

Parent Attendees: Bahia Zitouni, Corinne Szulansky, Bob Arora, Kim Sparks, Chris Vaughn, Praveen Arora, Shakufe Virani, Ilana Keyes, Brooke Jacobs, Cristina Ilas, Nicole Zeni, Pan Yan, Nancy Kropman?

Staff Attendees: Nereo Bonomo (Principal), Pamela Cytrynbaum, Sharon Tsui

Location / Time: Staff Room, 7pm

Topic	Speaker	Discussions /Actions
Welcome	Shakufe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:05 meeting commencement <p>September meeting minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were reviewed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minutes approval motioned by Bob, seconded by Chris
Administrator's Report	Nereo	<p>Truth and Reconciliation</p> <p>Interview night:</p> <p>Nereo spoke with many parents on the night of parent-teacher interviews. Good data-gathering. Questions from parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: How will cannabis education be taught within the curriculum? ○ A: There are decision-making frameworks in the current curriculum on making informed decisions, and not giving into pressures. ○ Q: Parents were asking about kids getting books in both English and French from the school library. A: Nereo will review this with staff. <p>Reflections and ideas for future parent-teacher interview nights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The importance of communication happening before the progress report. Regular communication between teacher and parents is necessary. ○ Student participation would make the interviews more impactful. However, we must also be mindful of children with anxiety issues and how these children would react when invited to participate in the teacher-parent interview. ○ If the parent has concerns that can't be discussed in front of the child; it is suggested to have a further session, after the teacher-parent interview to discuss those concerns ○ Council should consider having tablets set up to get parent feedback ○ We received positive responses on our new cell phone policy

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		<p>SIPSA work</p> <p>Woodland student population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall, Woodland students are very vocal and articulate. Social. ○ More than 30% of students speak more than English at home. ○ Our students have a lot of background knowledge. ○ Our students are motivated by marks. Feedback without a mark is less desired by the students? ○ Our students are very compliant. ○ Our students are very active in extra curriculum activities. ○ Thornlea SS staff feedback - 12 clubs created by Woodland kids in the last 5 years. The kids are known there for their leadership and initiative. ○ More information about activities and clubs might be needed ○ We are currently finding (in our classroom observations) that students need to be more patient with problem-solving. When they are asked to work in groups they can't focus on one task. Teachers are currently focusing on developing teaching strategies to teach and help students focus when collaborating and building patience when problem-solving. ○ It is important for students to learn (through problem-solving) how to deal with different personalities and how to work collaboratively ○ EQAO- math scores were lower than language. 18 students did not achieve the provincial standard, 11 out of the 18 students were females. The EQAO survey - the girls said that they didn't feel they were good in math. Self-esteem issues related to math - need to get the girls to be more comfortable with math, what are we doing as a school for that? The current Grade 7 math teachers are planning math lessons and tasks with this question as a focus. ○ Next-step: Math night should include activities geared toward girls
Teacher's Report	Pamela Cytrynbaum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boys have done really well in volleyball • Thornlea SS volleyball team has 5 students from Woodland PS! • Many activities on the go: e.g. Chess club, diversity club, library club, yearbook club, eco-warriors. • Game night was a success despite the bad weather. The students are asking for another one.
Treasurer's Report	Bob and Nereo	<p>Suggestions for council support for purchasing items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebooks, maker-space kits, doc cameras

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wobbly chairs (4) • Schools are allowed to purchase furniture through council funds other than classroom furniture; therefore Nereo is asking council to support the purchase of furniture for the library improvement. • Bulletin boards for hallways • Re-spraying of the gym curtain must be paid through the school's operating budget. Council funds cannot be used for this purpose. • Motion to proceed to spend 5000 CAD cost sharing - technology budget allocated by school council. • Supporting expenditure from the council for 4 wobbly chairs - 406,57 CAD. Corinne motioned to proceed, seconded by Bahia • Supporting expenditure from the council for - 180 CAD for Music Alive. Ilana motioned to proceed, seconded by Kim <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bob and Nereo will continue the conversation regarding the fund availability for the suggested purchases</i> • <i>Need Bob to reformulate some of the budget categories. Should include art, digital art, etc. More detail about the categories (e.g. learning)</i> • <i>Principal Nereo Bonomo to provide more detail about the furniture at the next council meeting</i>
Coding Club & PRO Grant Updates	Bahia	<p>Coding Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bahia thanking teachers and student volunteers • Kids are learning how to use microbits. Brought 10 Microbits at the club- you can use to control your phone. • Coding Club participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 16 students for grade 7 and 8 ○ 10 students for grade 4, 5 and 6 ○ Mostly girls • For the third session the grades will be combined • The focus of the club is to learn how to learn, have patience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEAM night - include code club in it

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corinne, Brooke, Nicole, Bahia - volunteering for STEAM night <p>ACTION: Include in the next meeting agenda - brainstorm ideas about courses and programs for math/coding/developing financial literacy etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some ideas in this meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to invite Junior Achievement in the classroom. Mme Cytrynbaum used/invited them in the past. Shakule is suggesting a leadership course Hachergals (suggested by Ilana) Bringing people in from gaming industry (Kim) How can we participate in the Science Fair? (Bahia) Khan Academy
Fundraising Committee Update	Brooke and Kim	<p>Game Night Update (Brooke)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Game night was a success despite the bad weather. "Low cost- high return" event Playing the "long form" games was ok The math room was not very popular Coding room was popular Expenditures - the food was bought. Leftover popcorn, juice and water will be used at future events
Communications	Ilana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ilana - Creating a Communication Plan for the year, will share with the Council for feedback Discussions around modes of communication - ideas: flyer on website, email can be sent through the school secretary, video blast, newsletter Principal Bonomo is waiting for a new communication template from the board Principal could send some examples of communication to the sub-committee Ask for donations through the communication
New Business	Shakufe	<p>Council Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session on value through the classics, but should rethink what to read. Expose students to some of the classics, but also combine them with more modern works Blanket activity - hands-on activity to go through the history of first nations in Canada. The activity walks the participants through oppression, exposure to new illnesses, children being taken away, space taken away. One parent shared that "Diversity is being invited to the party, inclusion is being invited to dance"

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Adjournment	Shakufe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="865 391 1220 418">• Next meeting: January 9th.<li data-bbox="865 418 1276 446">• Meeting was adjourned at 8:05