

WLC Parent Council Minutes

September 13, 2017

Called to Order at 7:05

In Attendance: Nicole Liboiron (Chair), Alexis Routly (Vice-Chair), Erin Greggains (Secretary), Stephanie Williams (Treasurer), Lisa Perich, Mike Kukurudza, Troy Bartman, Lisa Bosch, Nicole Meech, Laura Richards, Holly Davidson, Jodi Thomas, Kathy Harty, Sarah Stickel, Rachelle Robertson, Nicole Rath, Amber Kitching, Shannon Nelson, Kristie Fisher, Merilee Knibbs

Principals Report:

- Whirlwind to start the year, enrollment is up approximately 40 kids this year, putting us at 780 students, 800 kids would be 100% utilization of the building.
- Was a need for a Grade 1 / 2 split class again this year
- Timetable once again being built in the first week of school.
- New hires to help with the increased numbers
- Talk about the District Collaboration Response Model – supports to meet students needs and include the parents
- Friday Lunch with Mr. K – starting with Grade 9's, its a way for the students to tell what they want in their school. Will be 2 reps from each class.
- Will be changes in the school – based on what the kids want to see happen
- Breakfast Program – lots of kids using it, has been framed to the kids as “if you need food or more food, come and get it”. A real positive for the kids. approximately 50 kids a day so far.

Grade 9 Teachers Report:

- 2nd year so looking at development of grade 9 to help with transition to high school
- Thanks Parent Council for the money for extra activities for the students

June 2017 Minutes and Treasurers Report:

- Motion by Stephanie to approve the Minutes from the June 2017 Meeting
- 2nd by Amber
- All in Favor – passed Unanimously

Discussion on Facebook

- Please come to the school with any concerns you may have, facebook is not necessarily the best place to discuss it. That being said there is a place for facebook and social media.
- The WLC Families facebook page is a Parent Council run page, as a way for families and PC to connect, therefore any concerns will be shut down and redirected to school administration
- The name of the group will be changed to reflect being a Parent Council page.

Bylaws

- First reading of new bylaws in June, changes recommended
- New amended bylaws presented, see attached
- Motion by Stephanie to adopt the new bylaws as presented.
- 2nd by Alexis
- All in favor – passed unanimously

Alberta Education Consultation Meetings

- Email received inviting us to send a representative to the meetings in regards to changing the age of those entitled to free education from 19 as of September 1 to 21. No volunteers to attend.
- Email from the Minister of Education want to hear from us directly about what we want for our schools. Do we want to have a small group sit down with him when he is in town to discuss any concerns? Does anyone have anything they would like to discuss with him? Table discussion for next meeting

Council of Councils Meetings

- One representative from each school council attends to discuss district as a whole
- First meeting of the year is October 5th at 7pm
- Nicole unable to attend, Alexis, Stephanie or Erin to attend in her place, and report back

Stipend for Teachers per student

- Want to offer money to teachers to put towards extra activities for the students throughout the year.
- We have about \$40,000 in the back, ran numbers based on \$35,000 to give a buffer. Contingent on getting a \$26,000 grant for the Pour N Play for the playground.
- Can comfortably give \$40 per student to the school, which is \$32,000 total
- Parent Council will give money as a whole to the school, who will then track receipts and spending of money by teachers. Parent Council will need the first \$1000 documented field trip for gaming. School will control, so Parent Council won't need to motion for each individual use of money. Money is to be used to enhance the students learning in some way – not just for pizza parties and such.
- Motion by Stephanie for Parent Council and Community Association to provide \$32,000 to WLC to use for kids.
- 2nd by Kristie
- All in Favor – passed

School Website

- New Websites, district wide – easier to use
- Parent Council has their own tab on top to put our stuff
 - Will have internal tabs for Bylaws, Agendas and Minutes, Fundraisers, Hot Lunch (School Cash), News, Volunteer opportunities, Special Events, About PC – with contact info for executive.
- If anyone can think of anything else to be included please let Nicole know

Junior High Dances

- School has never had before, Mr K will talk with the Grade 9's about it and will follow up with PC in October

Fund-raising

- Trip of the Month Raffle
 - up to 148 sold – sold 330 last year – with one month left until the first draw
 - If we sell out we see a profit of roughly \$30,000
 - Why can't we sell out???
 - Giving away a Smencil with every Raffle ticket sold right now

- If we sell 200 tickets we can't cancel, will take a loss (\$3 per every credit card transaction processing fee)
- First draw October 11 – Need to Sell, sell, sell
- Consider pushing back first draw date to December again if we do next year.
- Will try making tickets available at Breakfast Program too in the mornings
- Goal for fund-raising is to only have the Casino – one every 18 months and the Trip Raffle
- Coupon books – are available at the breakfast counter every morning

Special Long Term Projects

- Are there any bog long term projects that Parent Council should be keeping in their radar for monies needed
- Teachers want outdoor teaching areas, want pergolas for the area
- Junior High Options, some are expensive
- Another Playground – need more than the 2 we have eventually

More Parent Involvement

- Need to find ways to get more parents involved
- September 30 – Photography mini-sessions
 - \$50 for a 15 minute session with 5 photos – times will be pre-booked
 - Photos provided to families on USB Drive
 - All money raised will go to Parent Council – photographer is donating time
 - Parent Council will provide hot chocolate and Marshmallows for before and after
- Paint Night
 - A way to get people out to socialize and meet
 - \$10 for each participant goes to Parent Council
 - Do sometime this fall
 - Volunteer to organize
 - Nicole Rath
- Room Reps for Parent Council Meetings
 - Maybe have a different volunteer for each month
 - School Admin to talk with staff and see

Special Events / Hot Lunches

- Need people to step up and help
- Lisa only at the school for 2 more years, so really need someone to step up

Meeting Dates

- Meetings held monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Member Comments

- Hot Lunch
 - could really use Chaffing dishes and another fridge or freezer
 - School has a budget for fridge or freezer
 - Motion by Stephanie to spend up to \$500 on chaffing dishes for hot lunch program
 - 2nd by Erin
 - All in Favor – passed

- WLC hosting the SD76 Staff Welcome BBQ Sept 27
 - need donations for door prizes please
- School is a Polling station for the Municipal Election on October 16

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Wilson Learning Center Community Association Meeting September 13, 2017

Called to Order at 8:20

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Membership

- Need to reapply every September

Minutes and Treasurers Report

- Motion by Erin to approve the Treasurers Report as presented.
- 2nd by Lisa
- All in Favor – passed unanimously

Meetings

- There will not be a meeting every month, only as needed

Bylaws

- First reading of new bylaws in June, changes recommended
- New amended bylaws presented, see attached
- Motion by Lisa to adopt the new bylaws as presented.
- 2nd by Nicole
- All in favor – passed unanimously

Bank Accounts

- Motion by Stephanie to have the 4 members of the Executive (Nicole Liboiron, Brigitte Pinter, Erin Greggains, Stephanie Williams) and Lisa Perich as the signing authorities on the bank accounts
 - 2nd by Erin
 - All in Favor – passed
- Motion by Stephanie for the President and Treasurer to have online banking access with a maximum transaction of \$5000 and other executive to have online viewing access
 - 2nd by Erin
 - All in favor – passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:27