

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Weledeh Catholic School
September 16, 2015

In Attendance:

Seana Stewart, Jenny Reid, Anne Lynagh, Susan Waddell, JodiLee Karmingk, Barb Cameron, Rene Andre, Cheryl Voytilla, Simone Gessler

Opening Prayer

Introductions

Principal's Report - Liz Baile

- This year's book is God's Dream
 - multiculturalism (we're all different and unique)
 - commonality is God's love for us
 - we all have ability to love so God's Dream is for us all to love one another as he loves us
- What Does PAC Do?
 - support admin/teachers
 - support events/lunches
 - volunteer in school activities
 - picture day
 - PBS Day
 - Track and Field
 - fundraise
 - Christmas Baskets
 - PAC Family Fun Night
 - honour that parents are busy and aren't not available all the time
 - come when you can
 - commit the time you have
 - parent can support PAC in different ways
- It is a time of fiscal constraint as such PAC may be called on to help advocate on behalf of staff and students
 - Simon Taylor - Board Chair met with PAC last year discussing that the Board may be asking for support in determining what the nominees support before the elections occur
- School is continuing its instructional focus
 - PBL
 - Technology in the Classroom
 - Google Apps for Education
- School population change - now PreK - 7 school
 - middle school a little quieter but 6's and 7's taking on leadership roles
 - continue with late immersion
 - population is down - 356 students
- Opening School Mass
 - beautiful mass - God's Dream was the theme
 - blessed all the new students
 - blessed Jenny

- Do programming
 - cut federal programming
 - how do we keep Do staffing
 - keep Do program running with limited \$\$
 - explanation of Do for new parents
 - did a Do planning session
 - field trip/adventure activities - need to fundraise to be able to continue these
 - ie horse stable
 - holding a fundraising event ***Buddy What's His Name and the Other Feller***
 - October 19th
 - PAC support for the event would be great
 - canteen
 - coat check
 - set-up
 - take down
 - starts at 6:30pm

- A lot of new staff
 - 5 new CA's (12 CA's in total)
 - 2 teachers
- Extra-Curricular Programming
 - starts next week
 - Fiddling, Culture Club, Sr. French Club, Library Club, Hockey Academy, Choir, Faith Development Student Team, Active Afterschool Program, and organize sports beginning as well (volleyball).
 - Student Voices
 - bullying issues
 - what is bullying
 - debunk the myth
 - what is normal behaviour
 - friendships
 - chronic and tenacious behaviours
- Technology Initiative
 - continuing with tech in the classroom
 - WCS now has 5 chromebook labs - greater access to technology
 - learning how to integrate and implement and will have continue training
- How do we get more parents involved?
 - PAC co-chairs can approach parents and ask them to be involved
 - Principal can personally call parents and invite them to come
 - find ways to get them engaged - more discussion
 - Classroom Reps:
 - K Barlott - JodiLee Karmingk
 - K Laity - Rene Andre
 - 1 Kavanaugh - Simone Gessler
 - 6 Anthony-Reid - Barb Cameron
 - 7 Brown - Anne Lynagh

Fundraising - Jenny Reid

- What are you fundraising for?
 - Do Program
 - Playground Phase Three (Green Space/Outdoor Classroom)
 - Simone explained difference in playground fund
- Types of Fundraising
 - Food Fridays - 3 out of 4 go to the playground fund
 - pasta lunch?
 - chicken nugget day - PAC Sponsor?
 - pizza day
 - School is changing soup and bannock lunches to tea and bannock so soup and bannock would be open if PAC wanted to do a lunch
 - Halloween cake walk and coin drive
 - Staff fundraising
 - 50/50 draw
 - potluck lunches
 - would PAC be interested in sponsoring this (bring food teachers pay)
 - Canteen
 - October - Volleyball - PBS
 - February - Bball - Do Edaezhe/Faith
 - April - Soccer - Track and Field - PAC support would be helpful
 - Book Fairs
 - Tanya - big fundraiser for the library

PAC Items - PAC Members

- Picture Day - September 24 and September 25
 - Rene will volunteer all day Thursday
 - Anne will help out Thursday (am)
 - Barb will volunteer all day Friday
 - Anne will help out Friday (am)
- PAC Executive
 - Co-Chairs
 - Susan Waddell
 - Rene Andre
 - Secretary
 - Simone Gessler
 - Treasurer
 - Anne Lynagh
 - Liz will get Anne account balance from last year

- PAC Family Fun Night
 - Can we get the date changed from October 16 - October 30
 - have a Halloween night
 - Liz will check with city and see if night can be changed
 - what will the family night look like
 - similar to last year
 - movie
 - activities
 - popcorn
- Information about PAC
 - Social Media - Facebook Account?
 - Newsletter “article” Monthly
 - Anne expressed interest in taking this on
- Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2015 (12:00 pm)
 - Agenda items forwarded
 - PAC Family Fun Night