

Westview Parent Council

Supporting Excellence at Westview

Minutes September 18, 2018

Parent Council Members: Crystal Honey, Tara Mulholland, Lezah Evan, Dawn Henry, Nicole Gastl, Becky Parisian

Present: Nicole Gastl, Rebecca Young, Emilia Denine, Lynn Jette, Lezah Evan, Becky Parisian, Crystal Honey, Chris Chartier, Dawn Henry, Tara Mulholland

Absent: None

Welcome, Call to Order @: 7:08

Minutes Review and Approve (Nicole): All approved

School Report (Mr. Chartier Delegate):

Current enrollment – approximately 225 students

- Looking for volunteers to join the lunch program committee and for a Chair person.
- High volume of walk up registrations since the office has opened
- Once again we have a community connector this year- Jennifer Coyle- she is excited to start programming
- Run club has started
- Intramurals have started
- Turkey Trott at the end of the month
- Looking to order Westview t-shirts for families and school- thinking of choices for designs
- Getting the Moo Crew and Student Secretaries underway
 - Noticed we are not selling as much milk so far
- Meet the teacher Wednesday was successful
- New girl's bathroom and painting should be starting soon. Wheel chair accessible doors.
- Annual fundraising plan- Due Sept. 28
- Terry Fox run Sept. 21, Orange shirt day (Residential School Survivors) Sept 28
- Grade 5 leadership beginning this year
- WE care club starting soon- K helpers
- We are teaching "zones of regulation" to classes and in some cases doing a refresher.
- Projects for this year
 - TBD
 - Looking at a community building committee, called the "pods"

- Additionally, spoke about beginning a breakfast club
- Also, looking at volunteers to help do additional reading with the kids, literacy programs.

Staffing Requests: None

Staffing Update:

- New teachers- Mr. Hjartarson 4/5, Ms. deJong 5, Ms. Keisman EA, Ms. Heibert EA

Fundraising (Dawn):

- Laura Secord Chocolates, deadlines
 - Deadline is October 15th
 - Note: whenever there is a bulk amount sold and monies, we have a counting party and do a deposit as needed. We can do together.
 - Have not met with Tracy yet to get additional training.
 - Letter that was sent out were great!
 - 28 individual boxes (7 big boxes), but he only charged us for 7 boxes and gave us one for free or we would have to pay for shipping. We ordered in these additional boxes because we are out – we will not have them until Friday Sept 21.
 - The prizes are here and are currently in the storage room. Not sure what the prizes are yet, think they are gift cards. Go into boxes and find out what they are, then give to Anita to put in the safe.
 - At Halloween assembly, we will draw for the prizes for the chocolates.
- Dawn presented another fundraising idea:
 - It is birdseed shaped in various shapes. Company: Charlottes Birdseed. Good idea for Christmas gift.
- Idea: Sobey's as a provider. Rejected because we only get an 8% return from our fundraising, which is not a good profit.
 - Any type of retail store gift cards is the same, need to buy an extremely large volume to get any type of return. But, they all have different percentages. Dawn will look into to see what returns are for different retail stores.
- Fundraising Plan Ideas – We try to do 3 main fundraisers; Fall, winter, spring.
 - Laura Secord, on now
 - 50/50 before or after Christmas
 - Show and Save, in March. Went up to \$25 and it is much smaller because they have an app, so most of the older generation doesn't want it.
 - Kernels, about a 50/50 return rate
 - Bloomers, but it is labour intensive. Need lots of volunteers, it is a full day's work. We got about \$2000 return at a time, but that was about 5 years ago.
- **Rough plan for fundraising schedule:**
 - September/October:
 - Laura Secord chocolates
 - November/December:

- Charlottes Birdseed: to be delivered before Xmas
- 50/50
 - Must apply for the license now. Crystal will do this.
- Feb/March:
 - Kernels
 - Can change/add in different ideas if we want
- April/May:
 - 50/50: “Summer Fun”
 - Booster Juice
- Idea: super-bowl. Dawn will look into this for potentially October fundraising. Have to apply for it in advance. Tara advises to invest and buy the scratch tickets, or it is hours to staple them all closed because you cannot look at the number.

Special Lunch (Lezah):

- October 26, ideas:
 - Lezah provided a tentative schedule on a separate sheet which includes all the supplies needed for each lunch.
 - October: Subway
 - November: Hotdogs
 - December: Pizza – Boston Pizza
 - January: Perogies & kielbasa-L’Arche
 - February: Hotdogs
 - March: Pita Pit
 - April: Pancakes & sausage
 - May: Domino’s -grade 5 fundraiser
 - June: Hotdogs – field day

Financial (Tara):

- See report

Playground Enhancement Project (Crystal H):

- Fall flowers for planters, September. These are planted and done.
- Note: the Canada flag is up all the time now. It used to get taken down everyday. Chris will look into.
- Snow Fence pines: Chris will do this in October. Before this is done, we should do some more mulch around the trees because it helps with drainage around the trees.
- Mulch for trees and outdoor classroom
 - Dawn is going to see if the company we used will do it for free again.
 - We would need about 5ish yards of mulch, because there are 9 trees and also around the rocks, and possibly under the swing too.
- Shade shelter quote/project
 - Viking company came back with quote:
 - Metal on top, cedar posts = \$25,000.

- Need to find out if we can do wood posts because Chris is not sure the board will allow wooden posts due to a risk of fire. Due to the fire at Harbour View. Chris will find out more as to why we cannot use wood and if we can or cannot.
 - If it was all steel, it would = \$40,000.
 - If we needed something around \$15-20K it would be all wood and no solid roof.
- Playgrounds r' us was contacted, but never heard back.
- Chris: regarding outdoor classroom: bernie wolfe did some paving blocks and had them painted like the medicine wheel inside the limestone rocks. We like the mulch idea because it provides some cushion for falling. Dawn suggests, what about a tee pee for shade? Bernie Wolfe has one and it is fabric and wood posts.
 - Chris will find out. Why no wood? Other places use wood.

Special Events/Dance Coordinator (Becky):

- Free finds with dance Oct 18
 - DJ was contacted and he confirmed he will do the dance
- Fit Family Night....Crystal
 - We will come back to it in October
 - We could offer the following resources in the communities to encourage fitness. Also looking into access to bicycles. Eg: WRENCH.
- Christmas Shop
 - We will revisit in October.

Facebook Coordinator (Becky): Nothing

Other:

- Volunteers needed for:
 - Hearing/Vision testing
 - Oct 4 all day: Dawn in am, Lynn in pm, Crystal in pm
 - Oct 10 morning only: Lezah, Rebecca in am
 - School pictures Oct 11: all day. Dawn & Lynn in pm. Lezah & Crystal in am.
 - Popcorn day Fri, Oct 12: Lezah. And Lezah will get supplies. Nicole and Aden.
 - Special Lunch Fri Oct 26: forward to October Meeting
- Meet Teacher feedback
- Block Parent: Crystal contacted Westview community rep, which is an old parent whose child went through the system. What we do is: we go on the block parent website and register, and the rep will come to our home and set us up. The sign is supposed to only be up in your home only when you are home and available. Have to get a criminal record & child abuse registry but Block Parent pays for it. Chris has someone from Block Parent coming to the school with brochures that will be distributed to everyone. We will get the

message out to families first to see who wants to do it, then we will talk to the kids about it.

- Family Room (paint, clean up, milk cooler, sick bed): Sick bed is in the works. Parent Room: we need to spiff it up. We will need some volunteers to help.
- Child Abuse Registries
- Idea by Lynn: to have the Christmas concerts filmed and provided on a DVD. Great idea but rejected due to privacy issues and kids in care.
- Try to find a cheaper and local company for the farewell Gr 5 playing cards; we paid \$100 more than normal.
- Tara asks Chris: Do we have a school commissioner? Or a number we can call if we see something suspicious. Why? Because she has seen people on the roof after hours. Plus, we have seen graphic images on the buildings.
- Package to new families: will be put online too.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49pm

Next Meeting: October 9 , 2018