

MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 27th, 2014

Present: John Stieva, Sherry Kirkham, Yana Wang, Siobhan Parker, Kim Stackaruk, Blair Stackaruk, Rajini Rasasingham, Rekha Kukreja, Karim Gilliland-Roque, Vicki Ranger, Jessica Ranger, Jacqueline Smith, Michelle Parsons, Angela Kerr, Mike Landrianet, Michael Gugliesmi-Wheeler, Tony Mistak, Anderson Aigbovia, Sara Belford, Tracy Beck

Regrets: Carol Mitchell, Mona Garde, Kelly Amos

1. **WELCOME** by Sherry Kirkham – 7:03pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** – Sherry Kirkham

- a) The Halloween Dance is cancelled due to poor ticket sales.
- b) No Can, No can Park event will collect canned goods for the WOSS Food Drive.
- c) Food Drive starts on November 9th.
- d) Krispy Kreme and hot chocolate sales will be coming soon.
- e) Pep Rally and Friday Night Lights at Nelson H.S. was a success. The Senior Boys football team won the game against Loyola.

3. **MINUTES** by Sherry Kirkham

Motion to approve September minutes by Karim Gilliland-Roque and seconded by Kim Stackaruk.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham

- a) Deficit due to the theatre feasibility study. \$1800 rebate was received from the consultants.
- b) PRO Grant is approved for next year.
- c) PIC Grant went towards funding the Grade 9 BBQ.

Motion to approve financials by Kim Stackaruk and seconded by Karim Gilliland-Roque

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT** by Sherry Kirkham

- a) Tracy Beck presented information about the Compass program. Compass is a special program at WOSS for kids diagnosed with mental illness. It is a credit course usually with 7-20 students in the class.
- b) Fonda Loft gave a short update about the Kenya voluntour trip being changed to Equador due to the Ebola situation. More information will be posted on the website, through synervoice or by contacting Fonda directly.
- c) Principal report input - Sherry to send it out to Council for feedback and will submit on our behalf.
- d) On-line auction donations needed for Christmas auction.
- e) School Council forms are needed back. Mona will head up Communications, Yana and Karim will handle fundraising, the Treasurer will be Rekha, and Siobhan will continue as Secretary. Sherry will remain Chair but needs someone to consider taking over the position in the next year or two as her son will be graduating.

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- f) Dr. Karyn Gordon will speak at WOSS about Motivating your Teens on November 17th. Speaker topics are welcome for future presentations.

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva

- a) We will receive the budget from the Board at the end of November. The school's enrolment is down, therefore funding is down. \$75,000 going towards IT needs – computers. The goal is to equip all kids with Chrome books. The Ministry is changing the curriculum so new textbooks will be needed. Looked at computer licences for textbooks – not much cost saving in going that route.
- b) John to bring list of all of the field trips for the year to the next meeting.
- c) New attendance portal going live on November 3rd. Parents to use the 1-877 number or go on-line to report lates and absences.
- d) Mid-term reports will be distributed on November 13.

7. TEACHER REPORT – Sara Belford

- a) Sara has e-mailed teachers for feedback or input for Parent council. She will keep communication lines between parents and teachers open.

8. OTHER – Sherry Kirkham

- a) Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn by Sara Belford and seconded by Siobhan Parker at 8:54pm.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 17th, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Presentation by Dr. Karyn Gordon will follow from 8-9pm.