

Windham Ridge Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2011

Attendance: Jennifer, Deb, Liz, Corrie, Zoe, Star, Karen, Mari, Julie, Anna, Wendy, Carrie, Steve, Jason

Welcome

Teachers' Report

Anna

Next year's Grade 1 students at Kettle Lakes will belong to Windham Ridge. WR is responsible for academic requirements, not behavioral issues. There will be a budget transfer to Kettle Lakes from WR to offset the cost of these students.

Anna would like to send books recently purchased with council funds to Kettle Lakes for our students to use.

There are 4 classes of Grade 1s at Kettle Lakes and 4 Grade 1 classes at WR.

Volunteer breakfast will take place on June 24th – please send names of volunteers to Deb or Sandy – Star will send the list of volunteers that will be helping with Multicultural Day.

Restorative Practice – a board employee will be coming to school on Sept 1 to train teachers on this method

Conference on International Literacy

Excellent conference- one highlight included Goldie Hawn's foundation paid for the research which resulted in Mind Up curriculum

1. Teach kids about the brain
2. Brain breaks allows us to refocus
3. Being mindful, listen, speak, movement, incorporating all senses
4. journal writing

Teacher's Report

Anne-Marie

Track & Field Meet – this Wednesday rain date Thursday

Ran another successful book fair –sales to date \$5000

Healthy Schools Committee – Anahita Nepton went to an Anaphylaxis Awareness Conference and would like the cost of \$85 covered by Council.

Vote taken - 12 in favor

Treasurer's report

Cindy

See attached report

Wish Lists

Sky asked for the following:

1. Rhythm Sticks, keyboard and listening centre - (90+50+150)
\$290
2. Blastball & Activeball can be borrowed for 1 month at a time and we only have to pay shipping. Curling – we can have the teacher come in to teach our students how to curl 1 day @ \$150 – pay \$300 (get a cheque back for \$150) We may need 2 days depending on how many classes we want to do it
\$600

vote taken - 9 in favor

TOTAL: \$890

Other Wish Lists

Dan – \$2000

Smartboards – \$4500

Choir risers - \$17,888 looking into the cost of renting every year instead of purchasing

Ipads – \$1000

Smart boards – \$4500

Dig a French drain – (playground) - \$2000

1 oak tree to be replaced from approximately \$600 left from **tree fund** (this is over and above reserve of \$1,500)

Scoreboard – \$1500 or \$500 or plasma TV – with plexiglass installed in front

Anne-Marie – more laptops, not carts, perhaps assign 5 laptops per classroom

Corrie would like to do a Lego Club at lunch for Grades 1-3 if Lego is available

Council needs list before next meeting

Smart cameras

Teacher training for Tribes/Restorative practices

Training for lunch monitors – they are trained at the beginning of the year

Lunch interests/activities

Must teach kids how to play.....bring in people to show how to play at recess

Perhaps using the people that Sky brings in to also teach the kids at recess

Please submit any other requests to Jen and final decision will be made at the June Council meeting.

Restorative Practices Evening Workshop

Corrie

www.iirp.org

Workshop was very well received by parents and about 60 parents attended.

Cards were given out with the types of questions to ask student to help kids make better choices about their behaviors.

Restorative Practices helps students make things right and try to repair the relationship with person. RP tries to instill a sense of community and attempts to teach students about the impact their choices make not only for themselves but on others.

WR teachers will be trained from our board members – no charge for training
Restorative Practice is a shorter training than tribes 6 hours vs 24 hours for Tribes
It would be beneficial to have this Restorative Practice workshop again for new
Grade 1 parents in September.

Communication

Rose - New newsletter should be posted next week

Movie Fundraiser

Corrie

Aurora - Sunday June 12 (in morning) - movie to be discussed

\$500 for 2nd movie theatre with a different movie

Concession stand will be open

Tickets will be presold – price to be determined

Monday June 27th – new date for Multicultural Day Star

Need help Friday June 24th afterschool (rain or shine)

Let Star know if you can help

Star would like to have a final meeting on Wednesday May 26th and needs a grade
8 student for babysitting for 1 hour afterschool

Pizza for next year

Pizza House in No Frills plaza – they make pizzas for Bond Lake, Lake Wilcox, OLA,
and Oak Ridges PS.

Their pizzas comply with New regulations to be put in place for September 2011

Cost yet to be finalized – last year \$1.11 dominos and Pizza House \$1.50 per slice

Change the day to get in more pizza days, possible move pizza to Tuesday instead
of Monday

Grade 8 allocation is **50% of sub profits** (\$1,981) plus 6 babysitting @ \$25/night (\$150, assuming they are present for June meeting), total of \$2,131

Kettle Lakes – Connected Parenting Workshop

Jen

This would be good idea for pro grant for next year

School Council – in order to promote the cultural diversity in schools, an idea would be to get each culture to bring in a favorite book from their back ground. The books can be placed visibly in the library so each student can find a book they can relate to. Another idea to promote cultural diversity would be to list all significant cultural dates.

Looking for another volunteer to run You're the Chef for Grades 6-8 – for 3 weeks afterschool 2 hours from 4-5:30 – Jason volunteered

Reminder to all that there is a seminar at Beverley Acres on Monday night – teaching children to be independent