

Silverheights Parent Council Meeting – November 25, 2015 6:30pm

1. Call to Order – Amanda Rilan
2. Introductions
 - Brenda Moen, Amanda Rilan, Chad Moffat, Wendy Campbell, Colleen Cooper, Karen Petznick, Paula Butt
 - Regrets: Owen Rilan, Helen Parker Brown, Faye Wilson, Dana Tremblay
3. Approval of Previous Minutes (September Minutes as October Meeting was cancelled)
 - Approved – Paula Butt
 - Second – Karen Petznick
4. Approval of Agenda
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 - Second – Karen Petznick
5. Correspondence
 - Fundraising opportunities to review for January start
 - i. Cookies
 - ii. Chicken
 - iii. Regal
 - Newsletter Received from School Bus Ontario that future correspondence will be paperless ☺
6. Safe Travel Program; Colleen Cooper, School Travel Planning Coordinator
 - 4 schools within WRDSB chosen for travel planning and evaluation of how our kids get to school
 - Identify arrival and dismissal travel concerns
 - Goal is to encourage kids (and Families) to engage in active transportation as funded by Ministry of Health
 - i. 91% of kids don't get enough activity time each day!
 - ii. Kids that are physically active before school have less challenges learning
 - iii. Survey completed to identify busing zones vs. walking an appropriate distance
 - iv. Options to investigate: walking school bus, safe travel practices
 - Next meetings to identify 1 or 2 recommendations to focus on for our school
7. Principal Updates
 - Lots of Babies returning for Visits with Moms on Staff
 - Moving to a cashless environment; paperless communication is coming; please continue to encourage use of School Day
 - Nutrition for Learning program has been closed and funds directed to other schools with greater need; we are fortunate that only a maximum of 10 students took advantage of the program in first few weeks; emergency snacks are still available at the office
 - LTO Staffing list opening for MAT leave coverage
 - Report Cards are being written with date for distribution TBC
 - Silver Celebration will be moved to January
8. Vice Principal Updates
 - Terry Fox Success – over \$900 raised
 - Michael Douglas – our community WRPS officer almost made it through the kindy classes ☺; focusing on threats within our school and responding to needs of school environment
 - Lunch Lady continues 2X month
 - Photo Day – All Students have had their photos taken!
 - Student representation at Hespeler Cenotaph and Remembrance Day Ceremonies well received, including display case

- School Support team implemented; student lead team to support learning objectives within the school
 - Food Bank donation of over 1,000 items for Me 2 We
 - Roots of Empathy program continues with great success
 - Comic Art Presentation November 16 with great success
 - November school focus on Random Acts of Kindness and Bullying Awareness Days
 - Bus Evacuation drills completed
 - Creative Playground officially closed for Winter Season
 - EQAO Scheduling for May 25 – June 8; Grades 3 and 6
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9. Teacher Updates
- Continued entrenchment in routines to Support learning
 - Teachers continue to be busy within Silverheights
 - Parents – Don't wait! Contact your teachers with any concerns or questions. Teachers – Thank you for your continued support of our kids learning!
10. Silverheights Neighborhood Association
- Updates provided by Amanda, Faye was unable to attend
 - Winter Newsletter distributed throughout our community; January Program Registration underway
 - Christmas Drop N Shop, Christmas Party expected to be great success
11. Pizza Program
- Pizza will return in January!
 - Will be on Tuesday moving forward
 - Payment will be cashless through School Day only
 - Volunteers are always welcome
12. Finance Update
- \$17,975 Available for Disbursement
 - Considering a stage for the school, may need to be through Tender process
13. Questions

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Wednesday January 27, 6:30pm in the library