

**West St. Paul
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Feb 11th, 2014**

Attendance:

Cathy Horbas, Kim Winzoski, April Bertrand, Cheryl Rafur, Don & Shannon Petrie, Wendy Nachtigall, Audrey Balgobin, Carrie Tanchak, Pearl Tomchuk, David Ingram, Lisa Davis, Deb Glatz, Shanon Poloway, Crystal Spence, Bryan Buchatter, Donna Sokol

Greetings and Call to Order:

Pearl Tomchuk at 7:05p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion made by Shauna Poloway, 2nd by Crystal Spence, Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from November 5th, 2013:

Motion made by Wendy Nachtigall 2nd by Crystal Spence. Motion carried.

Presentation: Life Touch

- Mark/Gwen and Melody from Life Touch attended meeting to present information on school pictures and upcoming changes to products offered
- A new program they will be offering in upcoming year:
 - Background replacement when ordering on line.
- Continued services
 - on-line ordering
 - photo quality proofs
 - ID photos
 - Life Touch has partnered with Canadian Center for Child Protection and sponsors the FIND ME app (allows you to take picture of your child and if child lost pictures would be uploaded and sent to police immediately after activation of emergency response)
- Each child receives a free class photo, packages are customizable
- Entry level 1 8x10 or 2 5x7 are \$11.00
- \$10.00 late fee does not apply to on line orders.
- Products are 100% guaranteed and if you are unhappy with pictures once you receive they will take the pictures back, continue to offer retake option
- Currently family discounts still need to be ordered in paper format.

Administrative Report:

- The PAC tab is up on the web site. Do you want us to add an email contact?
 - Cathy and Dave to look into if we can have PAC email address through Seven Oaks Division
- We ordered samples of WOW butter. We had hoped to have samples for you to try for tonight. We will be continuing to work on nut free alternatives.
- Parent teacher conference scheduling will be done on line. Our lovely assistant Kim Winzoski will demonstrate.
- Divisional pow wow for all graduates will be held at West Kildonan Collegiate this year. This is a community event that everyone is welcome to.
 - Thursday June 5 @ 4:30 and into the evening.
- We are very busy with :
 - I love to read month.
 - 2 new things to us are: every day one class is guest readers in other class. It's sometimes hard to tell whose more nervous reading to the grade 8sthe little ones or the other grade 8s.
 - Tomorrow 2 students from each class are going to middle church home to read. They are also taking valentines for each resident. Each resident will receive 15 - 20 valentines
 - Next week there are three different opportunities for our grade 8 students to transition to grade 9.
 - West Kildonan and Garden City are doing open houses as well as information sessions for families.
 - Teams of students are coming to do classroom presentations.
 - Registration for grade 9 is the first week of March.
- We are preparing to welcome our new kindergarten families beginning February 24.
- Middle years activity days are Thursday and Friday. Excitement is high!
- Our artist in the school, Elliot Walsh, is about half way through his residency. He is doing a great job of engaging the students in the poetry of rap and means of recording.
- Manitoba theatre for young people will be here in March to present Nite Light a play for K-6.
- We hosted an amazing professional development day on February 3.
 - We had teachers from 7 Unesco schools here for the full day. We all participated in a powerful aboriginal historical simulation in the morning and did grade group sharing about where the UNESCO goals for into curriculum and what ideas that teachers are using in their classrooms.
- RCMP will be doing safety presentations K -4: dare program for grade 5, Internet safety for middle school. They will also be participating in the day of pink on April 9.
 - We are registered to participate in the national Day of Pink. We have speakers booked for that day.

Financial Report:

- Financial report provided balance 13371.40 (Feb 4/14)
- QSP invoice has been settled, profit around \$4000.00 a 3.8% decrease from last year
- Sharon will verify balance with QSP now \$0.00
- Suggestion made that when funding requests made discussion may occur but the vote on approval/denial of funding should be held at the next meeting to allow for reflection on request if required.
- **Motion made** by Don Petrie and 2nd by Shauna Poloway to dedicate \$10000.00 as initial monies for 1st phase of Play Space development. Discussion occurred and motion passed.
- **Motion made** by Wendy Nachtigall and 2nd by Kim Winzoski to fund Red Cross Babysitting course for the Grade 6 students (55 kids) at \$20.00 per student. Discussion occurred, motion passed
- **Motion made** by Pearl Tomchuk and 2nd by April Bertrand to not fund the Artist in the School 2nd week. Discussion occurred and motion passed

Hot Lunch:

- Hot lunches to begin tomorrow (Feb 12/14)
- Continuing to look at alternate lunch providers for next year
- Kim purchased 20 bins at \$3.00 each to deliver food to classroom, receipt to be submitted to Don for reimbursement

Fundraising:

- Looking for volunteer for booking tables at craft sale for next year

QSP:

- Noted that online orders are ongoing and continue to be collected throughout the year if someone places an order using West St Paul's code
 - Email to go out mid-year as reminder to families that orders can still be placed.

Play Space Report:

- Two 3rd year architect student will begin working with kids visioning what space may look like.
- Subcommittee (Kathy, Crystal, Lisa, Jamie Carpenter, Shelley Torres and Leanne Yoe) to work on funding applications.
- Meeting: Natural Summit on Feb 13/
 - Crystal, Lisa, Jamie, Don and Shelley planning to attend and will report back at next meeting.

Round Table:

- Suggestion made that PAC have a “blurb “in the March newsletter announcing \$10000.00 allocated towards the Play Space through Hot Lunches, QSP and Craft Sale fundraising activities. Also to thank volunteers for time contributed and put a call out for new PAC members.

Next Meeting:

- **March 11, 2014** with child care provided.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Donna Sokol and 2nd Shauna Poloway to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. – motion carried.