

West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Attendance: Brianne Lisecki, Candace Burke, Amanda Kruger, Christine Collings, Corey Rootsart, Tanya Pilat, Tiffany Winchar, Tammy Harder, David Ingram, Lisa Whiteside

Call to Order and Greetings:

- Meeting called to order by Corey Rootsart at 6:05 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion made to accept the agenda by Christine Collings; seconded by Amanda Kruger. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from October 11, 2022

- Motion made to accept the minutes by Amanda Kruger; seconded by Christine Collings. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

- Halloween Doors Contest
 - Kids had a lot of fun decorating their classroom doors for Halloween; students voted on the winner
 - prize – a trip to the zoo
 - great energy around the school at that time
 - would like to do doors around the Christmas holidays as well
- Anti-Bullying Campaign
 - admin listened to our concerns about bullying
 - went to the staff to get a definition of bullying – this was discussed with classes
 - there was also a survey sent out to the students
 - shared the results with us
 - realized that there was less of a bullying “problem” and more difficulty with socio-emotional skills, due to COVID, etc.
 - shift to a Kindness campaign – activities are planned from now until June
 - Community Resource Police Officer spoke to Grade 3 & 4 classrooms – will be continuing to visit other classes
 - there will be an anti bullying/kindness campaign poster contest coming up
 - perhaps parental communication would be good?
 - discussion about lunch time supervision
 - can we hire more staff? - that’s a divisional issue
 - there are 11 EA staff and usually 2 admin outside with the students

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- Remembrance Day ceremony
 - scheduled for Thursday, November 10th
 - student led
- Breakfast programs
 - still doing food in bowls
 - but there is also warm food being served at 7:30 am
 - there are about 25-30 students using the breakfast program; some are probably there for socialization
- Lost and Found
 - very full!
 - parents please check out the bins
- Construction Update
 - portables are here; but still waiting for electrical panels and stairs/ramp
 - roof – completely done
 - the façade on the north and west side of the building is not done – waiting on steel
 - blinds have been ordered for classrooms
- Holiday concert
 - will be very busy
 - over two nights: Dec. 14th and Dec. 15th

Executive Reports:

Chair:

- No report.

Vice Chair:

- No report.

Past Chair:

- No one in this position.

Financial Report:

- No report at this time.

Fundraising:

- Poinsettia fundraiser is a go.
 - we will take orders for about 3 weeks or so
 - correspondence is ready to go - will be sent out to parents via the office
 - Shooters Pro Shop is ready for pick up on Dec. 9th from 3 - 6 pm
- idea for the future: Kernels popcorn - \$1.35 per bag; if we sell it for \$2.50, that's a pretty good profit
- Raffle at the holiday concerts
 - bake sale may be too difficult

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- silent auction baskets will probably work better
- 2 or 3 big prizes
- Lisa will get a letter to Tiffany and others, to ask for prizes
- we will get together as a sub committee to decide and plan: Corey, Tiffany, Christine, Jenna, Brianne, Lisa

Fundraising: Craft Sale

- No committee yet.
- We will look at the possibility of doing a craft sale in the spring.

Hot Lunch:

- No committee or chair at this time.
- Lisa Whiteside will look into the possibilities of hot lunch options, including Salisbury House, Shooters, Pita Pit, Chicken Chef, and hot dog lunch

Play Space Report:

- No report at this time.

Ongoing Business:

- None

New Business:

- Phys Ed department – requesting \$1400 for additional jerseys
 - 50 additional jerseys needed
 - invoice provided
 - Christine Collings made a motion to grant the money for the request; Candace Burke seconded it. Motion carried.
- Tanya Pilat from Discovery Toys and Books made a presentation
 - supplies educational games, books, etc.
 - company has been around for 40 years; not just for kids
 - strong belief in reading
 - 2-4-6 Readathon - 2 weeks of reading each day, 12 minutes of readings/ 12 minutes at school - total of 4 hours of reading time in 2 weeks, and get sponsorship for reading
 - students get “paid” by parents/ grandparents (\$1 per hour, for example) - and the money goes to the classroom - to use to buy the Discovery toys/ books, etc.
 - some teachers have been purchasing for years - and are using their personal money
 - possibly in conjunction with I Love to Read month? - will have to talk to teachers

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- Facebook Page and Live Link
 - want to make sure that the PAC section of the website is updated; Corey would like to start a Facebook page
 - new mission statement? update?
 - Corey and Christine will be admin for the Facebook page - no comments on page, will be simply informative, as well as a place for parents to message easily to. Will run in conjunction with PAC website.
 - Plan to create a live stream, so that parents who can't attend can view the meetings

- Babysitting
 - babysitting services are set up by PAC/ admin for all meetings
 - funds to be allocated:
 - \$60 to David Ingram for paying in the past
 - \$100 to Candace Burke (treasurer) to pay for babysitters going forward
 - admin will check in with Grade 8 teachers to see if there are babysitters for future meetings
 - A motion was made by Christine Collings; seconded by Corey Rootsart. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Corey Rootsart; seconded by Christine Collings to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 6 pm with childcare provided.