

**Windham Ridge Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2012**

2012 Council Members

Executive committee

Chair – Liz Novatsidis

Treasurer – Carmen Simpson

Secretary – Starr Mills

Expenditure

Liz Novatsidis

Carmen Simpson

Starr Mills

Karen Sobara

Communication

Karen Sobara

Fundraising

Adrienne Ambrozic & Steve Jeffrey/Rose Hatzissauvas

Volunteer

Mari Dunstan

Student Programs

Anne Mason

Citizenship

Jacqueline Faingold

Education

Amir Mirshahi (support Mari Dunstan, Adrienne Ambrozic)

2012/13 Council Meeting Dates

First Tuesday of each month:

Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, Apr. 2nd, May 7th, June 4th

Principal's Report

Overnight fieldtrip procedure 642.2

- Working Document currently under revision at YRDSB
- Overnight school trips less than five days will be affected (Grades 7&8)
- Twenty-three additional guidelines for principal as well as sixty-four new guidelines for teachers
- Considerations include equity of access, affordability, distance, religious or cultural, and behavioral
- Changes include no overnight trips after end of first week in June
- Council and school administration will consult to create list of criteria for student participation for trips as well as review trip options to be considered for grades seven and eight this school year
- School Superintendent supports three day, two night local trip for grade eight exclusively
- Grade seven will instead be considering one full day trip
- Any questions on procedure 642.2 should be forwarded to Alan Hoyle, YRDSB Operations Superintendent

ACTION ITEM: Veronique will discuss review dates with Alan Hoyle and report findings to council (Liz)

Curriculum Night at Windham Ridge

September 27, 2012

- Unanimously teachers voted not to attend this voluntary event
- Alternate arrangements have been made
- Veronique and Athena will be hosting a school open house for all parents and students
- Teachers have been encouraged to provide curriculum handouts for parents

ACTION ITEM: Mari and Karen to provide eight volunteers for this event

September 28 - Split grade classes are to be rearranged into full grade classes as part of class restructuring

Staff Wish List

- Provided by Veronique
- Input from all teachers collected
- This will be considered final document for 2012/13
- Arts request of \$6500.00 may be removed from list if expected "Arts Grant" is received in early November
- School budget will also be considered for some items

Treasurer Review

- Carmen provided council with financials and budget (estimated)
- Council currently holds a positive balance of \$14000.00

ACTION ITEM: Kelly will provide monthly expenditure report to Liz and Carmen

QSP

- Kicks-off September 25th
- Goal of \$50,000 in sales
- Profit last year was \$7800.00
- Rewards will be provided for participating students

EQAO

- Presented by Athena
- Results available at <http://www.eqao.com/results/>

ACTION ITEM: Veronique to provide grade 3/6 cohort document as well as boy vs. girl data in grade six reading

Constitution Review

- Will be moved to November meeting
- Discussion to add provision for number of council members
- When 2 or more people submit nomination forms above the 10, we will go to an election. If we receive 11, the 1 will be accepted for that term only.

Next Meeting – November 6th, 2012