



Windham Ridge Parent Advisory Council Minutes

February 5th 2013 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Windham Ridge P.S. Library

Present: Liz Novatsidis, Karen Sorbara, Carmen Simpson, Tanya Werbiski, Amir Mirshahi, Kelly Giesen, Mari Dunstan & Adrienne Ambrozic, Ann Mason, Rose Hatzissauvas & Tessara Dolphy, Athena Loopstra, Veronique O'Malley

Regrets: Starr Mills

	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Vote Results
1	Welcome & Appreciations	
2	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Overnight Trip Letter School Improvement Plan Feedback Report 	<p>The overnight trip letter is ready to go as soon as there is overnight trip planned. Veronique provided an update regarding a grade 8 day trip for graduation. More details to follow.</p> <p>School Improvement plan feedback – the plan will not alter as there were no strategic suggestions only suggestions on how we communicate.</p>
3	Treasurer	We have \$21, 575.25 available to spend
4	Updated Staff Wish List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply teacher request (\$120) ipad request (\$3500approx.) 	<p>120.00 approved for supply teacher - vote taken majority in favour</p> <p>Veronique asked for document camera & carts instead of Ipads right now (Ipads still on request) – total cost \$6,673 vote taken majority in favour \$14,902 left to spend</p> <p>Carnival is taking place February 28th - \$120.00 vote taken majority in favour for a supply teacher \$14,772.00 left to spend Council wants \$300.00 to spend on popcorn, hot chocolate, mini marshmallows & cups for 600 kids from kernels vote taken majority in favour \$14, 472.00 left to spend</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DONATE CUPS FOR HOT CHOCOLATE IF THEY HAVE</p>
5	Committee Updates Volunteer/Carnaval (Mari) Fundraising/Movie Morning & Pizza (Adrienne, Steve, Rose) Student Programs/Playball (Anne)	<p>Mari provided an update on volunteers for Carnaval. She has a spreadsheet for available volunteers. Still requires more help.</p> <p>Adrienne provided an update on the movie day. Flyers went out and we have not had a very good response. So far 42 attendants from WRPS and 16 from Beyon Fields Will send out another email to parents, there's a reminder in the school newsletter – need to find out if there's minimum amount to keep it going. Deadline is Monday, Feb 11 for parents to return forms.</p> <p>Anne provided an update on student programs and playball.</p>

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		<p>She provided an update on budget for each of the suggested program& group (handout attached). PLAYBALL is a progressive sports coaching program that encourages sport skills and teamwork in a fun and energetic environment.</p> <p>They can offer: 25 kids/session per classroom \$3,240 Council has 3 options: Option A – Council pays for 4 weeks Option B – Council pays for 4 weeks with option for parents to continue for an additional 4 or 6 weeks Option C – Parents pay in full</p> <p>A vote was taken to pay a deposit of \$1000 for playball – VOTE TAKEN MAJORITY IN FAVOUR</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Anne to draft a flyer for parents so we can gage interest in playball.</p> <p>\$13, 472 – left to spend</p> <p>Anne is requesting funds for different groups / ages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 1 – English - no money – donated books for various levels • Grade 4 - \$320 / 40 students for Art of Friendship • Grade 5 - \$132.10 – Games of strategy – council approved to pay 132.10 • Grade 6 - \$230.73 – Old is new again <p>Council approved \$300 to start Anne off with the groups. VOTE TAKEN MAJORITY IN FAVOUR ACTION ITEM: Anne to draft a flyer for parents – we need to gage interest for groups</p>
6	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO Grant – Dr. Sturdy report • PRO Grant Topics • Update on Public Education Town Hall meeting 	<p>Dr. Sturdy will speak for our parents on May 16th in the evening. – we need to pay a deposit which we have from the PRO Grant \$ 847.50. The topic to be discussed is parents support kids in French immersion with out French language skills.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Discuss the purchase of Refreshments with the balance of \$152.50 (April meeting)</p> <p>TOPICS for next year 2014 PRO GRANT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping kids deal with bullying • Developing a school culture of equity • Healthy Eating • Helping teens cope with mental issues approved
7	<p>New Business</p>	<p>Anne to research HIPHOP provider for the arts package Artist in residence</p>

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		School photopgrapher to be chosen