# Westgate Parent Association – Annual General Meeting

# Tuesday, June 14, 2022

# Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Norinne Dueck (Chair), Jodi Lee, Rachel Franz, Heather Wallace, Jennifer Bell, Sandi Conrad, Gord Stark, Myriam Gauthiere

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**1.0** **Welcome -** Norinne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2.0 Approval of the Minutes

- Jodi moved that the April 12, 2022 minutes be accepted; Seconded – Norinne. Approved and carried.
- An AGM has not been held for the past 2 years with no meetings held in June due to Covid restrictions. No AGM minutes to approve.

## 3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- Jodi moved that the June 14, 2022 agenda be accepted; Seconded – Heather. Approved and carried.

## 4.0 Reports

### a. Chair – Norinne Dueck

- I am happy to report that we have a full executive for 2022/23 which is number 6 on the agenda.
- I have connected with all our current grade representatives asking if they will continue onto the next grade. Karen Nordblum (grade 6), Trina Allen (grade 8), and Glenda Fyvie (grade 11) have all decided not to continue. I would like to publicly thank them for their support. I have found parent volunteers for next year's grade 7 and 9 classes. Grade 12 is still outstanding as well as Grade 6 but this position is filled in September. It is my hope that normal grade parties/gatherings can become a regular event in September 2022.
- Encouraging parents to become Parent Representatives of Sponsoring Churches can become frustrating and time consuming. Despite my efforts, the following churches do not have a PA representative: Bethel, Charleswood, First Mennonite, Home Street, Springfield Heights and Jubilee. This is an ongoing process which will have to be continued by the new Chair.

- One of my last duties will be to complete my portion of the 2022 Parent Association report for the Westgate School AGM (from January - June). This will be completed before the end of June. I will also meet with the new chair to "show the ropes", pass on PA binder and passwords.
- In conclusion, I have enjoyed my experience as Parent Association Chair. It did come with its challenges, especially when Covid reared its ugly head, but I have met many wonderful people, have had the opportunity to work closely with Westgate Staff, particularly with James Friesen. James has been very supportive of the Parent Association and I hope this support will continue with the next Staff representative. I think it's very important to mention Lori Hildebrandt Penner - Lori is a vital part of the operations of this school and clerically supportive of the Parent Association. I would like to thank Jodi Lee and Rachel Franz for their constant support - without them this position wouldn't nearly be as fun!
- I leave Westgate knowing that the PA is in good hands.

### b. Staff Rep – James Friesen

- No report since James is currently in the Middle East with the Grade 12 students.

### c. Financial – Norinne Dueck

- Current balance going into 2022-23: $4800.48
- Cheque for $4000 sent recently for bouldering wall – profits from Love Manitoba fundraiser & parent donations.

## 5.0 Fundraisers

- Will keep the fundraiser timing the same as previous years. Three fundraisers – fall (perogy & sausage), winter (TBD – Sobeys), spring (TBD – Fruit).

## 6.0 Election of Executive

- The Executive Slate presented as follows:
    - Chair: Heather Wallace
    - Vice Chair: Jennifer Bell
    - Treasurer: Heather Lytwyn
    - Secretary: Sandi Conrad
- Norinne moved to elect the Westgate Parent Association Executive Slate for the 2022-23 school year; Seconded – Jodi. Approved and carried.

## 7.0 Approval of Volunteers and Church Reps

- Norinne moved to approve the slate of volunteers and church reps for the 2022-23 school year (see list below); Seconded – Jodi. Approved and carried.
- **PA Volunteers:**
    - Opening Night Reception: Vacant
    - "Grace your Day" Cookbook Sales: Vacant
    - Fundraisers:
        - Perogies and Farmer Sausage: Miranda Cheng ?
        - Sobeys Cards: Vacant
        - Fruit Fundraiser: Jason/Jodi Greenall ?

- **Grade Reps:**
    - Gr. 6 –
    - Gr. 7 – Karen Peters
    - Gr. 8 – Natasha Brown/Lisa Muhr
    - Gr. 9 – Ursula Koslowsky-Wiebe
    - Gr. 10 – Zoe Riemer
    - Gr. 11 – Susan Fast
    - Gr. 12 –

- **Representatives of Sponsoring Churches:**

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| Bethel | |
| Charleswood | |
| Douglas | Haley Kasdorf |
| First Mennonite | |
| Fort Garry | Joanne Thiessen -Martens |
| Home Street | |
| Hope | Stephen Nighswander-Rempel |
| North Kildonan | Lisa Friesen |
| Sargent | Anita Durksen |
| Springfield Heights | |
| Springstein | Ursala Koslowsky-Wiebe |
| Sterling Mennonite Fellowship | Sara Thiessen |
| Jubilee | |

## 8.0 Other

- 2022-23 executive to look into whether there is a possibility of receiving a tax receipt for donations when PA run their fundraising campaigns.
- New parent evening dinner – PA will do a short presentation regarding fundraisers, grade parties, etc.

## 9.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

- Next meeting: September 2022