

# Westgate Parent Association Meeting

## Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Present: Norinne Dueck (Chair), Jodi Lee, Rachel Franz, James Friesen (Staff Rep), Jocelyn Teskey, Andrew Krahn, Laura Hilland, Vanessa Eidse, Linda Hathout

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### 1.0 Welcome

- Welcome and introductions around the table.

### 2.0 Approval of the Minutes

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

### 3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- Jodi moved that the February 11, 2020 agenda be accepted; Seconded – Linda. Approved and carried.

### 4.0 Reports

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

- Pictures were shown of the items purchased from the wish list – tables for the cafeteria and the viola.
- Older cafeteria tables were donated to Camp Koinonia.

#### 4.2 Treasurer Report (Andrew Krahn)

- Report under fruit fundraiser

#### 4.3 Staff Representative report (James Friesen)

- One-Act plays worked well this year with similar themes throughout the plays.
- Report cards – Grade 9-12 have access to view their own report cards. Some trouble viewing on their phones – company is looking into this.
- Staff retreat (Feb 12-14)– making teaching visible.
- Grade 5 & 6 day went well; open house on Sunday drew largest crowd. Natural light during the day made the school look/feel great. Academic sessions, music session, vocal jazz touring around.
- Feedback – Westgate felt homey, natural light, beautiful, liked Bob's message in the introduction. Someone who was non-Mennonite said it put them at ease.
- Parents joining Westgate from outside the Mennonite community are wondering if there was a session or some way to learn more about the Mennonite heritage.

### 5.0 Ongoing Business

#### 5.1 Grade Events

- Grade 6 – update – 25 out of 29 families attended Across the Board.
- Grade 7 – Zoe Reimer – February 21 – Flying Squirrel – 5-8pm.

- Grade 8 – games night March 17 in cafeteria – 7-9pm. Popcorn and candy bar.
- Grade 10 – April
- Grade 11 – May

## **5.2 Fruit Fundraiser**

- Online orders roughly \$6300
- Last year in total ~ \$7000 – so looks like we will be above last year's total.
- Order 3 cases oranges; 2 cases of grapefruit – extra cases to replace spoiled fruit.

## **5.3 Staff appreciation (Jocelyn Teskey)**

- Theme – lunch menus from around the world.
- Will combine classes by day depending on class size.
- James will put on Westgate calendar so all is reminded – staff and parents.
- Emails asking for donations will go out two weeks before spring break. Many reminders will go out since this week happens right after spring break.

## **6.0 Upcoming and New Business – no new items to discuss**

## **7.0 Adjournment**

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