

Windham Ridge Parent Council

Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2011

Attendance:

Liz Novatsidis, Corrie McBain, Anamaria Stolea, Jen Bishop, Karen Sorbara, Elizabeth Marchard, Anne Mason, Leo Po, Gautam Malik, Carmen Simpson, Darya Goncharova, Tamara Houston, Steve Jeffrey, Julie Daniele, Jason Snaggs, Deb Little, Anna Landry, Deb Dollery, Deneena Davis, Kevin Braund

1. School Elections

- a. Co-Chairs - Liz and Corrie
- b. Secretary - Julie
- c. Treasurer - Carmen

For subcommittees breakdown see appendix.

*All council members must participate on a subcommittee.

*No more than 2 missed meetings per year allowed according to constitution

Detailed meeting norms included in appendix.

2. Restorative Practices-teaching emotions with the restorative practices-several teachers have incorporated the tree of reconciliation into their classrooms.

a. Peace & Playground PALs (Deneena)

- Student engagement and Leadership
- Developing a training module for students, only for minor incidents, staff will be assisting students to help during recess
- Explicit and Serious Training for students who have signed up
- Grades 6,7,8 Oct 5th first day of training, 2 teachers interested
- Pals set up tables for grade 3 lunches
- Lunch monitors- should have training

b. Play PALs (Kevin Braund)

- Group of trained students facilitating non-competitive games at recess.
- Designated volunteers will "recruit" kids, explain game and observe play to promote good sportsmanship
- Volunteer PALs will be identifiable by their pinnies
- Start with grade 3s, then 2s, then 1s
- Train the trainer model, where students will train their peers as they enter the volunteer program

Request for Funds

Training for Student PALs (for 20-21 students)	\$1,100
Pinnies (50 at \$5.50 per)	\$275
Staff 2 hour Training (for all ~50)	\$600
	\$1,975
Tax	\$256.75
Total	\$2,232

- Will affect two schools
- Requested that students from WRPS and new school (Beynon Fields) be selected
- Cost for total with tax (\$2,344 max.) **Vote taken – majority approved**

3. Skipping ropes, chalk, soccer balls where purchased for grade 1 “getting to know you program”.
 Total cost of **\$145.34** **vote taken-majority in favour**

4. Need a parent to coordinate collecting balls, games for indoor recess.

5. **Rainbows Program**

Following a death or divorce, this program to helps children to express in a healthy manner, open up and share what is going inside. 12 times once a week, put in groups according to situation and age, maturity level. Information goes to parents, 20 kids available 5 teachers, teachers may suggest students

- Put on school website
- Contact Kevin.braund@yrdsb.edu.on.ca for further questions

6. **Staff Luncheon Expense**

- Council provided coffee and light breakfast on Sept. 23rd to “welcome” teachers
- Cost \$195.00 **vote taken - unanimously approved**

7. **Future Meeting Dates:**

Thursday, October 27th
 Wednesday, November 30th
 Tuesday January 10th
 Thursday February 23rd
 Monday April 2nd
 Wednesday May 2
 Wednesday June 6th

8. **Items carried forward** to next meeting:

EQAO Results
 Assessment, Evaluation & Communication of Student Learning
 Constitution Review and Amendments

Education Committee

Chair: Anne Mason

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FUNCTION	TASKS	REPRESENTATIVE
PRO http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/p_arents/schools.html	Develop concept and submit proposal to Council for approval by February meeting. Submit grant to Ministry before due date (TBA, spring 2012)	Coordinator:
Education for council members	Organize, coordinate, Communicate workshops and conferences that will help school council members in their roles	Coordinator: Corrie McBain Liz Novatsidis
Parenting workshops and seminars	Organize, coordinate, Communicate workshops and conferences that may be of help to parents in the community	Coordinator: Anne Mason
Quest conference	Recruit members of school council to attend	Coordinator: Liz Novatsidis
Safe Schools	Work with administration to ensure our students have a safe and supportive learning environment	Coordinator: Nancy McCoubrey Corrie McBain

Resource (Fundraising) Committee

Chair: Jennifer Bishop

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Chair: Karen Sorbara

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FUNCTION	TASKS	REPRESENTATIVE
Fundraisers: QSP Hot Lunch programs (Kid's Kitchen, pizza) Movie Nights Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skating & tobogganing night • Movie events • Year end BBQ or Fair 	Organize events, collect money, prizes, count money	Coordinator: Christine Fraser Jen Bishop & Karen Sorbara
Volunteer Coordinator	Recruit, train and support volunteers. Establish and maintain volunteer database annually.	Coordinator: Jen Bishop & Karen Sorbara
Grants	Research and apply for eligible grants other than PRO.	Coordinator:

Communications Committee

Chair: _____

e-mail: _____

Voicemail Instructions (ext. 157)

1. From external number dial 905-773-5443.
2. At automated message dial 9157
3. Enter password, temporarily 1234.

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FUNCTION	TASKS	REPRESENTATIVE
Newsletters	Compose newsletter articles and submit to office for inclusion into school newsletter. Content must be 1 page .	Coordinator: Jen Bishop
Voice Mail	Pick up Council voice mails at least every 48 hours and pass on to appropriate person.	Coordinator: Karen Sorbara
Minutes	Post minutes to the web within 7 calendar days of Council meeting. Place a hard copy of minutes in the Parent Resource Binder located in the office.	Coordinator: Julie Daniele
Bulletin Board (black board)	Set-up at school functions and maintain current content. Coordinate volunteers to “man” the board for each event. Schedule to be determined in October for the year.	Coordinator: Gautam Malik
Grade 1 orientation	Organize volunteers for parent/student orientation	Coordinator: Rose Hatzissauvas

Student Program Committee

Chair: _____ e-mail: _____

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FUNCTION	TASKS	REPRESENTATIVE
Girls on the Run	Organize, coordinate, and recruit volunteers.	Coordinator: Elsa DiLuca
Robotics	Set up, register and assist in running of club for annual competition (gr. 4 – 8).	Coordinator: Corrie McBain
Mad Science	Coordinate with Mad Science, locating space and distributing flyers.	Coordinator: Darya Goncharova
You're the Chef	Organize and run 3 week program for grade 6 to 8 students	Coordinator: Jason Snaggs Deb Little
Primary LEGO Club	New initiative. Needs parts, coordination and assembly of volunteers.	Coordinator: Carmen Simpson
Primary Arts Program (lunch)	New program for lunchtime. Coordinate with vendor and distribute flyers.	Coordinator Corrie McBain
Healthy Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate programs to encourage healthy lifestyle (ie. Iwalk, eating healthy challenges) • Meet approximately once/month 	Coordinator: Anamaria Stolea

Expenditure Committee

Chair: Corrie McBain (Co-Chair)

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Chair: Liz Novatsidis (Co-Chair)

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This committee needs to include Chair and Treasurer.

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FUNCTION	TASKS	REPRESENTATIVE
Quick expense approval	Approval of expenditures required between meetings AND <i>not exceeding \$500.</i> Must report decisions at next Council meeting.	

NORMS OF WRPS COUNCIL MEETINGS

School Council meetings should be used as a time to discuss issues that support the School Plan for Continuous Improvement. Our time is limited; therefore using School Council meetings more effectively is crucial. We wish to continue using our meetings as a tool to support our learning to build unity.

Remembering the Tribes' Community Agreements (which we use in the school): **Attentive Listening, Appreciation/No Put Downs, Participation with the Right to Pass, and Mutual Respect**, here is a list of operative norms in effect at Oak Ridges:

- ❖ Agenda will be prepared before meetings and emailed to school council members.
- ❖ Meetings start on time and end on time.
- ❖ Decision-making is by vote – democratically – consensus when possible
- ❖ All differences of opinion are respected.
- ❖ Individual students, parents, and staff are not discussed.
- ❖ Be open minded and objective.
- ❖ Refer parent or student issues to the teacher or principal.