

# École Van Walleghem School-Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: École Van Walleghem School (Library)

**PC Executive Members in Attendance:** Colleen Peluso, Wendy Schultz, Rochelle Reynolds, Jen McPhail

**Regrets:** Wil Hedges, Anne Meszaros, Tori Patzer

**Administration in Attendance:** Carrie Lourenzo (Vice-Principal)

**Members at Large in Attendance:** Salma S., Nadia K., Moslem K., Blair D., Pooja S., Sun K.

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Call to Order: 6:43 p.m.

*-A motion was made to adopt this evening's agenda. Moved by Jen, seconded Wendy. Carried.*

*-A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the April 9, 2024, meeting. Moved by Jen, seconded by Rochelle. Carried.*

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### **A. Parent Council Initiatives:**

#### **1. Chair's Report-Colleen Peluso**

- i. We have worked very hard this year on the Parent Council. Thank you to everyone for coming to meetings and taking on different roles. Thank you to Shelley, Michelle, Wendy, and Wil (Executive members who will not be returning next year).

#### **2. Vice Chair's Report-Wendy Schultz**

- i. Nothing new to report this month.

#### **3. Site Report Chair Report-Vacant (Anne is helping to fill in this role for the time being)**

- i. There is a list of grants that we are eligible to apply for (for the play structure) and a parent has volunteered to serve as a grant writer.
- ii. We are still waiting for the City to approve the lease agreement.

#### **4. Fundraising-Anne Meszaros (unable to attend)**

- i. The Glenlea plant fundraiser is nearly done. Pick-up for plants will be on May 23 in the evening. Volunteers to sort plants are still needed! Action: If you can help out, please contact Anne.

#### **5. Social Chair Report-Vacant**

- i. We acknowledged Administrative Professionals Day (to honour Lindsay, Pat, and Monica in the office). Colleen created floral arrangements for each secretary and Rochelle delivered them, along with a beverage from Starbucks.

#### **6. Linden Woods Fall Classic Race-Rochelle Reynolds (Race Director)**

- i. Planning for the race is going well. We are still looking to fill a few open positions.
- ii. A Title Sponsor has been secured for this year's event!
- iii. The next few months will be very busy for the committee as the race approaches.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report-Jen McPhail**

- i. Nothing new to report as Jen will present the year's financial statements at the AGM.

#### **8. Education and Communications Chair Report-Vacant**

- i. Constable Budahan presented the final session of the year on April 9 (topic was internet safety). It was an excellent presentation. No thank you gift will be presented as this is part of his duties.

## 9. Lunch Program-Vacant

- i. Lindsay is nearly done with writing the rebate cheques. Families will have the option to keep their cheque or donate it to the future play structure.

## 10. Other Business

- i. Next year, we will try to have a few meetings online to see if this increases attendance.
- ii. Bylaws and Constitution: Colleen is not comfortable with what we currently have. We still need to finish updating these documents but need to give 14 days notice to the parent community. Action: Colleen to talk to Wil. We will work on finishing the updates and have a meeting on June 4 to present this document to all interested parents. On June 25, there will be an online meeting for a final vote on the updated Constitution and Bylaws.

*Executive Portion Adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Moved by Colleen, seconded by Anne. Carried.*

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## B. Administration Report

Carrie shared the following highlights with us:

-The Grade 8 Quebec trip is currently going on (Tori is away this evening because she is on the trip).

-Treaty Training will be mandatory next year for staff so there will be a lot of work with our current Indigenous leaders. More and more teachers are doing land-based learning with their classes.

-VW athletics wear is available

-The staff walked with Mama Bear Clan last week and dropped off breakfast for those in need. Mme Beauregard (Teacher Librarian) has been instrumental in the partnership with this charity.

-A school-wide assembly took place a few days ago. The focus was on celebrations and student engagement.

-The Concours d'Arts Oratoire contest has wrapped up and students did great! The Film Club is currently ongoing. Growing Circle is also ongoing.

-We are still waiting for the "Buddy Bench"

- Welcome to Kindergarten is coming up on June 3.
- Dance in the Park will be taking place on June 14 in the afternoon.
- Track and Field will be taking place on May 23 (Grades 4-8)
- The Grade 8's have been doing fundraisers for their farewell.
- The year-end Band concert is coming up.
- Classes/teachers are not yet finalized for next year but it will be looking similar to this year in terms of having combined classes. There are still new students registering for next year.

*Adjourned: 7:39 p.m.*

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**\*\*\*Next Meeting: September 2024 (date to be determined)\*\*\***