

October 12 Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lindsay B, Rachel T, Andrea A, Amber A, Erica H, Steph H, Colleen R, Louise F, Justin F, Karen M, Peter P, Amy, Karen Moore, Beth A, Brenna R, Patrick M

Regrets: Kelly W, Karen Marsden

| Item | Notes | Action item |
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| 1. Welcome | | |
| 2. Election | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President - Justin Faulkner ● Secretary - Lindsay Blashill ● Treasurer - Rachel Thompson ● Volunteer Coordinator - all agreed to share among committee members, based on interest. Karen Marsden sent word that she would like to lead the move-a-thon ● Fundraiser Coordinator - all rently agreed to share among committee members ● RAPSCI - Amber ● Communications Coordinator - Karen (school twitter) / Erica (school council twitter) | Still looking for a volunteer to be Communications Coordinator |
| 3. Approval of last meeting minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed the school calendar idea and how it is out of date. | Karen (Moore) to look into how to update school calendar |
| 4. Council Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rachel suggested that her first action be to develop a draft budget for the school year. Colleen estimates \$1000 net on the school year. ○ Justin suggested a goal to develop an Event Calendar for the year to facilitate this task ● Fundraising Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colleen will lead the Subway fundraiser ○ Steph will lead the Pita Pit fundraiser | Rachel to develop draft budget |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen Marsden wishes to lead the Move-A-Thon fundraiser ○ Beth will lead the Spirit Wear ○ Rachel will lead the Loveable Labels (ongoing) fundraiser ○ ● Events a) <i>Past/Ongoing Events:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steph would like to lead the Teacher Appreciation Event ○ Andrea is interested in leading the Scholastic Book Fair (on Science Night) ○ Year End Fun Fair - some discussion about low volunteer ideas - soccer games, rugby, cake walk, silent auction baskets ○ Dining Out fundraising night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussed making less frequent than last year. Aim for 3 this year (Nov, Feb, April) ■ Agreed to rotate establishments. Ideas - Zoup, Beertown, Boston Pizza ■ Justin and Amy to lead ○ Revisited the idea of movie night. Kelly and Karen recommend more interactive nights. b) <i>New event ideas:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical Activity/Sports Night - organize ways to kids to challenge themselves, organize guest speakers, Olympic and Paralympic events in the area to visit, idea of having a passport to try a bunch of different things, "Cahoots" sports trivia using mobile devices, Just Dance, Zumba Kids. Amy would like to lead <p>Event Calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sept 22 - Terry Fox Run and "Say Hi" day (Crime Prevention Initiative) ● Sept 23 - PD Day ● Sept 30 - picture day ● Oct 6 - Global Cardboard Challenge ● Nov 18 - PD Day / Parent teacher interview | <p>All to think about the elements that they'd like to see at the Fun Fair and come back to Nov meeting with ideas. Volunteers to run certain elements.</p> <p>Nov meeting - revisit Jun 7 Fun Fair, Jan 26 Sports Night date to confirm</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dec 8 - family math night event ● Jan 26 - Sports Night (tentative night) ● Jan 27 - PD Day ● Feb (?) - School Science Night ● March 10 - Move-A-Thon ● April 7 - PD Day ● April (?) - ESQ Science Night / Book Fair ● April (?) - Volunteer Appreciation Week (possible ways to thank you to the many volunteers) ● May 5 - PD Day ● Spring - Teacher Appreciation Night (purchase food) ● June 2 - PD Day ● June 7 - Year End Fun Fair (tentative date) | |
| 5. Principal/VP Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Still hiring staff ● We have ended up with a new Kindergarten class of 15, new teacher hired ● All fire drills complete for fall. Lock-down drill. One parent indicated that her young child was very afraid of these. ● Terry Fox and Say Hi days went very well. ● Global Cardboard Challenge was so well attended, energy high. Next year to have food drive as admission ● Nov 18th is a PD day and Parent teacher interview days ● Math night is coming up on Dec 8, planning committee has begun to meet. Discussed integrating some coding into the event, math is all around us theme. ● “School Day” (online system for gathering/signing permission forms, collecting money, staff and school can send newsletter) - we are looking to launch this in January. Staff will be trained in December. | <p>Karen to communicate to parents about upcoming lock down drills so parents can discuss with kids.</p> |
| 6. Parent issues/ Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mash-up (grades 5&6 mix once a week for an hour) - Mr Petit says student feedback is positive and seeing some more integration in the school yard. ● Facebook - Karen talked to Communications Department at WRDSB and they approved the idea of a Parent Council Facebook page. Recommend that Kelly | <p>All to consider administrator role of new Parent Council Facebook page. We can have</p> |

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| | <p>Wilkinson and Karen Moore also as administrators on the page to monitor for positive content. In the "About" section or top post - set rules and guidelines for use (positive comments, etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One parent in the community has asked about ways for our Parent Council to support other school parent councils who have limited fundraising capabilities. ● Toyota Grant from 2015-2016 school year, final report required. Unsure if it was completed. ● School plays - discussion about parent and kids being interested in having a concert | <p>multiple administrators.</p> <p>Defer to Nov meeting.</p> <p>Rachel will connect Karen Marsden/Justin to connect with Jen Murray (grant author)</p> <p>Karen to discuss with the staff about interest in coordinating a school play or concert.</p> |
| 7. Adjournment | | |

Notes for carry over to Year-End Report:

- Global Cardboard Challenge - next year integrate food drive into admission