

Westmount School Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2009

Attendance:

Brandy Atkinson	Suzie Careless
Ann Cheek	Colleen Derrick
Wayne Funk	Tracy Gillis
Dana Graff	Christina Kleysen-Pederson
Deanna Kooistra	Shanna Logelin
Heather Minshull	Trisha Neilsen
Julia Pfeifer	Chuck Renkas
Sara Renkas	Paula Smith
Dianna Visser	Susan Wenstrom

1. Welcome and Introductions

Wayne welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Asked everyone to enter the draw to win the fees for their children for the 2009-2010 school year. Help yourself to snacks and coffee.

2. 2008/2009 School Year in Review

2.1 Julia Pfeifer – President

Julia introduced herself and reviewed her role in the past year as President. A new position she will take on this year is Past President as she is stepping down.

2.2 Christina Kleysen - Treasurer

The account balance as of August 31, 2009 is \$19,479.06. Christina reviewed the activities that contribute to the funds that the Westmount School Council acquire throughout the year from events such as the 50/50 and this year there is a Casino in October to take the place of the regular fund raising-a-thon. The Hot Lunch program is making a profit. The funds are distributed to events such as Grade 6 Grad BBQ, AGM, Child Care at the meetings, the DARE program, busing for field trips and swimming and drama production which are to benefit the entire school.

Wayne mentioned the focus of the School Council was to be support in areas such as the 3 year Education Plan and be more advisory and guidance orientated.

3. What difference does Westmount School Council make?

Parents were asked to give their reason for why they attend the meetings.

3.1 Ann Cheek

Ann has a son in Grade 5. Ann attends the School Council meetings to really get to know what is going on at the school. She totally understands what volunteering is about. Her focus is to get across to more parents the value of School Council and get more parents involved in coming to the meetings. It does make a difference in your child's life and you get to hear news first.

3.2 Susan Wenstrom

Susan has three children, in Grade 6, 4 and 1. Attending the meetings has been a great way to meet more people. It is a way to make a contribution when she can't be in class. It is a great way to find out different perspectives from the Principal, Assistance Principal and the Teacher Liaison point of view and better understand the way the school works.

Wayne asked if there were any questions for himself or Dana.

4. Executive Nominations and Election

4.1 Secretary

Wayne opened up the floor for volunteers for Secretary. Dianna Visser is the current Secretary. Dianna explained that she was willing to stay in the position for another year, and that she spends about 6-8 hours a month.

There were no other nominees and Dianna is unanimously re-instated as Secretary.

4.2 Treasurer

Wayne opened up the floor for volunteers for Treasurer. Christina explained that she puts in 10-12 hours a month and what her position entails as the current Treasurer.

There were no other nominees and Christina is unanimously re-instated as Treasurer.

4.3 President

Christina nominated Chuck Renkas as President. There were no other nominees and Chuck is unanimously voted in as President.

Wayne thanked Chuck for taking on the role of President.

Wayne asked if there were any questions? Regarding the Police Check for the Volunteer Policy. What would the school do if the grandparents come in? They would be able to come in and visit as they would not be able to get the check done for volunteering. The school would try to accommodate the situation however they would not be left alone with the students.

Once the Volunteer check is completed it is good for the duration of the child being at the school.

Wayne drew Susan Wenstrom for the school fees to be paid by School Council for the year for all 3 of her children. Congratulations Susan.

5. NEXT MEETING

October 7, 2009 at 6:30 in the Library. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Once the School Council meeting was adjourned the Casino Meeting commenced.