
- \* more information available on the Ministry Website

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on November 11 in the evening and during the day on November 12 (P.A. Day)

- \* teachers teaching students how to set goals
- \* assess throughout the unit to improve learning is "assessment for learning"
- \* "assessment of learning" is measured through tests, projects...
- \* student roles and responsibilities student's responsible for providing evidence of learning within a certain time frame
- \* New Policies for YRDSB

	* Late & Missed Assignments	
	* Cheating and Plagiarism	
	* self assessments are taking place in each class  * each child and teacher should be dialoguing over goals setting and achieving goals  * parent teacher interview is for parents <i>only</i> , unless the teacher has specified a student led conference. With only 10 to 15 minutes of interview time it is insufficient to bring student into discussions without prior preparation. If parents want to meet with teacher and student they should do so at an alternative time.	
	Can interviews be longer in duration?	No, due to Collective Bargaining Agreement
	* some teachers may choose to do student lead conferences but it is not mandated	
3.	Teacher's Report – Renee Laflamme	
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4.	Treasure's Report – Cindy No actual report due to the board bank account changes Sub and pizza deposit was 31,000.00 balance is 32,000	figures at next council meeting
	Sub/Pizza Cancellation and/or Change Policy Effective February 2011 there will be no money returned to parents wishing to cancel or change their sub/pizza order. Exceptional circumstances will be considered by the fundraising chairs on a case-by-case basis.	Voted and Passed
	Changes to be made to next year's form:  * ask parents to send in forms even if they have signed up on-line cancellation/change policy to be put on the form	
5.	PRO Grant – Corrie * received 1,000 to use towards Anti-bullying Campaign	
	Bullying Awareness Week – Nov 15-21 Possible presenters:  *www.kids4kids1.com – can present 3 separate assemblies to different age groups for about \$650. Was recommended by Beverly Acres PS, who will be booking this speaker again for their students.  *studies have shown that bringing in police can have a greater impact on the students instead of simply a speaker, depending on the officer	Corrie to email a list of possible speakers and if anyone has any others to add, please email Corrie

	*Prevnet- Dr. Peppler on sabbatical  Possibility of buying "Stand up to Bullying" wristbands @ .75 each –total for the school would be approx. \$562 to be funded by School Council	Corrie to contact Dr. Peppler's office to see if anyone else is available	
	Renee suggested that the wrist bands may only have a one day effect on students, others suggested that for some the wrist band may mean something powerful to them.		
6.	<u>Committees Review – Jen</u>		
	QUEST – Nov 17-19	Cindy, Jen & Jason to attend	
	Education Committee Carrie will make her best effort to provide a soft copy of the School Handbook by end of school year.	Carrie & Jason	
	Fundraising Committee  QSP- Profit to date 3,500 last year at this point profit was 5,000.  Last day is this Oct 29th, extra forms available in the office.		
	Communication Committee Karen and Rose put out first Council Newsletter and would like to start on School/School Council Website Leo started one last year Karen & Rose to manage website	Leo, Karen & Rose to discuss	
	November Newsletter Deadline:	Voted and passed	← Formatted: Bullets and Numbering
	Extra Curricular Committee Girls on the Run need Council to put up \$100 deposit to register our school money will be refunded		
	You're the Chef – to run again in the New Year. Elizabeth Marchand and Susan Saunders to volunteer.		
	Healthy Schools Karen applied for a grant to use towards getting the Town of Richmond Hill to come and teach children about gardening and planting students will each take home a small planting	moved to November	
	Fruit Basket in the main office empties every day Leo is receiving 340 apples for student distribution	meeting	
7.	<u>Constitution Review</u> <u>Upcoming School Activities – Jen</u>		

	Starr would like all information to be put on the board by November 9 <sup>th</sup> to	
	get it ready.	
	After Jen composes a list of all school events, she will send email to all	
	members to sign up for an event to "man" or "woman" the board	
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	Jen will "woman" the board on Parent Teacher Night	
8.	Playground	
	trees not warranted – 1 has died	
	invoice does not state any warranty policy	
	Benches need to be replaced	Julie and Mari
	Possible solutions:	will explore
	Rock with all donors name engraved, pathway with donors name and other	possibilities and quotes
	suggestions, please email Julie or Mari	quotes
	Jason, Cindy and Leon to email Julie or Mari regarding 'rock' contacts	
9.	New Business	
	Email Etiquette – if there is a problem with an item being discussed, please	
	email person directly and do not 'reply all'.	
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	November Council newsletter submissions by October 29 <sup>th</sup> .	