

Westwind PAC Meeting

October 21, 2020

6:30 p.m. Zoom

1. **Motion to approve minutes from last meeting** by Gina. Rachel 2nds.

2. Chair's Report

- a. On-line Fundraising Ideas. Some ideas we are considering are a 50/50 draw or guessing the candies in a jar. Please send us your suggestions and we will investigate.
- b. Cob's Bread – at No. 2 and Blundell is a supporter of our school. When you make a purchase let them know you are with Westwind. Our school will accumulate points with every purchase and at the end of the school year Cob's will cut a cheque to Westwind Elementary.
- c. Flip Give program – Chelsea speaks to explain this new Fundraising Initiative You can use the website or the app. You start on the Flip Give website, enter the Westwind team code, then select the retailer website of your choice, for example SportChek.ca. A percentage (anywhere from 1%-10%, usually around 2-3%) of your purchase will be given to the organization of your choice, in this case Westwind Elementary. Great and easy way to give money while purchasing things you would be already. You can adjust the privacy settings on your account. You can even ask your friends and family to shop this way too. It's a very easy to use, intuitive system.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. There has been very little activity this month. We paid \$336 for our annual subscription to use the MAL (Munch a Lunch) service. We use this service not only for hot lunch days but for other things as well. We aim to use this for fundraising again this year.
- b. There have been a couple of teacher literacy support items totalling \$81 and an invoice from last year relating to games day for \$117.
- c. We received our gaming grant. This is great news! It is to be used for extracurricular activities.
- d. The school is looking for the following items to be donated. Large Ziploc bags. There is a bin at the front of the school. We are also helping to purchase drain boards for each classroom as there is a lot of items that need more frequent cleaning this year.

4. Committee & Club Reports

- a. **Fundraising Committee.** We are going ahead with the Winter Bundle. It will be very similar to past years and will have new vendors as well. The vendors include: Purdy's (chocolate), Rocky Mountain Flatbread (pizza), Plants (poinsettias, wreaths, planters), Dan-D-Pak (nuts & trail mix) and Bittersweet (cookie dough). The fundraiser will run from November 2-20th. Place your order on-line, parents will receive an email with links to the various vendor websites. Plants are to be delivered late in the day on Nov 27th and pick -up for all fundraising items will be November 28th at the school as a drive-thru style, probably from 10am-1pm.

The committee says doing a 50/50 on-line is a bit prohibitive. An idea is doing Bingo through Facebook live. We can explore that idea.

5. Other Business.

Playground. Drew speaks about a new playground for Westwind. We have had a goal at the start of last school year to expand our playground. We have no specific plan or proposal so far. What we determined is that the project requires a committee of parents to fundraise and research and execute the project. So far, we do not have this. We have set aside specific funds that were raised last year. They are not nearly enough to fund the entire project.

Carolyn adds, that playgrounds are usually a specific PAC project. The PAC funds the equipment, the school district does the mulch and the surrounding walls. There is often a building party of parents and representatives from the company. The property behind our playground to the road is school property. The City of Richmond owns property on the South Side of the School.

Drew says that we are looking for someone to take this on. If you are interested please send him an email, as a full-time committee is needed. We'd love to hear from a leader for this committee.

Kristy mentions that there are grants that we can apply for. Lisa T. has done some research on the building of playgrounds and has found it's a four-pronged approach. Sara says there are many facets to the project and that it's a four-five-year project. Chelsea asks if we have had any contact with playground companies, they may have strategies and ideas on identifying grants. Lisa asks our school administrators, Sara and Carolyn, if we can find out from Roy, the Secretary Treasurer of the Richmond School Board, where we are on the list.

Lisa says she would be on the Playground Committee and if asks if anyone else would as well. Chelsea and Jamie both volunteer to join her. The playground committee is formed. Thank you so much to these three parents for volunteering!

6. **Admin Report.** Its been great to see students, 83% increasing to 87%, back after the last intake. Sometimes out of crises come good things, there has been less inappropriate behaviour. Going forward it is probably a good thing to stagger lunch breaks

Halloween Plans. They need parent help. Instead if students bringing candy to the classroom to share with classmates, they plan to make goodie bags. We will ask parents to donate candy ahead of time so the candy can sit for three days. Sara has organized a work party of a few parents to help make up the goodie bags. Treats can be dropped of tomorrow and Monday. Children can wear costumes on Friday the 30th to school. No pumpkin carving event as a school in the gym this year. Some teachers are doing pumpkin math. The classrooms will hold a window decorating contest. The three classes without exterior window will be given a different area. Classroom can win prizes in various categories. Students will view all of the classroom window displays. Parents will also be invited to walk around the school to view the windows.

Remembrance Day Assembly. Mr. Shakles and Mr. Kirby will assemble the recorded performances. Each classroom will record a performance in their classroom. The assembled performances will be viewed in the classroom on the apple TVs.

We have three division doing the new e-portfolio, Ms. Brulhart, Ms. Jeffries and Mr. Taylor. There will be student and parent input. There is one mid-term report and one end of year report card. Other schools have been doing this for five years or so.

Carolyn did her masters on students having a say and ownership of their learning. It is better for them as life-long learners. Its important to see themselves and be confident as life long learners as the world changes so quickly and most will be doing jobs that don't yet exist.

Sara updates that the Grad Committee, as there is no Outdoor Ed this year, will raise money for hoodies and year books instead. Also, there will be some virtual Arts performances to students. For the gardening program, Kids in the Garden, there will be six classes participating. Thank you to those who dropped of donations of toys and Ziplocs so far. If you would like to help with Halloween Candy Bags send her an email.

Drew asks us all to keep an eye out for information on Flip Give and the Winter Bundles. Thank you to Lisa, Jamie and Chelsea for volunteering for the Playground Committee and to Ms. Latu and Ms. Lai for following up with the school board.

We would like to tentatively set the next PAC meeting for Wednesday, November 25th.

7. **Motion to Adjourn** by Ms. Lai, Gina 2nds. 7:30 p.m.