

WEJ SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2013

Attendees

Brian Turner	Co-Chair
Megan Cornell	Co-Chair
Maggie Huang	Treasurer
Shelley Ma	Secretary
Joanne Irwin	Arc Transition Team
Marilyn Burans	Principal

Catherine Roberts
Cheryl Meek
Maryam Mizani
Meritxell Currius
Julie Zboril
Brenda Campbell
Wencheng Situ

Welcome

Megan called meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Agenda

Agenda was approved for the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of October 29th, 2013 meeting was amended and approved.

Volunteer Recognition

Megan Cornell on behalf of the 2013-14 school council recognized Sandie Cramm for her past years' school council volunteer works.

Update on Activities of Council

Communications Committee

Brian Turner updated on council communication status. Currently Council has collected around 200 email addresses. School principle Marilyn Burans will inform total number of student family. When we have up to 75% of email addresses, Council will use email instead of paper handouts as one of the tools to reach out to parents.

School Council website has updated. New website will be launched soon. Facebook page will be updated.

Events

- Movie Night

Megan spoke on the events. Thanks to the committee members and all the volunteers involved, Movie night was a big success. 350 tickets were sold which was up to gym's maximum capacity.

Movie night survey was sent out and 13 responded. Positive feedback was received. Timing of event (Friday), movie selection were all welcomed, Sense of Community was confirmed. Cleanup after the movie night got lots of help. No complains from school after. There is suggestion that for next time, older kids are advised not to run in the hallway.

Fundraising is estimated to be reached at \$700 for movie night.

Committee is also considering a second movie night for the school year. It is suggested to have 2 movies shown at the same night, one in gym another in a different location (school library is an option) for different ages. It can be either on Thursday or Friday night based on school availability.

- Holiday Fair

Holiday Fair will be on Thursday Dec. 19th. Flyer with detail will be sent home with students. Tables can be booked up to 20. Grade 7&8 students are encouraged to be volunteers to help out the fair.

Parent Resource Library

Megan updated that we have received \$1000 cheque from the board. Bookcases are being offered and will be placed in the library. Once it is completed, it will have a list of books for parents to borrow.

United Church has agreed to allow WEJ to buy used books with a reasonable price at its spring sale in Feb. 2014. French books are highly needed. Parent Resource Library will also take opportunity at Scholastic book sale for French books.

Fundraising Priorities

Alternative Lunch Programs

Brian spoke on the subject. Parents are interested in the following options:

- Quiznos
- Extreme Pita
- Lunch Lady

Council will put out a survey to ask parents to consider regarding:

- Cost/Price to parents
- Volunteer requirements/involvement
- How to take orders from parents? Use current pizza/milk order website or a separate one?

Survey will be emailed out with the survey link.

Technology Fund

Megan spoke that Tech Fund is not a separate account. It is one of the fundraising priorities and parents have suggested tracking the usage to make good use funds. Other priorities can also be set and tracked in the same way.

67s Fund Raiser

Brenda talked about the 67s Fund Raising opportunity. It is possible to generate \$1700 to \$2000 by selling the tickets (single or family rate). Online payment is preferred. Friday night game for 400 tickets later in the season is a good option.

Other Fundraising

Megan suggested to also look into other options for example corporate partnership, kickback sales amounts for sells to school parents purchasing; etc.

WEJ Hats

Megan put out the idea of WEJ Hats to be sold on Holiday Fair in Dec. If so, they should be ordered ASAP. Minimum order is 100 with mixed color and sizes. WEJ name embroiled which is included in the order price.

Motion made in favour by Brenda and seconded by Brian; approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Maggie reported:

Beginning Balance	\$2,000.81
Interest Income	\$0.50
Grant	\$1,000.00 Parent Resource Library \$500 Parent Involvement
Expenses	(\$180.80) Kernels Popcorns for Movie Night
Current Balance	\$3,320.51

Inter-School Council Update

Megan Cornell gave an update on Inter-School Council

No meeting held after last council meeting in October.

Nomination of Boundary Review Representative

Boundary meeting volunteer representatives needed. Council will send out communications to parents for representatives.

Earl of March Expansion Update

Sandie Cramm spoke on the Expansion.

ARC transition team wrote to Trustee that the needs are met for the expansion.

Communication meeting was held on Oct. 30 at Earl of March. Plan was presented at the time. It was received well. Hope it get approved at ministry level. If it is approved, construction will start in April 2014.

For due diligence, in case if school is not completed in time, students have to stay at current school.

Principle's Update

Principle Marilyn Burans gave the following update:

November activities included:

Canterbury High School visit – presentation to Grade 8 students

Photo retakes – Nov. 7

Progress Report Cards sent home

Parent Teacher Interviews have taken place

Remembrance Day - Monday November 11, Assembly – Grades 1 – 6,

Kindergarten students remembered in the Library

Grade 7 and 8 students walked to the Kanata Cenotaph and participated in the Ceremony there

Congratulations on such a successful first movie night

Lockdown and Secure Your Classroom practice occurred

Play structure has been closed for the winter.

The Education Act and PPM 144 require schools to complete and share with their communities a bully prevention and intervention plans. The plans should take school climate data into consideration when determining school needs, as well as other prevention strategies already in place. Staff will be meeting (Sfe School Committee) later this week to put discuss, draft plans. These will be shared with staff at our next staff meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Intermediate Girls volleyball tournament – Thursday Nov 28th

Dec 4 – junior Girls Bordenball Tournament – WO Mitchell

Dec 5 – junior Boys Bordenball Tournament - WO Mitchell

Wednesday Dec 11 – Holiday/Christmas assembly P/Js

Thursday Dec 19 – Intermediate Music Concert Earl of March

Teachers are required to take an unpaid teaching day. This day will be Friday, December 20th, which is a PA Day for the students.

Meeting adjourned around 8:20pm.