

**West St. Paul
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Jan 14th, 2014**

Attendance:

Cathy Horbas, Kim Winzski, April Bertrand, Sharon, Church, Cheryl Rafur, Don & Shannon Petrie, Alice Darchuk, Elana Spence, Wendy Nachtigall, Audrey Balgobin, Carrie Tanchak, Pearl Tomchuk, Carrie Azaransky, Dana Myrowich, Patricia Schur, David Ingram, Donna Sokal, Martina Gornik-Marion, Lisa Davis, Deb Glatz, Shanon Poloway

Greetings and Call to Order:

Elana Spence at 7:05p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion made by Lisa Davis, 2nd by Pearl Tomchuk, Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from November 5th, 2013:

Motion made by Carrie Azaransky 2nd by Wendy Nachtigall. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

- Classroom moves are complete.
 - Several things remain to be finished.
 - Locks and door handles, finishing off the stairs.
- Lockers for Mr. Holmes class. Mr. Holmes will decide.
- We day
- Tap club performed at Holiday Celebration
- Allergy alert ongoing concern
- Koats for Kids being collected
- Reporting/assessments will be done on Parent Connect for March.
 - It will not be printed at school. You will be able to view on-line and print if you want to.
- We are also looking at on-line parent conferences booking.
 - This means that parents will go on-line, will see what is available and book your appointment accordingly.
- Vision screening/hearing screening upcoming
- 8 volleyball teams grades 6-8.
- Grades 4 & 5 handball intramurals and mini volleyball.
- We are still waiting for the powers that be to see who is going to pay for the power to our sign. The sign was budgeted for; the fact that it was going to need some new electricity to it was not.
- RCMP will be running DARE program with grade 5 students.

- We will be hosting UNESCO Schools conference on Feb 3/14 staff from Brock Corydon, Niji Maakwa, Beausejour Elementary, Onanole, St Emile and West St Paul will be in attendance
- This is a very busy time of professional development for teachers topics being covered in the next several weeks are: Aboriginal Literature, Number Sense, Assessment in Reading, Treaty Education, Dollar and Sense Math, Inclusive Education
- We have designated two washrooms as gender neutral washrooms. We are also looking at reallocating space in change rooms to accommodate some privacy within the change room setting for those who need it.
- We are also trying out a system of keeping warm if there are fire drills, or a real fire. This system is in place at Lockport Junior High. Mr. Jeremy went to see how it works and accordingly, we have purchased material for one tarp trial purposes. We expect the cost to be about \$1500. If we like the system a funding request may be made to PAC.
 - Mr. Robertson's class will be trialing.
- Request for funding to pay for bussing to Middle Years Camp in the amount of \$900 made.
 - Motion made by Pearl Tomchuk and 2nd by Deb Glatz to allocate \$900 to pay Middle Years bussing to camp. Motion passed.
- **Presentation** made by Patricia Schur for funding to purchase Banners for Remembrance Day Wreaths.
 - Motion made by Wendy Nachtigall and 2nd by Alice Darchuk for PAC to fund purchase of banners in the amount of \$200. Motion passed.
- Inquiry made if PAC will be sponsoring Red Cross Babysitting Course this year.
 - Discussion occurred and motion made to defer to next meeting.
- School has funding Artist in the Schools Elliot Walsh (grade 3-8) for two weeks and request was made for PAC to sponsor additional 2 weeks (\$1000)
 - Discussion occurred and motion made to defer to next meeting.

Financial Report:

- Financial report provided
- Don Petrie reported a 6% increase in overall profit from craft sale compared to 2012

Hot Lunch:

- Kim Winzoki and Deb Glatz are meeting with Naleway Jan 15/14
 - Request made to have ingredient lists for meals if possible for families who deal with allergies or other dietary restrictions.

Fundraising:

- 25th Annual Craft Sale was November 17/13
- Successful even with weather challenges
- Changes this year included:

- Kids area
- \$5 fee from crafters towards grand prize (silent auction)
- Photo with Santa
- Yanina Eberhard has announced that she will be stepping down from Coordinating Crafters (table rentals) therefore we have a need for volunteer to take this on.

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 next week with kids visioning what space may look like.
- Subcommittee (Kathy, Crystal, Lisa, Jamie and Leanne) to work on funding applications.
- Meeting: Natural Summit on Feb 13/14 topic is Natural Playgrounds
 - Bob McIntosh from OV Jewitt
- Need to start funding process discussed
 - Motion made by Don Petrie and 2nd by Wendy Nachtigall for PAC to compose letter requesting startup funding for play space from Seven Oaks School Board. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Wendy Nachtigall and 2nd by Don Petrie for PAC to compose letter requesting startup funding for play space from Municipality of West St Paul. Motion carried.
 - Lisa Davis to compose letters. PAC to review before sending.

Round Table:

- Motion made by Elena Spence and 2nd by April Bertrand to have PAC to have a tab added to School website. Motion passed

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

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