

WOODLAND P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mon Jun 4, 2018 7:00pm – 8:30 pm

School Library

ATTENDEES:

Parents: Sheila Zahraei (Chair), Bob Arora (Treasurer), Jyoti Parmar (Secretary), Stephanie Bell, Brooke Jacobs, Kim Sparks, Joanne Spillman, Corinne Szulansky, Chris Vaughan (Community member), Bahia Zitouni

School Administration and Staff: Tonya Vokey-Young (Principal)

Student Council Updates, Aida and Julia

- Grade 8s went to Montreal May 29-31; trip was a successful one, enjoyed by students
- Fundraising was done throughout the year to cover cost for those grade 8 students who needed financial aid; fundraising was done by selling cookies & grad hoodies; proceeds from milk sales also went to fund grade 8 trip
- The Grade 8s are planning the annual play date which will involve outdoor activities weather permitting
- Grade 8's used fundraising money to give balls to each class for outdoor recess use

Meeting Minutes

- **April** meeting minutes were approved (Motioned by Sheila Zahraei, Seconded by Joanne Spillman)

Treasurer's Report

- Bob Arora presented the Treasurer's report. Please refer to Appendix A.
- Suggestion for next year - allocate funds to categories for spending instead of discussing whether or not to fund individual items
- Tarmac was to be painted on May 11 but was postponed by painter; date still to be decided but will be completed before the end of year
- Discussed spending for 2018/19:
 - Outdoor benches/picnic tables - suggested by the school Health and Wellness team
 - Large fixed umbrellas to provide shade
 - Update playground

ACTION: Principal Vokey-Young to ask playground company re: suggestions to update it

ACTION: Principal Vokey-Young to investigate costs associated with above suggestions

Principal's Update

- Montreal trip – Grade 8s went May 29-31
- Grade 7 immunizations completed
- Arts Nights were held May 22, 23
- Enrichment band
- EQAO (Grade 6's) completed
- Wonderland trip – grade 8's went on May 15
- Track and Field
- Badminton Tournament

- Jump rope for heart raised \$692
- Electric moon performance was done
- Hip Hop
- Tarmac painting cost = \$750.00 (taxes incl.)
- Track and Field Ribbons = 664. 89
- For the line marker + 75.00 for a case of 12 paint cans = So, \$265.54 after tax.
- Cost per yearbook is \$25.75. In order to keep cost at \$25.00 per yearbook school council will give \$150 (estimate the number of books sold to be 200 so cost to school council would be approximately \$150.00)
- Library is not set up for modern learning - Library firm is putting together a plan to modernize space and add maker space. An extra \$5000 will be given to school by West Region Superintendents for modernizing the library
- Mme Avram & Tsui will be revamping library and creating a Makerspace. They will come to school council to share vision
- Staffing update:
 - Mr. Mallin for Mme Moussay
 - Mme Lipkowitz for Mme Campbell
 - Mr. Baldesarra left June 1
 - Mme Cytrynbaum will return June 11

Coming up in June:

- Skills Ontario for intermediates – June 11
- Jr Track and Field – June 12
- Int Track and Field – June 13
- Regional Track and Field – June 19
- Volunteer Breakfast – June 14
- Grade 3 visit from YH on June 18
- Family Fun Fair – June 20
- Talent Show – June 25
- Reports go home – June 26
- Graduation at 4:30 June 27
- June 28 – early release at 11:10

Coding Club Update, Bahia Zitouni

- Students really enjoyed coding club
- Students are very interested and want more challenges
- For next year – Bahia wants to intro more activities like Makey Makey & robotics
- Bahia suggested participating in the YRDSB robotics challenge; to participate a teacher volunteer is required and either purchase a kit or a kit may be donated

Parent Reaching Out/PRO Grant, Bahia Zitouni

- Suggestion for PRO Grant 2018/19 is to have a Community makerspace family night for parents and kids to participate together
- School Council agreed to go ahead with makerspace night for pro grant
ACTION: Bahia to complete PRO grant application by deadline – June 5,2018

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

- Decided on date for teacher appreciation lunch - June 21
ACTION: Sheila Zahraei will email School Council members to request food donations for potluck lunch
- Kim Sparks volunteered to organize it
- Need to know how many teachers, staff & caretakers will attend

Fundraising updates

Fun Fair, Bob Arora

- Bulk of preparation for fun fair is done
- Silent auction catalogue is online
- Winner of early bird draw was drawn and will be emailed to school community
- Date of Woodland Fun Fair 2019 - June 13 (tentative)
- Targeted emails to grade 4 & 5s needed to attract parent volunteers

Pizza, Brooke Jacobs

- Suggested moving pizza days to Wednesdays in order to make more \$ from pizza which is currently on Fridays. Since there are a lot of PA days and holidays on Fridays this revenue is currently lost
- School council agreed to change Pizza days from Fridays to Wednesdays

Other business

- Some parents on school council are not returning as they will no longer have children at Woodland PS
- Discussed how to attract more parents to join school council for 2018/19 school year:
 - Make 1st meeting more welcoming, offer food
 - Current members could bring a friend to council
 - Ice breaker exercise to get to know each other
 - Interpreter can be hired if language is a barrier to attend
 - Separate email could be sent out to promote school council

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next SC meeting: Monday, Sep 17, 2018