

West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Attendance:

David Ingram, Crystal Spence, Carrie Tanchak, Cheryl Rajfur, Alice Darchuk, Lisa Davis, Sapna Hees, Tanya Kohut, Elana Spence, Parminder Mann, Kim Winzoski, Lisa Whiteside

Call to Order and Greetings:

Meeting called to order by Carrie Tanchak at 7:04 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda:

An amendment to the agenda was made. Kevin Rempel, discussing the MET school, was added to the agenda.

Motion made to accept the agenda, with amendment, by Elana Spence, and seconded by Crystal Spence. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from November 13, 2018:

Motion made to accept the minutes by Crystal Spence and seconded by Alice Darchuk. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

- Kevin Rempel was added to the administrative report. Kevin let us know about the MET school.
 - Feb. 27th – Open House at the MET school building (across from Garden City).
 - MET school is set up so that there is one advisor that follows a smaller group of students through their high school career. There are classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and internships on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - There is a focus on the three “Rs” – relationships (small numbers), relevance (internships based on motivation), and rigor (challenge; student-based projects based on interests/ passions).

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- Any Grade 8s interested in applying to MET should come to the Open House for more information.

- David Ingram – Principal’s Report
 - Matt Henderson is now our liaison superintendent for the West Kildonan family of schools.
 - Staff changes – two staff members have returned from maternity leave, teacher Stacey Jozwiak and E.A. Amy Johnson. There is a new night custodian.
 - Slides are currently being built outside out of snow.
 - There will be a canteen open for the Grades 6, 7, 8 students in the next couple of weeks. Every day, there will be milk and water available, two fresh fruits, and then three of eight possibilities of a treat (all nut-free options).
 - Smart Boards are no longer being supported by the division due to changes in their licensing requirements. As our Smart Boards break down, they will be replaced with another type of smart technology (Mimeo boards).
 - The school is also seriously considering closing the stage for a classroom. The school is in need of a dedicated tap space. This would open up more space for us. The stage is also used very ineffectively. With the curtain not working anymore and because it cannot be fixed easily or cheaply, it may be easier to redefine that space. The SOPAC is available for concerts, and other events.

Executive Reports:

Chair:

- No report.

Vice Chair:

- No report.

Past Chair:

- No report.

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Financial Report:

- 2017 and 2018 craft sale numbers were reviewed.
- Overall, there were less people through the door, but they spent more money, which is beneficial to us.
- There was a good profit made. We didn't bring in as much money, but we also had more donations of supplies (for example, food left over from 70th reunion).
- The full report will be available next month.

Fundraising: Craft Sale

- Very positive response from the crafters; they seemed to do better in profits.
- There were quite a few new crafters this year.
- The date for our next event is Sunday, November 17, 2019.
- Carrie will get the permit and book the gym, tables, chairs, etc. through the office for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday of that weekend.
- It was a big help to have the students setting the tables up ahead of time; that should be arranged for next year as well.
- The families who won the front seats at the concert, seemed to really appreciate the prize. This prize (and how to enter – by making donations/ volunteering) can be promoted even more next year.
- Elana supplied the office with a list of volunteers for the thank you luncheon in the spring.
- There was a bit of a mix-up about the Lifetouch Santa photos, but it was fixed and Elana delivered all photos.

Fundraising: QSP

- QSP is done for the year. There was a good turnout.
- Final numbers will be in for next month's meeting.
- Should we do any other fundraising for this year? It depends what our overall goal is. Next meeting, we can see how much money we have, what our goals for spending are, and what other fundraising might be needed.

Hot Lunch:

- There has been good feedback from the students and families about our Pita Pit hot lunches.

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- The first and second orders were pretty equal in terms of numbers of participants.
- Pita Pit is easy to work with; it's a good program to be a part of.
- Our next Pita Pit lunches will be on February 6 and March 6.
- We could always add the \$0.50 to do some fundraising for us. Is that something that we want to do? Would it be worth it?

Play Space Report:

- We are planning to work on a shelter belt, but are awaiting consultation with an expert.
- What else do we want? A permanent hill? More play space?
- We have been planning and saving money. We need to now plan and go forward with what comes next.
- There were professional drawings made based on student input and broken down into manageable phases. Crystal will bring pictures of these to the next meeting.
- We do need to protect the trees first. We will see how many survive the winter, get rid of those that are damaged, and make a long-term plan for planting and protecting the trees.

Ongoing Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Elana Spence and 2nd by Kim Winzoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 @ 7pm with child care provided.