

École Van Wallegghem School-Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 23, 2023

Time: Immediately Following the Conclusion of the AGM

Location: École Van Wallegghem School (Library)

PAC Executive Members in Attendance: Wil Hedges, Wendy Schultz, Rochelle Reynolds

Regrets: Taz Lakhani, Michelle Chay, Shelley Bertrand-Meadows

Administration in Attendance: Sharon Labossière (Principal), Carrie Lourenzo (Vice-Principal), Tori Patzer (Incoming Principal)

Members at Large in Attendance: Colleen Peluso, Dorian Hoge, Anne Meszaros, Michelle Lesyk

Call to Order: 8:02 p.m.

-A motion was made to adopt this evening's agenda. Moved by Rochelle, seconded by Wendy. All in favour, no one opposed. Carried.

-A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting. Moved by Wendy, seconded by Rochelle. All in favour, no one opposed. Carried.

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A. Parent Council Initiatives:

1. Chair's Report-Wil Hedges

- i. Nothing new to report (see AGM for year's highlights)

2. Lunch Program Report-Shelley Bertrand-Meadows

- i. Shelley was unable to attend this meeting. Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Social Chair Report-Vacant

- i. Nothing new to report this month.

4. Lindenwoods Fall Classic Race-Rochelle Reynolds

- i. **The date is planned for October 1, 2023.** Funds raised will be going primarily toward the new play structure.
- ii. The committee met again a few weeks ago. Registration is just about ready to go! We will launch the website at the same time.
- iii. The committee's goal is to have everything loosely in place by the end of June since we tend to go somewhat dormant over the summer months.
- iv. Sharon has booked the permits for the gym.
- v. PTSD is not allowing the grant that Rochelle recently wrote (and was vetted/encouraged by Obby Kahn) to be submitted at this time. The reasoning is that it is not a free event, thus not anyone can attend. **Action: Sharon will check on the status of the decision. Idea: could we have a bouncy castle present at the race as a way to say that anyone can come in?**
- vi. *Motion: to increase the budget taken from the Parent Council restricted account from \$5000 to \$10,000. We will probably not require this much but there are some expensive items coming over the summer and we will not be able to make another motion until September. Moved by Colleen, seconded by Wendy. All in favour, no one opposed. Carried.*

5. Fundraising Chair Report-Vacant

- i. Kristyn Van Wallegem has taken on the task of the Glenlea Plant Fundraiser. The plant pickup took place last week and went very smoothly. The plants are beautiful! We are waiting to see what the final total is but it appears to be around \$1600. Thanks to Kristyn for organizing this important fundraiser!

6. Education and Communications Chair Report-Michelle Chay

- i. Michelle was unable to attend tonight. Nothing new to report this month (see AGM for year's highlights).

7. Site Report Chair Report-Taz Lakhani

- i. Taz was unable to attend tonight. Nothing new to report at this time (see AGM for year's highlights).

8. Treasurer's Report-Wendy Schultz

- i. Wendy and Rochelle went to the bank to sign the documents required to update our accounts and make changes. The underperforming mutual funds were sold. \$16,838.82 was invested into a 100-day GIC (which will automatically renew) at 4.2%. \$66,397.25 was invested for one year at 4.45%. Over \$3000 in interest will be earned for both investments.
- ii. As of May 18 2023, here are the bank balances:

TD Chequing Account Balance:	\$23,279.04
Restricted Funds:	\$13,339.18 (Race)

	\$66,397.25 (play structure)
TD GIC 6641-8019072-01 (restricted)	\$66,397.25
TD GIC 6641-8019072-02 (unrestricted)	\$16,838.82
Unrestricted Funds:	\$26,778.68

* Operating Funds could be used toward the new play structure. Historically, this Council has tended to be very conservative and saves well. Covid also prevented us from spending a lot of the normal money on the Lunch Program.

9. Other Business

- i. Grade 8 Farewell: The school (daytime) event will take place June 27 in the morning. The dinner/dance will take place June 28 in the evening. The Manitoba Club is booked. Tickets cost \$35. The photobooth will be free due to the company looking for exposure and just starting out. Students will receive goody bags.

Executive Portion Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

B. Administration Report

Sharon Labossière (Principal) and Carrie Lourenzo (Vice-Principal) reported on the following:

Recent Events: Track and Field for the Grade 4-8’s was a huge success! A parent in the community who is also a Phys. Ed specialist mentored the VW Phys. Ed. Team to help them learn how to put on a Track and Field event. The VW team learned a lot and is ready for next year! Two students made it to the divisional event for the “Concours d’ Art Oratoire” and went on to the provincial level. The Grade 8 students came back from their trip to Québec. They were extremely well-behaved and had a great time. Thank you again to Mme Robert for organizing this trip.

The mini-gym is getting a new floor. A medicine wheel imprint will be placed in the middle. The mats need to be replaced (cost is around \$15,000).

Staffing and Class Compositions for 2023-24:

French Immersion Stream: 2 Kindergarten classes, 2 grade 1/2 classes, 2 grade 2/3 classes, 2 grade 3/4 classes, 3 grade 5/6 classes, 1 grade 7, 1 7/8 class and 1 grade 8 class.

English Stream: 1 Kindergarten class, 2 grade 1/2 classes, 2 3/4 classes, 1 4/5 class, 1 5/6 class, 1 grade 7 class, class, 2 grade 8 classes

*The school population has been declining but the growth we have seen this year has primarily come from the English stream.

Several staff will be leaving as well. Mme Bridgeman, Ms. Austen, Ms. Camp, and Mme Perron will be retiring. Mr. Lamoureux is going on a parental leave for part of the first term. Ms. Kaiser and Mr. Neufeld are leaving the school this year.

School Resource Officer: Constable Dave Howard is no longer in the position. We have Elijah Shawn joining.

-Adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

****Next Meeting: September 2023 (To be Determined)**