

Westgate Parent Association Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Present: Norinne Dueck (Chair), Jodi Lee, Rachel Franz, James Friesen (Staff Rep), Jocelyn Teskey, Andrew Krahn, Linda T., Marnie Hilland, Laura Hilland

1.0 Welcome

- Welcome and introductions around the table.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

- Jocelyn moved that the November 12, 2019 minutes be accepted; Seconded – Jodi. Approved and carried.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- Jodi moved that the January 14, 2020 agenda be accepted; Seconded – Jocelyn. Approved and carried.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Chair/Vice Chair Report (Norinne Dueck/Jodi Lee)

- April 14 – will not be able to attend the meeting – may change date? Might be the month for the wish lists.

4.2 Treasurer Report

- No Report

4.3 Staff Representative report (James Friesen)

- Week of Jan 21st – exams grade 9-12.
- One act plays – January 30 & 31.
- Open house & Grade 5/6 day coming up; open house will be an afternoon on a Sunday as opposed to an evening.
- Please encourage perspective parents to take part on the shadow days as this is a good opportunity for new kids to experience Westgate.
- Staff retreat in February – Hecla Island.

5.0 Ongoing Business

5.1 Grade Events

- Grade 6 – January – Trina Allen (new grade rep) – January 26th – 5-8pm – Across the Board
- Grade 7 – February – Zoe Reimer – February 21 – Flying Squirrel – 5-8pm

5.2 Staff wish lists

- Looking at changing our criteria – things wished for will enhance student experience.
- Computer mice (rechargeable) - \$470 – funding not needed since junior council funded this request.

- Staff will purchase items; submit to Tracey; Tracey then submits to PA.
- New letter/request form will be sent to staff for next wish lists – needs to be reviewed by executive before sending.
- Rachel to compile wishlists requests from past 3 years so we can look at trends.

5.3 Gift card fundraiser

- Full report to come next meeting – Sobey's numbers look to be down from last year.

6.0 Upcoming and New Business

6.1 Fruit fundraiser

- Executive will discuss dates and see who can be brought on board to help with fundraiser – currently there is no volunteer(s) to work on this fundraiser.
- Rachel will contact Bart Boon regarding price for fruit this year.

6.2 Westgate PA Facebook page

- Another parent asked why we don't have our own page – We think we have enough exposure via Alexis.

6.3 Staff Appreciation – Jocelyn Teskey

- Week of lunches – April 6-9 (leading up to Easter).
- Will work with Lori to figure out class sizes when combining classes.
- Google Forms – interactive sign up sheet.
- Will send out form by grade; will include grade rep.

6.4 Parent Spreadsheet Information

- Teachers looking for expertise for their classrooms; Parents looking for expertise within the Westgate community – would rather use someone associated with Westgate. Within Westgate 'yellowpages'; free advertising for your business.
- Send out Google form in September & February – similar to how student address lists are sent out in September.
- Form will need to be revised to include businesses only; will not include volunteer/interests/hobbies option.

7.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.
- Next meeting: February 11 – 7:30pm @ Westgate.