

Westgate Parent Association Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Present: Heidi Grieser (Chair), Jodi Lee, James Friesen (Staff Rep), Rachel Franz, Mardina Andrews

1.0 Welcome

- Welcome and introductions around the table.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

- Heidi moved that the February 13, 2018 minutes be accepted; Seconded – Jodi. Approved and carried.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- Heidi moved that the March 14, 2018 agenda be accepted; Seconded – Jodi. Approved and carried.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Chair/Vice Chair Report (Heidi Grieser/Jodi Lee)

- No report

4.2 Secretary – no report

4.3 Treasurer Report (Andrew Krahn)

- No report

4.4 Staff Representative report – James Friesen

- Furniture was installed – building community within the space.
- Google Classroom – James showed us the platform & some of the functions: students upload their assignments; teachers can answer questions online; add grades; easier for teachers to review projects since everything is in the same format.
 - This is a tool all teachers & students can use – does not need to be used for every course. Not all assignments can be completed electronically.
 - Students will still take notes in class.
 - If parents have any concerns about use of new technology, please let James know.

5.0 Ongoing Business

5.1 Update on Grade Events

- A note about how we communicate these events – people still confused whether this is for the capital campaign, whether they will be asked for a donation. Please word the emails carefully.
- Grade 12 event February 25 @ Westgate – around 20 people attended.
- Grade 8 event March 11 @ “Across the Board” - 30 people attended.
- Grade 7 event – April

- Grade 10 event – May
- Grade 11 event – June
- Grade 6 event – any time – pool party in June.

5.2 Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- Forms have started to come in – deadline March 20th.

5.3 Staff Appreciation

- Going well; staff appreciate wellness ideas/tasks along with the food.

6.0 Upcoming and New Business

6.1 Staff wish lists

- Spend \$10000 on wish lists – will leave enough money in the account going into next year.
- Agreed by consensus:
 - Camera for photo club (Helen): \$1073.50
 - Hosting Mar Elias Students (James): \$800
 - Standing desks x 2 (Edith & Lori): \$1039
 - Party Pak – cutlery & containers (Krista & Raya): \$300
 - Chromebooks (Karina & James): \$2750
 - JV basketball jerseys (Karl): \$1500
 - Shelves & baskets for room 217 (Krista): \$373
 - Office chair (Heidi R.): \$230
 - 3 art/science tables: \$1474
 - Book tree (Karina): \$500

7.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 – 8:15pm @ Westgate.