

Westmount Elementary
School Council
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2008

Attendance:

Ann Cheek	Susan Dersch
Jenn Durocher	Wayne Funk
Dana Graff	Kerry Hebbes
Angie Hitch	Corri Kennedy
Christina Kleysen (Pederson)	Deanna Kooistra
Jana Kopp	Trisha Neilsen
Julia Pfeifer	Chuck Rankas
Dianna Visser	Susan Wenstrom

1. Call to Order and Introductions
Julia called the meeting to order at 6: p.m. and welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting. Julia asked all those in attendance to introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda
Dana requested an addition to “Other Business” the Emergency Lunch and Deanna wanted to add to “Other Business” the Quilt. Christina Kleysen (Pederson) moved the Agenda be approved as amended. Susan Wenstrom second the motion. All in Favor - Passed.
3. Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2008
Item 7 under “Subsidized bussing for Field trips” the amount \$350 should be \$315. Angie Hitch moved that the September 3, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as amended. Julia Pfeifer second the motion. All in Favor – Passed.
4. AGM Minutes – September 16, 2008
Christina Kleysen (Pederson) moved that the September 16, 2008 AGM minutes be approved as distributed. Ann Cheek second the motion. All in Favor – Passed
5. Trustee’s Report – Kerry Hebbes
Asked if there was any questions regarding the 3 year Education Plan 2008-2011, please contact him. Wayne distributed copies to everyone at the meeting who was interested in taking a look at it.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Christina Kleysen (Pederson)
 - Total assets as of October 1/08 is \$19,749.51.
 - Christina explained how to read and understand the Profit/Loss Statement from 2004-2008.

7. President's Report – Julia Pfeifer

Welcome our new Sub-committee Parents

- Western Day Breakfast - Tina Markel.
- Fund Raiser - Angie Hitch.
- School Apparel - Carrie Tompkins.
- Phone Committee - Corri Kennedy.
- Data Entry Volunteer List - Brandy Atkinson.
- Parent Teacher Interview Dinner - Mona Kado.
- Teacher Appreciation - Ann Cheek.

Julie commented she was happy there was such a great turnout at the Annual General Meeting and that we were able to fill these positions. She thanked everyone for their assistance with these committees and ensured that the previous committee members were available if there were any questions.

Meet the Teacher Event

Wayne asked for feedback regarding Meet the Teacher night on September 11/08.

- Christina Kleysen commented that it might be better to meet the teacher in their classroom and then have the social time.
- A suggestion was to make meeting the teacher time longer.
- Another comment was that it was intimidating at first on the tarmac however the children knew each other and it was an opportunity to meet the parents of their friends.
- As not everyone was able to attend, Susan Wenstrom commented she received the handouts from the teacher and was very informed.
- The staff felt that they need to wear name tags for the next Meet the Teacher.
- Dianna Visser commented that for next year to consider the AGM follow the Meet the Teacher night as so many parents are there and the pot luck would work for the combined events as well.

Field Trips

- It was agreed that the Class Field Trip bussing be increased to \$315.

School Patrol Year End

- It was agreed that Year End School Patrol bussing would increase to \$315.

Museum of the Regiment

- It was discussed that the Museum of the Regiment bussing be increased to \$315.
- Dana informed the School Council that it would cost \$6 per student to attend Museum of the Regiment it would cost \$370. Would the School Council consider paying for the admission as well as the bussing?
- Deanna Kooistra moved that the School Council pay up to \$400 for the Museum of the Regiment Field Trip. Chuck Rankas second the motion. All in Favor - Passed

Western Day Breakfast

- It was agreed that \$600 be allocated to the Western Day Breakfast as it fluctuates depending on the donations.

Grade 6 Grad

- Last year the Grad 6 charged the students a fee for the BBQ. It was agreed that the School Council will support the Grade 6 Grad BBQ to a maximum of \$200.

Swimming Subsidized bussing

- The swimming subsidy was discussed regarding using a private bussing company from Caresland who charges \$42/hr and would be booked for the entire swimming program from Westmount.
- The swimming subsidy was a one year trial last year and there would be no subsidy offered to the parents for swimming this year; however \$1000 would be designated for unique situations.

Child Care Services

- The cost of Child Care and what to pay the students who watch the children during the meeting was discussed. It was decided that School Council will support the Child Care Service up to \$270 for the year. There will need to be rules for the students that no cell phones, no friends are allowed while supervising the children.
- Angie will email Dana about the child care phone list.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

- School Council agreed that \$500 be allocated to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon for this coming year.

Drama

- Dana mentioned that there were items not included on the Drama expenses. It was decided that \$800 was allocated to the Drama for the school year.

“Program” Subsidy

- For the Drug Prevention, Library Reading Incentives and the Physical Education Programs combined it was agreed to subsidize to a maximum of \$1000.

Angie Hitch moved that:

- The bussing support increase from \$225 to \$315 for Class Field Trips and School Patrol Field Trip.
- School Council will provide up to \$600 for the Western Day Breakfast.
- School Council will support the Grade 6 Grad BBQ to a maximum of \$200.
- Westmount acquire a private bussing company for the entire swimming program who charges \$42/hr.
- The Swimming subsidy would be \$1000 designated for unique situations.
- School Council will support the Child Care Service during the School Council Meetings up to \$270 for the year.
- School Council allotted \$500 to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

- School Council will provide to a maximum \$800 toward the Drama Program.
- School Council provide support combined to a maximum of \$1000 for the Drug Prevention, Library Reading Incentives and the Physical Education Programs.

Susan Dersch second the motion. All in Favor - Passed

8. Principal's Report – Wayne Funk

- Project Hope is currently looking for a new therapist as Rina Rommens has resigned as Recreational Therapist for Project Hope.
- September 18 was Photo Day and October 27, 2008 – Life Touch will do Photo Retakes.
- September 22 – 26, 2008 went to Mexico to recruitment International Students.
- September 24, 2008 Power of Ten Presentation: Trevor Calkins Division 2 (Grade 4) to 11:47, Division 1 (Grade 1) to end of day.
- Grades 5 and 6 are now doing Accelerated Math along with the Accelerated Reader – Grades 1 to 6.
- September 26 Terry Fox Run (National Terry Fox Day) – Students walked from 1:00 to 3:00 pm which was an increase in time and involvement.
- House Leagues: in the process of being set up in conjunction with the Grade 6 Student Government – will be using points from spirit days, Terry Fox Run, etc. to help build School team spirit.
- September 29 at 1:00 Staff will be receiving an Office '07 Presentation from Bevan Daverne.
- Education Assistant Interviews: (9 interviewed) – Hired Venita Schoepp for a Kindergarten and Grade 6 position will be starting next week, Lea Jensen on sick leave
- Enrolment: 419 at the end of September – 5 moving.
- October 3 is Regional Professional Development Day in Strathmore for staff.
- October 14 will Elections Canada Polling in the gym all day.
- October 6 auditions start for Cinderella.
- October 1 (today) Hot Lunch starts.
- Basketball Hoops have been order and will be delivered October 20.
- 4 Student Teachers are doing very well:
Leah Knudsen with Holly Desserre in 5B
Candice Russell with Corinne Koppel in 6A
Connie-Lynn Harder with Trevor Tedrick in 6B
Devon Kirby with Janice Sumner in 1C
- September 25 Canal Clean-up – Lunch was provided and donation made towards lunch program.
- September 25 was a Disney Presentation
- September 30 was a Fire Drill that went really well.

Mexico

- Wayne was recruiting International Students on behalf of the Golden Hills School Division, encouraging people to come to our school. There were 150 families interested in coming to Holden Hills School Division. Wayne was in 3 cities at the Recruiting Fairs.
- Wayne thanked Dana for keeping the school running.

9. Other Business

- Chuck Rankas asked where the funds from M&M Meats go. When customers purchase items at M&M Meats on the last Wednesday of every month a % of sales goes towards their designated school. Dana will make an inquiry to Pat and find out for the next meeting.

Emergency Lunch

- Dana was asking for people to get involved to organize the Emergency Lunch Program.
- There is a \$3500 Grant available to access for this program.
- Need someone to put together brown bag lunches for students that have forgotten their lunch, that do not spoil.
- Dana explained there is a coupon for the student (already created) to take to the LAC room to pick up the lunch. The slip is kept of the student who gets the lunch. The tag that on the lunch gets stapled to the students' day-timer and taken home to the parent who is asked to pay a minimal fee of \$2 for the replenishing of the provided lunch and to inform them that their child did not have lunch that day.
- Susan Dersch will check into the nutrition of the items and the cost of supplies for the brown bag lunches.

Quilt

- Deanna Kooistra asked that everyone take a booklet of tickets and sell them for the Quilt Raffle. The deadline is December 9, 2008 with the draw being made at the Christmas Concert on December 11, 2008.

Project Hope

- Jenn asked if the School Council supported Project Hope. Wondered if anyone would be able to come in and talk about the program. Dana will check into if they have their presentation set up yet.

10. Next Meeting

- The next School Council meeting will be November 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

11. Adjournment

Julia adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.