

Westgate Parent Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2019

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

1.0 Welcome

- Welcome and introductions around the table.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

- Jodi moved that the March 13, 2019 minutes be accepted; Seconded – Jocelyn. Approved and carried.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- Andrew moved that the May 7, 2019 agenda be accepted; Seconded – Jocelyn. Approved and carried.

4.0 Reports

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

- No report

4.2 Treasurer Report (Andrew Krahn)

- \$10,900 – bank balance

4.3 Staff Representative report (James Friesen)

- “Thanks” from the staff for the staff appreciation week – it was greatly appreciated.
- James was gone 5 weeks in March/April with the two Middle East trips.
- Retirements – Karl Langelotz, Brent Micholson, Greg Taylor (October)
- Garden Boxes – Jarrett/Pat built them this weekend for classes to use; rain barrels placed around the building.
- Digital report cards – what are people’s reactions?
 - Digital is OK as long as the quality of the comments are the same from the teachers. The principal comment at the end is very well received – it can be typed, as long as it still personal.
- Parent/teacher interviews happened in the atrium and school hallways as opposed to the gym. Some liked it – felt it was “warmer”; some did not like the setup. With the new set-up could not see when teachers were free/ready for next appointment. There were lots of cancellations this last time.

5.0 Ongoing Business

5.1 Grade Events

- Grade 11 – June 9
- Include grade events in daily bulletin so the kids hear about it and encourage parents to go.

5.2 Report – Staff Appreciation (Jocelyn)

- Parents were great; Staff was very appreciative.
- Parents donated food, flowers, money, time. Volunteers came at 11 to set up food.
- Julie Wall helped with decorations – staff room looked very festive & inviting.
- 5 canvas prints were presented Thursday – UV laminate coating. Greg/Ryan helped hang the pictures.
- Parents liked using GoogleDocs to see what was available to sign up. Heidi set up via PA account.
- Note for next year - If parent is not dropping off food/donation at 8:30am, please let grade rep know it will be coming closer to noon.

6.0 Upcoming and New Business

6.1 Review Google Form for parents/guardians to share talents/expertise

- Google Form could be filled out by parents/guardians/friends. A spreadsheet will be populated from the form which will allow for easy sorting.
- Spreadsheet will be available to view (not edit) by Westgate community.
- Will add dropdown boxes for topic so that sheet can be sorted.
- Business sheet; volunteer sheet? Or include a tag so can be sorted by business/volunteer?
 - These details and wording will be worked out in a smaller sub-committee.

6.2 Next year's meeting dates

- Alternating Tuesday/Wednesday – second week of every month.
- First meeting Tuesday, September 17th
- Next meetings: Oct 8 / Nov 13

6.3 Slate of Volunteers/Grade Reps for 2019/2020

- Grade Reps
 - Grade 6 – (vacant) – event to take place in January
 - Grade 7 – (vacant) – event to take place in February
 - Grade 8 – Susan Fast – event to take place in March
 - Grade 9 – (vacant) – event to take place in November
 - Grade 10 – Gord Stark – event to take place in April
 - Grade 11 – Monica Bock – event to take place in May
 - Grade 12 – Tara Birch – event to take place in October
- Church Reps
 - Douglas – Deanna Penner
 - Hope – Stephen Nighswander-Rempel
 - Sterling – Corrine Friesen Loewen
 - First – Monica Bock
 - Sargent – Norinne Dueck
 - Fort Garry – Wendy Janzen
 - Charleswood – Charlotte Martens
 - Bethel – (vacant)
 - Home – (vacant)
 - North Kildonan – (vacant)
 - Springstein – (vacant)

- Jubilee – (vacant)
- Springfield – (vacant)
- Volunteers for PA jobs:
 - Opening program – Norinne Dueck
 - Perogies and Sausage – Jason Greenall
 - Sobeyes – Vanessa Friesen, Andrew Krahn
 - Fruit – (vacant)
 - Staff Appreciation – Jocelyn Teskey

6.4 Nominations for 2019/2010

- Heidi will not be part of Westgate community next year – rest of executive stays as is. Looking for a candidate to take over as chair.

6.5 Wishlists

- All are approved as follows – Total = \$6064:
 - Commercial stand mixer (Lindsay) – \$2200
 - Replacement bladders (Jen) - \$290
 - Sunroom carpet (Helen) - \$716 + plants
 - Fridge in staffroom (Charlotte) - \$1413
 - Music whiteboard (Vic) - \$400
 - Fidget Toys (Crys) - \$45
 - Computer (Alexis) - \$1000

7.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.
- Next meeting - AGM: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – 7pm @ Westgate.