



# Windham Ridge Parent Advisory Council Minutes

October 2, 2013 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Regrets: none

	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Vote Results
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Appreciations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of meeting dates for 2013/14</li> <li>Fall School Council Forum Question Feedback <i>(At a networking sharing session attended by your family of School Councils, what is the number one question would you like asked/answered?)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Council agrees to amendment of agenda (at parent request) to provide 15 minutes for parent input regarding Grade 8 graduation trip 2014.</p> <p>Council meeting dates agreed upon as follows: <i>First Tuesday</i> of each month of <u>November</u>, <u>February</u>, <u>April</u>, <u>May</u>, and <u>June</u>.</p> <p>School Council Forum date: October 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>No questions at this time for FSCF</p>
	<p><b>CHAIR – LIZ NOVATSIDIS</b> <b>SECRETARY – STARR MILLS</b> <b>TREASURER – CARMEN SIMPSON</b></p> <p><b>EDUCATION</b> <b>AMIR MIRSHAHI</b></p> <p><b>FUNDRAISING</b> <b>ROSE HATZISSAUVAS</b> <b>KAREN SORBARA</b> <b>JASIM AMEERI</b></p> <p><b>STUDENT PROGRAMS</b> <b>SOLMAZ BARADAR</b></p> <p><b>VOLUNTEER</b> <b>MARI DUNSTAN</b></p>	<p><u>STUDENT PROGRAMS</u></p> <p>Solmaz introduced new ideas for consideration. \$500.00 budget for school year, 6 weeks per club</p> <p>Art Programs include: Clay, crafts, watercolour, Technical drawing, Paper mache, Mosaic art, Mix media, Graphics</p> <p>Veronique to send Solmaz parent (Anne Mason) information for Lego club coordination.</p> <p>Solmaz to follow up on information from Veronique regarding Magic Show information (York Region school references requested)</p> <p>You're the Chef requires a lead person. Grade 8 parents to be contacted regarding interest.</p> <p>No staff rep at this time for robotics.</p> <p><u>FUNDRAISING - PIZZA</u></p> <p>Parents have paid for 20 weeks of pizza but only 16 weeks were listed on paperwork. 1<sup>st</sup> term pizza will be extended to cover the 4 weeks already paid</p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM: Parents need to be informed of the extension in dates</b></p> <p>QSP – Profit \$2300 so far (Mary, Corrie, Vivian, Joanne)</p> <p>Mary requested \$70.24 for QSP tattoos. <b>10 vote YES in support, motion passed</b></p> <p>School is also accepting family donations in lieu of subscriptions</p> <p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>This year our Parent engagement presentation will be surrounding Coping with Mental Health and youth.</p>
3	<p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EQAO</li> <li>Wish list</li> </ul>	<p><u>EQAO</u></p> <p>-Results distributed to council, results are excellent</p> <p>-Our school will be concentrating this year on the "gender gap" as we are seeing girls outperforming boys on all fronts. Veronique and Athena will be working with a seven school committee aimed at</p>

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		<p>putting together an action plan.</p> <p><u>Staff</u>            -Veronique provided school extra-curricular list headed up by staff. Will be sent out to all parents by email this week. (Done)            -Parents would like to see clubs announced prior to start to help encourage participation.            -Staff "Wish list" distributed to council. Administration and Executive will prioritize the list and have council vote on items as needed.</p> <p><u>School Website</u>            -YRDSB has streamlined school websites with new design. School deadline is March and our school will complete by this November            -Maintenance will now be done at the school level.            -Council will be responsible for the following:            Membership information            Constitution            Meeting Dates            Agenda/Minutes            Fundraising  <b>ACTION: updates to Sandy no later than 1<sup>st</sup> week of November</b></p>
4	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Current balance \$12,000 (Carmen to take out \$4000 from Science in Class) for a new balance of \$16,000            We estimate profits to be \$31,500 this year. After allocated expenses we estimate a \$14,000 balance forward            Playball \$4000 held already            \$6000 paid programming may be reallocated (TBD)</p>
5	<b>Teacher's Report</b>	<p>Terry Fox run raised \$755.00 this year</p> <p>Aggie will be sending out a request to all parents for the following donations for school:            -Used iPods, costumes, etc.            -It was suggested all donations should be complete with all parts and in good working order. Bagged in clear Ziploc and labeled with all parts by family before sending in.</p>
6	<b>New Business</b>	<p><u>Parent Grade 8 trip input</u>            -Regarding the grade 8 trip last year it was noted by administration that the "purpose" of any trip was to be given consideration            -Last year there was extensive consultation with School Council regarding overnight trips            -A behavior contract was completed with council consult as well as Technology Agreement            -New School Board trip policy 642.2 was discussed last year with council</p> <p><b><i>Parents posed the question to our administration why has the "French component as the purpose" been removed from the Grade 8 overnight trip? Why were parents not consulted on location/purpose change per the principal's report done last year?</i></b>  <b><i>School Principal Veronique noted the following items were considered in choice trip/venue:</i></b>            -New board policy 642.2 adherence (this is the first year a trip has been planned under the new policy)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Overnight trip is the sole responsibility of the Principal in consultation with Staff. Parent input is then sought regarding, cost, timing and expectations.</li> <li>-“Health &amp; Safety” has become the most important component of any overnight trip. A controlled environment is needed to ensure student safety</li> <li>-Teachers must first agree to participate and abide by all responsibilities of 642.2 (41 item checklist) in order for a trip to be considered</li> <li>-With this leadership role comes great responsibility for the teachers</li> <li>-Teachers choose to participate on a voluntary basis</li> <li>-Staff will come up with proposed trip ideas and/or trip option</li> <li>-Our teachers felt the option they would be most comfortable with pursuing would be a Northern Retreat location rather than a city location and hotel where students would not have constant supervision</li> <li>-Northern retreat location would provide parent access to their child, within 2 hours, for whatever reason</li> <li>-Two locations were investigated by participating teachers and date was flexible</li> <li>-Parent/student budget was also given consideration with retreat being the more economical choice</li> <li>-Parent information night will follow in spring regarding venue particulars with representatives of chosen venue in attendance</li> <li>-Students have been positive about this venue and the overnight component with friends etc.</li> <li>-Spring may also include Grade 8 trip to Toronto for French Theatre and French restaurant outing</li> </ul>