

## School Council Meeting minutes September 20th, 2023, 6:30pm

### Welcome to those attending –

| Name              | Present | Name              | Present |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Mary Sue Meredith | X       | Tamara DeCraemer  | X       |
| Marisa Moser      | X       | Shannon Vanderlip | X       |
| Tonya Veltman     | X       | Syed M. Umagr     | X       |
| Stephanie Evans   | X       | Zunaira Kafeel    | X       |
| Rick Foucault     |         | Bradley O'Neil    | X       |
| Christine Glidden | X       | Naeem Mohammed    | X       |
| Bobbie Joe Seitz  | X       | Brydon Rayner     | X       |
| Doerte Shulze     | X       | Matthew Theis     | X       |
| Sarah Steinert    | X       | Sheena Kinghorn   | X       |

### Welcome Message – Tonya/Steph

### Territorial Acknowledgment - Mary Sue

### Introduction to School Council

- We meet approximately 8 times a year; once a month.
- We will choose the days tonight.
- It's 6:30-8 and will also be held virtually for those who can't join in-person.
- This meeting is for fundraising, event planning, but we will also discuss what's happening within the school.
- School council is not a forum for raising individual concerns about students.
- We have voting members; a certain number of members are required for us to vote on items.
- You can also be a member at large and not participate in the voting.
- Each month we have a welcome, a principal's report, a teacher's report, a treasurer's report, and we will also discuss fundraising and events.

### Principal's Report - Mary Sue

- There are several new staff members:
  - Paula Shaefer, EA
  - Lori Burton, Grade 3
  - Madison Rosati, 1B and 3 FI class
  - Jennifer Chapman, Grades 3 and 4
  - Danielle Grin ECE with Ms. Hahn in K4
  - Jana Lynn Ramer, ECE K1
- We are trying to promote recycling and reusable containers for lunches.

- We can now have yogurt containers etc. and recycle those (whereas before we could only recycle paper, plastic is back this year!).
- There is a standard of behaviour for the school community (for children and parents):
  - If a parent has a concern, talk to the teacher first.
  - If it's not resolved by the teacher, contact the teacher along with the principal; meet with all three parties together.
  - If, after that, the concern is still not resolved, the concern can be put into writing.
  - Then if it is still not resolved, you may contact the school councillor.
- We are promoting active transportation for children (e.g. walking or cycling to school vs driving).
  - We have buses for children in our ACE and ICE classes only.
  - All other children are within walking distance.
- We had our first assembly last week.
- Our new mascot and logo have been announced. This process took a whole year to go through. Our old mascot (Voyageur's) wasn't respectful of indigenous peoples.
  - A teacher committee was formed to work along with the students to brainstorm ideas.
  - Parent council was also involved for input into the top 10 ideas.
  - The communications department for the board was also engaged.
  - We are now the Westvale Wolves!
  - We will develop this mascot and logo over the next few years (our last one lasted 30 years; this is expected to last us a long time).
  - Wolves are very successful animals in nature, and Westvale students can be successful.
    - Some themes associated with the mascot are strategy, integrity, loyalty, working together, respecting each other and the environment
- Westvale is on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).
- Photo Day is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Teacher's Report- Marisa Moser**

- 2 weeks in now
- Adjusting well!
- Creating classroom communities and building norms and school rules
- In the assembly, students excited to see all their friends in one place
- Terry Fox Run coming up, you can make a donation online if you are interested (no cash donations)
- Orange Shirt day on September 30th

## Treasurer's Report – Rick

- Opening balance was \$7929.94.
- Commitments, including required balance are \$5197.31.
- Avail funds are just over \$2700.

| Date        | Description                             | Revenue | Expenditu | Commitme    | Account Ba | Available F | Note                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 3, 2023 | Balance carried from last report        |         |           |             | 8,498.56   |             |                                                                                                                                                           |
|             | Minimum balance                         |         |           | -3,000.00   |            |             |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Oct. 23/19  | Musical Instruments (Mrs. Morley)       |         |           | <--         |            |             | Original commitment was \$2,000 - (\$523.64 Dec/20 & \$951.28 in Sep/21) - per June council meeting, balance of \$525.08 being released back into account |
| Nov. 2, 22  | Chicks                                  |         |           | -259.56     |            |             | Original commitment was \$400 - 2 expenditures this month                                                                                                 |
| May 18/23   | Fleece for 10 blankets (Eva Ryzozko)    |         | -96.16    | <--         |            |             | Originally committed \$150 - Inv. #724948                                                                                                                 |
| Feb. 1/23   | Craft Club supplies (Moser & Parkinson) |         |           | <--         |            |             | Original commitment was \$100 - per June council meeting, club not being paid by council - released back into account                                     |
| Feb. 1/23   | Recess Equipment Refresh                |         |           | -300.00     |            |             | Originally committed at Feb. 1/23 council meeting                                                                                                         |
| Mar. 1/23   | Year End Party                          |         |           | -437.75     |            |             | Original commitment was \$500 (-\$68.85, less GST rebate of \$6.60 - balloon animals - Bobbie Joe Sietz                                                   |
| Mar. 1/23   | Grade 6 camp trip                       |         |           | -700.00     |            |             | Originally committed at Mar. 1/23 council meeting                                                                                                         |
| May 3/23    | Locks & Cakes                           |         |           | -500.00     |            |             | Originally committed at May 3/23 council meeting                                                                                                          |
| May-23      | The Ripple Effect Education             |         | -332.02   |             |            |             | \$367.25, less GST rebate of \$35.23 - Cheque #400000039367                                                                                               |
| May-23      | Baby chick brooder                      |         | -126.44   | <--         |            |             | \$139.86, less GST rebate of \$13.42 - Cheque #400000039419 - Stephanie Evans                                                                             |
| May-23      | Chick eggs                              |         | -14.00    | <--         |            |             | Cheque #400000039421 - Stephanie Evans - these 2 from original committed \$400                                                                            |
| Jun 6, 2023 | Current balance                         | \$0.00  | -\$568.62 | -\$5,197.31 | \$7,929.94 | \$2,732.63  | *Actual account balance not confirmed in financial records system.                                                                                        |

## Garden Report – Tonya

- Several people were thanked (get names)
- Pumpkins, herbs, and leavy greens available; take some if you want, but please leave some for our green team

## Executive voting - Mary Sue, Tonya ,Steph

- An introduction to executive positions was given, and the floor was opened for attendees to nominate themselves for one of the positions.
- Positions are acclaimed this year, meaning that there was only one person who was nominated for each position, so no voting was required.
- Executive Team:
  - Tonya Veltman and Stephanie Evans are Co-Chairs
  - Rick Foucault is Treasurer
  - Christine Glidden is Secretary
  - Bobbie-Joe Sietz and Sheena Kinghorn are Event Planning Co-Chairs
  - Several people asked to becoming voting members, including Tamara DeCraemer and Doerte Shulze, Naeem Mohammed

## WRAPSC volunteers -Tonya/Steph

- Looking for someone to attend the WRAPSC meetings once a month and report back to the Westvale Council
- Naeem volunteered

### **Update on Boohoo yahoo - Tonya/Steph**

- We had our annual boohoo/yahoo breakfast on the first Friday of the school year.
- We had a few more people in attendance this year vs the previous year.
- For those who aren't aware, it's a meet and greet for parents who are new to the school (e.g. JK/SK).

### **Movie Night - Tonya/Steph**

- We want to host a community-building event: a movie night in the school gym.
- We try to do this once or twice a year, and allow the students to vote from a short list of films.
- We get popcorn from Kernels.
- Students come with stuffies and blankets, and watch with their parents in the gym.
- We typically have the second half of the gym available for other activities (like crafts).
- Suggested Date: November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- We need volunteers for popcorn distribution, clean up, and ushering families out at the end of the evening.
  - Arrive at 6:15
- Bobbie Joe will get popcorn.
- We will use both sides of the gym this year to watch the film; it was too crowded last time.
- We will have a separate room (outside of the gym) for arts and crafts; classroom closest to the gym (room 18).
- Sheena Kinghorn motioned that we allocated \$250 for popcorn. Naeem Seconded. Majority voted in favour and the motion passed.
- This event requires for parents to sit with and supervise their children for the duration of the event.
- We should put out a box for donations, Bobbie Joe has a box she can bring.

### **Fundraising and Events - Tonya/Steph**

- Fundraising Goal Suggestion - Gym Refresh
  - We need mats on the walls, right now they are so old they regularly fall off the wall, which is a safety concern.
  - Teachers are also making lists of items they would like to request.
- Event Suggestions
  - Vendor night? Charge \$45 per vendor for each table. We rent tables. We open it up to the community. Also asked to bring a small donation for a raffle for a future event.
    - Mary Sue needs to see if this is an event we are able to run.
  - Used Book Sale
  - Dance/music and movement night
  - Host events with a donation box, and a suggested donation amount, but no obligation
  - Could we offer a home alone or babysitter course?

**Next Meeting Date** – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm

**Future Meeting Dates** –November 15, January 17, February 21, April 17, May 15, and June 19