

West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Attendance: Amanda Kruger, Christine Collings, Candace Burke, Dayna Trann, Lisa Whiteside, Jenna Santos, Michelle Kippen, Kenisha Choo-Yick, Corey Rootsart, Tiffany Winchar, Tammy Harder, David Ingram

1 - Call to Order and Greetings:

- Meeting called to order by David Ingram at 6:00 pm.

2 - Adoption of the Agenda

- Agenda adopted.

3 – Adoption of the Minutes from September 14, 2022:

- Minutes adopted.

4 - Administrative Report:

- Construction Updates:
 - the front façade is complete; rocks and shrubs will be placed along the front wall
 - concrete is poured for the portables in the back; hydro should be installed next week
 - gym office and changerooms will be painted
- Community event/ family BBQ event in the future
 - the committee liked this idea
 - looked at pursuing in the spring
- Anti-Bullying program
 - Clifford Weekes, the divisional Anti-Racism lead, has been working with Middle Years classes about anti-racism work
 - the younger grades will be using the “Social Detective” program in the next while
 - a representative from the RCMP will also be visiting the school with presentations about bullying
 - the PBIS program (used in the Portage la Prairie division) will be looked into
- Breakfast Bowls
 - are found in classrooms so that all kids have access to food
 - money is from a grant for breakfast food

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- the format may change back to more of a hot breakfast, served down in Red River Hall
- Precision Reading Program
 - looking for volunteers to help kids who are learning to read
 - needs to be consistent (approximately an hour and a half, Monday – Friday, for about 4 weeks)
- Microwaves
 - students are interested in having microwaves available for use
 - how to handle the line ups? access issues? safety issues?
- Hot Lunches
 - pizza days order forms have gone out
- Milk Program
 - continues to be a big hit! Often sold out
 - storage space for the milk is the issue at this moment; admin will monitor continued popularity
- Trees
 - 1000 new trees were planted last year
 - it was a great summer and they are doing well; there is currently a fence protecting the trees

6 - Executive Reports:

- Discussion about what executive positions entail.
- David Ingram asked for volunteers.
- The executive is as follows:
 - **Chairperson** – Corey Rootsart
 - **Vice-Chair** – Christine Collings
 - **Past Chair** – vacant
 - **Fundraising Chair** – Amanda Kruger
 - **Treasurer** – Candace Burke & Jenna Santos
 - **Secretary** - Lisa Whiteside

7 - Ongoing Business:

- None

8 - New Business:

- Fundraising options to consider?
 - selling socks
 - Show and Save coupon books
 - Poinsettias for Christmas
 - a spring craft sale
 - grocery store gift cards
 - silent auction held at the Christmas concerts this year (Dec. 14 + 15)

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- Decision made to pursue:
 - 1 – silent auction baskets at the concerts (gather donations/ items)
 - 2 - poinsettias for Nov/ Dec. – Amanda will look into information
- Purpose of fundraising?
 - probably for playground equipment
 - goal is to create a plan for the playground/ landscaping and start working towards those goals

9 - Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 at 6:00 pm with childcare provided.