



# Windham Ridge Parent Advisory Council Minutes

June 10, 2014 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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Attendance: Liz, Starr, Carmen, Amir, Kelly, Karen, Veronique, Athena, Aggie

Regrets: Mari

Guests: Corrie, Joanne, Mukesh, Steve, Ella, Julie,

	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Vote Results
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal profile review</li> <li>Consult on minutes amendment (May)</li> </ul>	<p>Principal profile for review. Comments include addition of “consideration of male representation within the administrative team when possible.” <i>5 in-favour, 2 abstain-motion passed to include revision</i></p> <p>Request forwarded for one revision in May minutes. <i>5 in-favour, 2 abstain-motion passed</i></p>
2	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	Next years draft budget is presented by Carmen
3	<b>Principal’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Vice Principal</li> <li>Grade 8 grad trip</li> <li>School rewards list</li> <li>Forecast of optional expenses for parents 2014/15</li> </ul>	<p>New VP hire – Douglas Chester from TDSB</p> <p>23 of 60+ grade 8’s students responded to poll regarding grade 8 overnight trip. 12 would go again, 8 would consider and 3 would not. Highlights included Zip lining and team building. More student input/feedback would be ideal in gauging feasibility for next year. <i>Athena will follow-up with teachers</i></p> <p>French component in trip would be welcome by parents</p> <p>Optional expenses for parents in 2014/15 list is being compiled by the Admin team, which may be published at the beginning of September as an FYI to all parents. Guidelines included a \$50 Maximum per year for student field trips. Question: How much money has the grade 8 class raised this year? How much has school raised? Where are funds allocated? Need to create information for next year. (ie. milk program, graduation, cookies etc)</p> <p>Rewards this year: Award Certificate presentations– 3 times per year Pencil for Birthday Ribbons for teams Math contest certificate QSP key chain incentive Year end celebration treat</p> <p>Classrooms: Grade 1 – positive reinforcement Primary grades 2/3 - Half use incentive, half deterrent Junior grades – mix of both as well as recognition rewards for classroom effort Senior – Detention</p> <p>It should be noted approach varies from year to year depending on classroom mix Can restorative practices be used instead? Some staff are trained formally; most are using</p> <p>Our school office will be running a board pilot program for CASHNET online payment system starting this September. How much will this (if any) cost the school? <i>Kelly will followup</i></p>
4	<b>Teacher’s Report</b>	
5	<b>Committee Updates</b> Education – Presentation response (Amir)	Allison Schaeffer was a success as reviewed by parent attendees. Thank you Amir!

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	Fundraising (Rose, Karen) Volunteer (Mari)	
6	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lice checks</li> <li>• Yearbook for next year</li> <li>• Use of Technology in the Classroom (Joanne)</li> <li>• Art mural</li> </ul>	<p>In light of recent parent concerns over lice in our school this year council has decided to book a lice check for this September. <i>7-vote in favour-motion passed</i>  <b>Kelly will book</b></p> <p>Julie has graciously volunteered (with parent help) to publish a student yearbook next year and will start to explore vendors. Thank you Julie!</p> <p>Joanne brought an art sample for viewing as a possibility for next year's mural. Thank you Joanne!</p> <p>Joanne (parent/O.T.) presents to parents use of technology in the classroom and its effects on student learning. Focusing on the importance of solid handwriting skills for fine motor skills and brain development before technology is introduced.</p>