

Driftwood Park Parent Council Meeting October 26

Attendees: Karen Ehlebract, Michelle Symons, Barb Schlosser-Hill, Shannon Sullivan, Ken Sullivan, Pam Mustin, Connie McFatridge, Kaitlyn Lipsit, Jade Buchanan, Samantha Schultz, Oriana Benevides, Carrie Hamilton, Dianne Hustwit, Allison Wells, Jessica Rodriguez, Shara Bierman, Parnaa Bradley, Joanne White, Julia Passmore. Guest : Tanya Pompillio

Shara did a brief introduction and welcome.

Agenda was reviewed and motion to accept agenda was made by Barb Schlosser-Hill, seconded by Michelle Symons, all in favor.

Minutes were reviewed from June. Motion was made by Barb Schlosser-Hill to accept minutes with the revision, seconded by Michelle Symons, all in favor.

Principals Report

- School Improvement Plan was discussed
- Strat Plan was discussed (board)
- Math Renewed Strategy was discussed- 2 teachers have been trained
- Dreambox- math software- we currently have 6 licenses and would like enough for each class. We would like to make it more relevant in classes.

-Staffing

- Miss Tully is away for 5 weeks
- We got one more EA, 20 hours/week, Josh Lamont

-Pumpkin contest

-Halloween

-Remembrance Day Assembly, parents are invited to attend

Tech

- website, twitter, school day are all being used, we are 47th in the board for school day registrations
- School Day will be the main method of communication for school related stuff, the website will be for Board communications
- WRDSB email was down, caused a few problems.

-Report cards come out November 14

-PD day- November 18

-jk/sk observation will be happening

-4 teachers attended a digital learning symposium

Teachers Report- Pam Mustin and Kaitlyn Lipsit

-home reading has started. Constable Ben will be in the school for a reading assembly on November 9. Reading Log hand in will be biweekly on Fridays, with a parent volunteer doing the tally.

-lots of activities are going on

- running club
- Me to We
- field trips
- speakers
- pumpkin contest
- Caribou Math – 21 students from grades 3/4 and 24 students from grades 5/6

-Monday is black and orange or costume day. No masks, no weapons, no gore. Halloween parade will be middle block. There is no Friday Spirit Day this month.

-Winter Celebration will be happening Tuesday Dec 20, and Wednesday Dec 21

-Strong Start is running with 9 volunteers, there are 11 students using the program. If anyone is interested in learning more, or volunteering, please let a member of council know and we will get you in touch with the coordinator!

Financial Report- Connie McFatridge

No changes to report this month.

\$15 149.91 in the account.

WRAPSC Report- Jessica Rodriguez

-WRAPSC meeting re: strategic plan November 1 at the St Jacobs Learning Hub, Education Centre. Senior staff/trustee meet and greet at the end of the meeting.

-Digital Citizenship Summit- Families in a Digital World- November 26, 2016 Bluevale Collegiate 8:30am-2pm <http://dcsummit.weebly.com/>

Big Box of Cards

- Kickoff assembly Tuesday November 1 after 1st break. Volunteers will be needed to organize and send home boxes for oldest and only children. Shannon Sullivan is to send out an email organizing volunteers.
- Boxes are \$33 each for 33 cards. Our cost is \$11/box. We make \$22 per box sold.
- Volunteers will be needed to count the money on November 22.

Spirit Wear

- There is some debate on who to use for Spirit Wear, Traces is a local option.
- We need a spreadsheet of what we want to get to get prices.
- Shannon Sullivan said she will look into it further.
- we need to set a deadline and get this going
- Tanya Pompillio is working on a new logo we can use, she will follow up with Shara

Facebook

- We think it should be renamed “Driftwood Park Public School Parents or Community” or something instead of “council”

Playground

- Cam Beaupre to meet with Julia Passmore next week.
- Julia Passmore met with Ken Seiling
- Julia Passmore to talk to long time staff to discuss priorities for the playground
- Kaitlyn Lipsit, Jessica Bearinger are looking into tarmac games that are less competitive, less rules bound (ie: numbers, letters, math games, spelling)

Movie Night

- Thursday November 17
- Jessica Rodriguez to order popcorn
- Committee to discuss and choose movie, Joanne White is heading the committee

Newsletter

- Parnaa Bradley will do the Parent to Parent newsletter
 - council intro – how to stay connected, facebook, twitter, school day
 - fundraisers- big box of cards, spirit wear, moveathon, breakfast bowl challenge
 - breakfast club
 - volunteer opportunities
 - movie night
 - possibly a student feature – poem, drawing, etc
- can be posted to School Day if we send it to Julia in .pdf format
- possibly print copies to send to the families that are not registered on School Day
- Tanya Pompillio will make the template, Parnaa Bradley will fill in the info

Elementary School Nutrition Services

- the Subway subs have been subpar, lacking on ingredients, inconsistent.
- we could switch out Subway with Pita Pit, or Boston Pizza. Pita Pit runs the risk of the same problem as Subway, so Boston Pizza is favoured.
- Karen Ehlebracht will get the sales numbers to Shara and we will revisit this issue.

PRO Grant

- \$1000, spring 2017
- Karen will send the proposal she wrote to Shara
- evening speaker event with free child care, re: "Raising resilient children"
- Shara to contact the speaker

Funding Process

- introducing a fillable google doc form to streamline requests from staff for council funds.
- Julia Passmore could make the google doc
- Motion to use a fillable form to streamline requests made by Parnaa Bradley, seconded by Carrie Hamilton, all in favour.

BookFair

- Pam Mustin asked council if we were interested in running a bookfair this year. She has the materials.
- library clerks are not allowed to run bookfair
- Shara will look into it

Yearbooks

- a question was asked about if council could make yearbooks for the students.
- yearbooks are a teacher driven item
- Julia Passmore will mention to staff to see if anyone wants to take on a project like this

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Ehlebracht, seconded by Dianne Hustwitt, all in favor