

West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Attendance:

David Ingram, Faygee Hecht, Carrie Tanchak, Sapna Hees, Tanya Kohut, Kim Winzowski, Lisa Whiteside

Call to Order and Greetings:

Meeting called to order by Carrie Tanchak at 7:06 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion made to accept the agenda by Sapna Hees, and seconded by Faygee Hecht.
Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from January 15, 2019:

Motion made to accept the minutes by Faygee Hecht and seconded by Sapna Hees.
Motion carried.

New Business

- Presentation by Ryan Smithson, WSP Phys Ed teacher
- As part of Smithson's Master's work, he is looking at the need for infrastructure and education around active transportation in WSP.
- Guest speaker – Sean from the Green Action Centre. This group does research and advocacy work to promote active transportation.
 - o They created the Active & Safe Routes to School initiative in Manitoba because there is no provincial funding to support this, unlike other provinces.
 - o There has been a generational shift: there is much less freedom for kids nowadays.
 - o ParticipACTION has now started providing report cards again about Canadians' levels of exercise. They have found that active play and leisure is needed and not often the norm. There is also a protection paradox - the biggest risk is keeping kids indoors.
 - o OutsidePlay.ca → website dedicated to deal with parents' fears, etc.

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- “National Public Health has set a goal to destigmatize outdoor play” (1.4 - government document)
- Active & Safe Routes to School in Manitoba – to help promote the need to increase active transportation to and from school
- Bike, Walk, Roll survey – helps collect data
- Seven Oaks Division is a real champion for this type of active transportation
- Some easy ways to get started:
 - mapping is good to see the data
 - a parent survey is helpful and it’s important to get the conversation going
 - “Park and Stride” program/ Drive to Five program - drop off students about 5 minutes down the road to reduce congestion and get people started on more active transportation
- other ideas:
 - Polar Bear Club – reframe what it means to be “too cold”
 - Jack Frost Challenge
 - Walktober
 - Let Grow program – program that encourages students to ask their parents to let them try something they haven’t done before.
 - Look at infrastructure
- West St Paul ideas
 - encourage biking in May/ June – possibly have adult supervisors/ bike racks/ bike cage?
 - Drive to 5
 - bike safety/ outdoor ed/ increase ideas for active transportation through Phys ed.
 - Meet with CAO/ Mayor, etc. – “all roads lead to WSP”
 - Google maps – get the trails listed on there.... (Smithson working on that)
- Sean is available to answer any questions - sean@greenactioncentre.ca

Administrative Report:

- David Ingram met with Wayne Polaway – speed sign and trails
 - talked to the RCMP – good idea (but don’t do solar signs)
 - need to talk to Highways dept – too much signage already? They can look into that
- staffing for next year/ class configurations – starting to plan that
 - Kindergarten Open House was well attended
 - multiage classes are going well and there will be more (2 grades together)
- Teacher Talk Time – K–5 teachers have time to talk about numeracy and literacy (3 days)
 - There were amazing conversations that happened
 - middle years were also part of this (given release time)

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- focus is on Literacy/ reading & numeracy, with Neil Dempsey (U of W) – as an expert coming in to work on numeracies (developing numeracy kits, etc.) - the staff will continue working with Dempsey

Executive Reports:

Chair:

- No report.

Vice Chair:

- No report.

Past Chair:

- No report.

Financial Report:

- Updated financial report available
- \$8200 profit at craft sale – up from last year
- We have been putting money into recruiting new people, but that doesn't seem to be working – we need to think what else can be done
- We have money to be spent
 - Does the school need something?
 - Bike cages?

Motion made to accept the agenda by Kim Winzoski, and seconded by Sapna Hees.
Motion carried.

Fundraising: Craft Sale

- Nothing new to discuss.
- Date is reserved for next year.
- Carrie has started to inquire about the permit and chair/ table rentals.

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Fundraising: QSP

- \$2012 raised through QSP – cookie dough was big; online for magazines was pretty good as well
- cookie dough went much smoother this year - the only glitch was that the gifts came in at a separate time

Hot Lunch:

- Pita Pit – the Feb. 6 date didn't happen because Pit Pita had technical difficulties and couldn't get us the order forms in time
- March 6 date – forms went out today to kids
- Freshii – has also made a proposal for lunches? We can look into that.

Play Space Report:

- Shelter belt – David has a Power Point – we will see it next time
- There is a guy within the **East Interlake Conservation District - EICD** that might be able to help us with our shelter belt- he may be able to come and talk with us at a future PAC meeting.
- Need to get professional drawings done in order to contract construction work to be done in our play space. (it's going to be a % of our total cost)
- Teachers are talking to students about what they want to see created in the playground.
- Reviewed Carrie's updated summary of commitments
- We have about \$14 000 to work with
 - How much goes to the Play Space? What needs to be done? Where do we go from here?
 - We can take that amount and double it through grants, etc.
 - Taylor Bishop (through Evergreen) – works through the division; we can look at whether or not Bishop can help us

Ongoing Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

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Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Kim Winzoski and 2nd by Sapna Hees to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 5th 2019 @ 7pm with child care provided.