

**Present:**

Barb Brown, Rita Givlin, Erin Cleasby, Karen Madsen, Meredythe Hertz, Pam Law, Danielle Reynolds, Kristy, Sangmi Lee, Sharon Dunlop, Erin Labour, Ali Hasan, Brenda Tyler, Natalie Breau, Sarah Nakamura, Robin Landry, Kristy Dryland, Diane Stephens, Tina Landry, Elizabeth Savarese, Isabelle Davis

**Elections:**

Co-chairs: Danielle Reynolds, Erin Labour

Secretary: Natalie Breau, Kristy Dryland

**Volunteers:**

Fundraising Committee: Kristy Dryland, Pam Law, Natalie Breau, Tina Landry, Diane Stephens, Erin Cleasby,

Multicultural Committee (e.g., multi-cultural club, food fair): Ali Hasan, Elizabeth Savarese, Brenda Tyler

February Community Fair Committee: Danielle Reynolds, Ali Hasan, Erin Labour, Meredythe Hertz, Tina and Robin Landry, Kristy Dryland, Diane Stephens, Natalie Breau, Pam Law

**Admin Report:**

Around the School

- transition has been great, calmest for kindergarten friends entering, we support students for success, enrolment continues to be very healthy – currently at 758 students, French Immersion – first year ever with no split classes and increased retention in FI, 3 split classes in the school, incredibly positive atmosphere in this school
- New Staff: Mr. Davis, Mrs. Schnarr, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Lencz, Mrs. Laird, Miss Flowers
- Facility: very clean and well prepared, currently working on wireless upgrades, broken door over labor day, one portable removed in June which allows more play space, bees will be sprayed but issue at all neighboring schools as well, the natural playground is very well loved and well used, will encourage students to use mini soccer field
- Nutrition For Learning: any child at any time can ask for food
- Nutrition Breaks – trying to have older students play first did not work due to hand washing issues
- Teachers experimenting with Sesame, Seesaw, Twitter, and web sites to communicate with students and families and to support authentic assessment
- Junior students will be involved in Student Votes
- Mrs. Brown has been meeting with many parents regarding the new Health and Physical Education curriculum

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- Bring Your Own Device – beginning in Junior grades, linked to instructional time only when instructed by teacher, emphasis on digital citizenship
- Picture Day – September 24 will go ahead with individual photos; October 23 is retake day and class photo day; Pegasus is the picture company this year

Around the Board

- Principals from other schools are interested in learning about our natural playground
- Increased use of websites for communication
- CASL compliance – we need your permission to contact you by email
- Our superintendent is Laura Hodgins; our director is John Bryant
- WTT will be a polling station

Around the Province

- Ryan's Law – heightened awareness of students who suffer from asthma, now students will be able to carry their medication
- Labor negotiations continue, stay tuned for further updates as they become available

**Greening Project Update:**

- **Grand Opening Event** – Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.; will include ribbon cutting ceremony, BBQ, spirit wear sales, games, invited community members and former vice principals; email co-chairs to volunteer
- Entered into Festival of Neighborhoods for fun fair and community clean up; could win a grant for neighborhood
- Fundraising needed to pay for playground (currently owe WRDSB Financial Services \$10 000) and also future additions: **Move-a-thons** on October 29, December 18, March 11; **February Community Fun Fair** (e.g., bake sale, games, silent auction) ; Chocolate bar sales (letter home for parents to indicate what they would like to sell, company will package and label materials); volunteers needed to organize and to collect money on a daily basis during the campaign; letter to go home next week so campaign can run over the Thanksgiving weekend; chocolate going home on Thursday, Oct. 8 with a return on Monday, October 19, Tuesday Sept 22 volunteers at noon to hand out materials: Kristy and Danielle, email request for volunteers for handing out chocolates

**Community Connections:**

- How can our school community be more active in our local community? Agree to invite community partners to the November council meetings.

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**PRO Grant:**

- Application submitted last year. Cancelled event until we have received notice that we will get the grant.

**Toyota Evergreen Grant:**

- need to apply – Pam Law and Danielle Reynolds will submit application

Minutes Approved: moved by Danielle, seconded by Erin, carried