

Westgate Parent Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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

1.0 Welcome

- Welcome and introductions around the table.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

- Jodi moved that the November 14, 2018 minutes be accepted; Seconded – Andrew. Approved and carried.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- Jodi moved that the January 16, 2019 agenda be accepted; Seconded – Andrew. Approved and carried.

4.0 Reports

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

- No report.

4.2 Treasurer Report

- Everything is good. See Sobey's/Co-op report below.

4.3 Staff Representative report – James Friesen

- Musical moved to December for the first time.
- Exams next week – added stress around the school.
- Open house tomorrow; grade 5 & 6 day coming.
- Focus for administration are enrollment numbers for next year.
- Leaving March 4th for Middle East trip; Bob will join the meeting in March.

5.0 Ongoing Business

5.1 Grade Events

- Grade 9 event (Nov) – no report
- Grade 6 – Colleen Kroeker – snow maze
- Grade 7 – February – skating/sledding party
- Next year – could combine grade 6/7 events

5.2 Report – Sobey's/Co-op Fundraiser

- \$2640 – profit – double of what we have raised in previous years.
- Total sold was \$39000. Approximately \$32000 sold for Sobey's gift cards; \$7000 Coop. (Previous years the total for Sobey's was around \$20000-\$24000.)
- Several large orders contributed to the amount.

- Reminder for next year – mention that gift cards could be used for corporate gifts.
- Reminder for next year – mention in September that this fundraiser will be coming in November for delivery before Christmas.
- Reminder for next year - Canada post strike delayed the cards right before pick-up – build in more days between delivery and pick-ups.

6.0 Upcoming and New Business

6.1 Fruit and Cheese Fundraiser

- Heidi in contact with fruit supplier – oranges (fancy) - \$27.25; \$21.50 (grapefruit).
- 2nd or 2rd week of February; peak of the season. Need order one week in advance.
- Need to contact Bothwell regarding prices.
- Send out email tomorrow to Lori to see if she has any ideas for an organizer for this fundraiser; may send email to all parents.
- Send forms out before an organizer in place. Have a form ready for January 25th and include in weekly update.
- Forms due February 14th; hard deadline February 19th.
- Deliveries February 26th.

6.2 Staff Appreciation - Jocelyn

- Either week of April 15-18 or April 22-26 – will discuss with staff.
- “Everything is Awesome” – like Lego – will have food assembly stations.
- 11:45 (before lunch) – and then leave the food available throughout the afternoon since staff’s schedules are different.
- Grade 12 (historically) have given money to buy lunch. This year the Grade 12 class will provide money for pictures for staff room. Need to discuss with Karina – based on her wish-list request from November.
- May combine classes based on class size.

6.3 Westgate App or FB Discussion Group

- Staff member went to session on making apps. Not something they would like to be involved in.
- There will be more calendars next year to link up with.
- App more about connecting professions in Westgate community.
- Google Doc – spreadsheet – where Westgate community could share their information (professional); for networking. For viewing only.
- PA secretary would be responsible for entering and maintaining document.
- This would create community – current families & alumni.
- Heidi and Rachel will put template together to present at the next meeting.

7.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – 7pm @ Westgate.