

Westwood School Council Meeting

Tuesday November 16, 2010

Present:

Karen Sims

Lisa Doering

Terri Sider

Kat Schiavone

Lorraine Brown

Michelle Blears

Charmaine Swiderski

Catherine Sullivan

Carolyn Curtis

Marnie Allen

Regrets:

Christine Nolan

Joy

Robynne Sampson

Alicia Brame

Welcome

- Terri called the meeting to order at 6:50

Review Minutes

- No issues

Correspondence

- Thank you card from teachers for the social breakfast
- School bus info

Student Council Report

- Pink day – Friday – anti-bullying – poster contest
- Dec 9th – dance
- Candy gram sales – Xmas time for three weeks
- Popcorn sales - possibility

Principal / Staff Report

- New progress report – Karen went through the document
- Growing success – language more parent friendly
- 1st page – learning skills – these are the skills if kids have, they will eventually do well in class
- 2nd page – must comment on language, arts and math – what they are good at and what they need to work on – if something is progressing with difficulty – must have a comment
- Tear off section for parents – signature – goals for student and parent
- Learning skills & work habits and Subject info done by Westwood staff
- First and last section done by board
- Term 1 – ends in February
- Term 2 – end of June
- Progress report – in November
- Taken 3 terms and divided into 2 terms
- Interviews next Thursday – can book by internet or call to school
- If child is progressing well – will not see a comment
- Understand that there will be a learning curve while teachers and parents use these forms
- These reports were only available in August, expectations for comments was unclear – did lunch and learns to help the teachers with the progress reports
- Comment bank was generated by teachers to be used if needed

West Willow Woods

- Winterfest – Sunday February 6th, 2011
- Get alicia to e-mail this to me
- Both Tim Hortons and Starbucks have expressed interest in helping out
- We will alternate between Tim Hortons and Starbucks
- Kat will approach Tim Hortons to help out with Winterfest
- Sound system needs to be ordered – Lisa to check with Blair
- Community use form – use new bathrooms and secure rest of building
- West Willow Woods can do the craft etc. In the portable
- Last year we had fruit
- Door prizes – Catherine to approach City of Guelph - either from money donation or food donation
- Poster will have to go out before our January meeting
- Free radio advertising two weeks before
- Kat and Terri to fill out forms
- Spike and Stormy – can we get them – contact Carla
- Rolls for tablecloths
- Terri & Kat to do flyer
- Post on website and sign
- Go through volunteer signups in January
- See also – attached PDF

2010/2011 Goals : Updates

- Winter coat drive –
- Skates - 5 pairs to be added to the school bin
- Breakfast Club
 - Donation list for breakfast club to be done by Michelle
 - Yogurt is donated by Danone, Frozen juice by Minute Maid

- Math Nights
 - starting to roll, Thursday nights
 - 7 or 8 teachers – 2 nights – open to parents in the kids classes of the teachers who have volunteered to do the math nights
 - Brouchure for interview nights
 - Mike will come in and teach the teachers
 - December 2nd – Jan 27th
- Live Free day
 - February
 - Register in January
- Green Initiatives
 - Board – no response from solar panel request
- Campbell's soup labels
 - get math manipulatives
- Communication
 - posted on website 305 hits – 202 hits on newsletter
 - place notices and be here for interview night at both doors
 - Lorraine to use the bulletin board

Committee Reports

- GCVI – no report
- Fundraising
 - Stacey is coming back in two weeks to discuss fundraising plan
 - Mabels' labels until January
 - Sell water bottles & hats
 - Tom is heading up grade 8 trip
 - Poinsetta fundraiser to be started soon

Next Meeting

- Jan 18th
- No meeting in March
- Leave May meeting to May 17th
- No meeting in June

Westwood P.S. Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday November 16th, 2010.
West Willow Woods Neighbourhood Group Update

I am sorry I am unable to attend. I am actually at the portable hosting our Salvation Army Holiday Hamper Application Night.

Winter Clothing Drive – Thank you!

- Thank you so much for organizing the winter coat, boot and skate drive. We have starting distributing the coats and boots and are planning to have distribution through the next couple of months.
- We have 32 Youth girls Coats, 9 youth boy coats, 17 women's coats, 8 men coats; 11 pair of boots.
- Winter Items are available this evening at Salvation Army Holiday Hamper Registration.
- We have the skates right now and I am not sure what you would like me to do with them. We presently have 5 pairs of skates (4-boys, 1 girls)

Winterfest 2011. – Sunday February 6th – It's on!

- The city has confirmed that they are organizing the event again and have sent me the registration form.
- At our last board meeting, we discussed how we could help at Winterfest this year. At this time, our group does not have the capacity to take a lead on this but would be happy to partner with the school and assist the parent council in some way. The group would be happy to assist with searching for some volunteers and do children activities in the portable again. If there are other ways that the parent council would like our assistance please let me know. I will still be a direct contact for this.
- I spoke with Catherine Sullivan by email regarding the rink and to see if she received this information for Winterfest too. She had not, but I have sent it to her. She mentioned that she would be happy to work on Winterfest this year. Thank you so much!

Collective Kitchen – December 8th.

Please refer to attached flyer.

Salvation Army Holiday Hamper Program

Please refer to the attached flyer.

- We are looking for volunteer drivers/ assistants to help with delivery Holiday Hampers to families in our community. Delivery Day is Thursday December 23rd. Delivery is usually schedule for a particular time between 9:00 – 12:30. If you are interested in helping please call me or send an email to alicia.brame@fcsgw.org or wwwng@bellnet.ca

Athletic Shoe Recycle Program – Shoes are available to students who need them.

- The 2010 Guelph *in motion* week was October 2nd - 8th. During this campaign, Guelph *in motion* hosted an athletic shoe recycle program to help people in Guelph get active. Gently used athletic shoes were collected at various locations in the city and we now want to distribute these shoes to individuals that need them.
- By organizing this program *in motion* is hoping to provide the opportunity for a child or adult to enjoy a new activity, participate with friends and get more active and healthy. If you have any questions about *in motion* or the Shoe Recycle Program, please don't hesitate to contact Alicia Brame, at 519-826-9930.