

# Westview Parent Council

*Supporting Excellence at Westview*

## Minutes

**January 15, 2020**

**Parent Council Members:** Crystal Honey, Sandra Olar, Lezah Evan, Dawn Henry, Nicole Gastl, Becky Parisian

**PRESENT:** Nicole Gastl, Andy Hirst, Sandi Olar, Becky Parisian, Crystal Honey

**ABSENT:** Lezah Evan, Dawn Henry

**WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER @:** 7:05pm

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVE (Nicole):** Approved by Crystal

**SCHOOL REPORT (Mr. Hirst Delegate):**

### Enrollment

Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Total
29	39	32	35	27	48	210

Since December 1<sup>st</sup> we have had 6 students leave the school and 5 new students join us.

### School Life:

- Christmas sale was a huge success, a big thanks to everyone who donated items and/or their time to make this happen.
- Christmas concert was excellent! Both the pm and evening shows were very well attended. Parents and grand parents stopped me after both shows to say how much they enjoyed the show.
- Cross country skiing and floor hockey are starting right away.
- The grade 5's have started a chess club on Tuesdays and Thursdays (approximately 28 students involved) .
- Breakfast program is up and running, averaging 3 students a day.
- End of this month we will have some guests from Portage La Prairie come to visit us and see how we implement our Positive Behavioural Supports (We Cares etc.)
- February is "I Love to Read" month. Westview school will be reading across Canada.
- We have the opportunity to attend a production of Frozen put on by the TCI drama and music students. **Would Parent Council be able to help subsidize the cost of the tickets?**
  - Yes, all PAC members present approved

### Parent Question:

1. Are there aspects of the school that you would like to know more about?

Fund Request for TCI “Frozen.” Would PAC be able to help subsidize the cost? Answer: PAC yes all approved to do it.

**STAFFING REQUESTS:** none

**STAFFING UPDATE:** none

**FUNDRAISING (Dawn):** Nothing to discuss as of now. Not doing superbowl. We will decide a spring one next meeting in February.

**SPECIAL LUNCH (Lezah):** Lezah absent, Becky. We are doing L’Arche for next special lunch in January. Ingredient list will be emailed out to the parents, or provide paper copies upon request. Lunch is next Friday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Crystal H will do the shopping for it. We will be doing carrots, perogies, kubasa. They will provide sour cream, but we will need to provide cutlery to save money. Need to get juice boxes. We will not get ranch. Crystal checking for water and cutlery.

Volunteers: Rachele, Crystal H (can be here until 12:15). Be here by 11:30am. We need more, Crystal will send out an email.

-Feb is FREE pancake lunch. We will try buffet style this time. We will set up one table in front of the office. Feb 21.

**FINANCIAL (Sandra):** See report.

**PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (Crystal H):** There are wind sails that are shade structures and there is a grant available for it (Chris C tipped us off). Last year the school said we can only put up metal and steel, nothing wood. Buy why can tipi structures be put up? We still do not have an answer on this. Metal structure quote was ~\$30K. If there is a grant that is more tailored to schools for wind sales, which are a nice option, however, maintenance would need to take them down before winter every year. Daycare said they are willing to contribute money towards it if needed. If there is a grant, we would want to apply for it. Perhaps a Sustainable Development Grant. Andy will communicate with Chris to find out the name of the grant. The wind sail structure would have permanent metal posts installed, and the sails would have to be taken down seasonally.

PAC has a pot of money, so we need to spend some money on a project.

**SPECIAL EVENTS/DANCE COORDINATOR (Becky):**

-Movie night Jan 30th. Anita sent Becky an email that there is a company that does not allow us to use Netflix or Disney + to show a movie. But some companies allow it with a code that gives us access. However, we usually get a hard copy of the movie and give it out as a prize. Movie: we want Toy Story 4. The DVD is available to order. Crystal will buy the movie from Costco when she goes shopping. Door opens at 6:15 and movie starts at 6:30. We will get movie passes for 4 kid passes. Crystal will buy from Costco.

-Canteen: popcorn (pre-prep 40 during the day), snacks, chips, water.

-Check if we need to bring the dvd player, or if we need to use a laptop. Whichever.

-Popcorn day is this Friday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. Becky and Crystal will check supplies. We have a lot of seasoning salt...if we do not have popcorn this time, we will just do Costco jugs.

-Volunteers: Becky and Crystal, will start at 8am and be done by 9:30.

-February 7<sup>th</sup> Popcorn day: Crystal will put a call out for volunteers.

#### **OTHER:**

-Question regarding weather: why do we not consider the wind chill temps? Andy answered: we do, it is a judgement call. The school has to go by the weather at The Forks. But the school tries to avoid going out when it is too cold, they make the best call based on the most current weather conditions. Max allowable is -27.

-Christmas concert feedback: many parents left after the younger kids and it could have been discouraging to the performing kids. Perhaps an announcement can be made to encourage parents to stay. Andy will consider. Also, Andy will look into getting a fourth riser for the kids so they are easier to see.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:51pm**

**NEXT MEETING: February, 12, 2020**