



Windham Ridge Parent Advisory Council Minutes

February 4, 2014 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Regrets: Karen Sorbara, Rose H.

	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Vote Results
1	Welcome & Appreciations	
2	Principal's Report (Veronique/Athena)	<p>The school will be selecting two parents to accompany Athena to the Parent Voice Symposium on <i>April 9, 2014</i>. Email blast (Athena) to be sent out by school looking for interested volunteers.</p> <p>Conference topics include: Family life, student confidence, Math</p> <p>Speaker: Anne Kidder "People for Education"</p> <p>Cell phone discussion: school is looking for parent input on the use of cell phones in our school in preparation for new school policy – currently different teacher approaches exist</p> <p>Parents and teachers both note the distractions caused during instruction time</p> <p>Often IEP can benefit from the use of cell phones under certain circumstances – effective use is good (Athena)</p> <p>We have to be careful not to stigmatize individual students (who have IEP's) in front of their peers when only specific pupils are able to use devices if there is an all out ban (Starr)</p> <p>Several parents voice their agreement that phones should be off at all times except under direct teacher/classroom supervision</p> <p>Administration notes cell phones should also be off at recess due to the uncontrolled nature of internet content</p> <p>Action Item: ALL send criteria for cell phone in school to Starr</p> <p>Carnevale Day: Fri. Feb. 21st Nancy Seguin will develop schedule for the day with parent volunteer help. All volunteers welcome to help out and Mary will send out email blast reminder</p> <p>Hot chocolate will be prepared and provided by Council – Starr to purchase – 7 vote in favour of \$200 budget</p>
3	Teacher's Report (Dan)	<p>Dan thanks council for music funds</p> <p>Considers alternate use for schoolyard – lets be more creative/inspiring with the use of our land. i.e. Outdoor classroom, soccer field, track, games, garden, friendship rock</p> <p>Planning services oversee all school plans</p> <p>Garden and rock are likely to be most successful. Plants, flowers and rock have been budgeted this year and are on order. (Veronique)</p> <p>Grade 7&8 to be more involved as leadership peers with younger students under Dan's supervision</p>
4	Treasurer's Report (Carmen)	<p>Staff wish list is complete and all has been approved now by council</p> <p>2nd term of pizza fundraising dollars is currently being collected and will be reported on in our April meeting</p>

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5	Committees	<p>ACTION: PARENTS Any volunteers looking to add their names to Volunteer email list should email Mary Dunstan mardunstan@bell.net</p> <p>LifeTouch school photographer has been selected. Rose will meet 2nd time to finalize paperwork.</p> <p>Amir is working on securing a speaker for our Pro Grant presentation this year. Mental Health Issues is our topic. Dr. Gordon was suggested as a possibility. CAMH will not be pursued on councils recommendations. YRDSB Psych Dept may have some ideas for Amir a well.</p> <p>You're the Chef will be up and running for grades this year with parent volunteers secured. \$800.00 has been secured for this event.</p>
6	New Business	<p>April Agenda –</p> <p>School Improvement Plan 2014/15</p> <p>ACTION Awaiting any submissions from notice sent out in January to parents regarding Council Fundraising input for 2014/15. We would need to replace at least \$12,000.00 worth of fundraising dollars</p> <p>**COPY**</p> <p>2014/15 SCHOOL FUNDRAISING</p> <p><i>Windham Ridge Parent Advisory Council Committee will soon be planning for our 2014/15 fundraising efforts.</i></p> <p><i>To help us prepare, we are soliciting parent input on fundraising ideas. Taking in to consideration our volunteer resources, we will generally choose to focus on two main fundraisers, one being Pizza lunches.</i></p> <p><i>Please forward any "researched ideas" with specific information (i.e. Company Bio., Contacts, detailed product information, pricing outline, <u>profit projections etc.</u>) to starmills@rogers.com, no later than March 31st for consideration and review by council on April 1st.</i></p> <p>Can grade 8's help out with second pizza day with profit shares going to their graduation fund? (Corrie)</p>