

Minutes of Westwind Elementary School PAC

Held in Westwind Elementary School Library, January 16, 2019

1. Welcome

Kelly Booth, Chair, welcomed those present. Meeting called to order at 9:00. Quorum present.

SPECIAL GUEST: Sandra Nixon - snixon@sd28.bc.ca school board - She has been a part of the school board for 4 years. Just shuffled and new to this area. She will be with Westwind for 2 years.

- Hoping to help us feel more connected to what is happening with the Board. Any issues or challenges we would like the Board to know about.
- Updates - emergency preparedness - The District has done an inventory of what supplies each school has. Supplies will be ordered and distributed within the next few months.
- Long range facilities plan - long range plan - everything from seismic upgrades, new schools, reviewing programs (alternative programs etc.) Consultations and open houses in the Spring. Hope parents can come and give some feedback on the ideas.
- Talking about next years budget. Might have a bit more of a surplus than expected. What are our priorities (schools)
- In terms of Emergency Preparedness: Ideally each school gets an outdoor storage (enough for 5 days of supplies).
 - Working on a warning system. Going to install in 22 schools. Within a minute you will get a warning.
 - Parent training - once the plan goes into place
- If there is anything that parents would like to discuss, you can email her directly @ snixon@sd28.bc.ca

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of December 5, 2018. Approved by Shauna Parnell - no objections

3. Reports

3.1 Treasurer's Report - delayed until next month

3.2 Principal's Report

- Emergency preparedness at next meeting (tomorrow). Next meeting will tell the PAC more.

- 30 students (grade 6/7) from China joining the school for 2 weeks (January 17th)

Michael Noon will be their teacher. Their goal is to spend 2 weeks with us to experience Canadian education. They will be involved with other classes as well.

Saleema Noon - what went wrong? Admin put it on their calendar. Admin thought that the Parent part was a PAC sponsored event. As it was paid for by Admin, PAC did not get involved in promoting it. PAC thought that Admin was taking care of it. Obviously there was some kind of a mixup. We need to work on Communication.

- Kelly Booth mentioned that with respect to Salem Noon, usually a letter goes out to the parents. It is a whole letter explaining what the whole program covers and explaining that if there are any questions or problems to let Admin know.
- It was mentioned that parents would have liked to have a notice/information about this topic.

Basketball is starting up. There is enough students for 2 boys teams.

Morning meeting at Steveston and yesterday at McMath about incoming grade 8s. Admin were shown report cards from kids who attended Westwind last year. Lots of As and Bs.

For students going into high school next year, it doesn't matter where students live. For this incoming year they have a choice, either McMath or Steveston London. Fill out the transfer form but it MUST be handed in on time. Family Day is the deadline. High schools will be coming to do presentations.

Parent meetings 30th and 31st orientations for both schools. Good idea to go to both.

Pink shirt day - design is different each year. School Cash Online. Cut off days on the 17th at 3pm.

Family Team events - February is about being Kind. Goal is moving toward a culture of care at Westwind.

Tennis - lots of great feedback. Kids are loving it. Hopefully Admin can bring this back next year.

3.3 Chair Report

- this Exec will be actively recruiting to take over all the positions starting asap. The PAC folds if we cannot get the positions filled.
- Advertising is lacking. Most stuff goes out electronically. Maybe we need more information on the premises such as writing at the front door. Students writing important items in the agenda. Admin does not support sending paper to students.
- reminder in the Newsletter in March to make sure parents are getting all electronic transmissions.

3.4 Fundraising Committee

Games Days - had 1 games day. There is a go ahead with the intermediate games day (6&7) find out whether they are actually interested in being involved. Only about 4 parent volunteers. Not sure what is going to happen if we don't get anymore parents.

Parent Education - PAC sponsored workshop - iKid is getting some posters to get the word out. Will be posting it on the Facebook page. January 30th 6:30-8pm - for parents (geared toward K-3)

Fundraising - movie night - April 12th (Friday)
- Still deciding on Spring Bundles

Gifted Trolley - One of our current student's grandfather (Dhiraj Raniga) passed away 2 years ago and wanted to do something for the school. The family purchased the trolley and the PAC is getting a plaque and it will say "Play it is good for you" with his name. We will get Shawn to take a photo and put it in the newsletter. Games Day is to use it but if Games Day folds, it will go back to the PAC.

Namita Marion would like to put on a paint night fundraiser. One for parents and one for kids - she will get into contact with Laura Grant to discuss.

Dance - just got tickets today - will put up on MAL
- Sandra Steier - doing nice black and white photos

Book Fair money - Ms. Nunn is booking an author to come and visit the school - ages 4-7 booking for 4 hour sessions.

4 Meeting adjourned at 10:11
Next meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 6pm

Any general questions/concerns can be directed to westwindpacchair@live.com