

Minutes of Whiteside Elementary School PAC

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 in the Whiteside Library

Attendees: Diana Redman (Co-Chair), Brandi Snow (Treasurer), CC Chang (Fundraising Coordinator), Brenda Geib, Anne-Marie Olmstead-Wilcox (RDPA), Stacey Wong, Nina Gerasimova, Sandra Raveena Kadarare

Regrets: Erin Mah (Co-Chair), Puneet Jain (Secretary)

1. Welcome – Diana started the meeting
2. Approval of January Minutes
 - Motion from Brandi to approve the minutes
 - Diane approved/seconded
 - All approved
3. Admin Report – Sarah Grant (Vice Principal)
 - Early dismissal for all classes Tuesday & Wednesday Feb 25 & 26th for Student / Parent / Teacher Conferences
 - Book Fair week of February 24th
 - Pink Shirt Day and assembly on February 26th
 - Science Jam evening of February 26th
 - Divisions 3, 10, 12, 15, 17 & 18 will receive reports week of March 12th
 - Fire Drill before Spring Break – this was delayed due to muddy fields; Lock Down Drill after Spring Break; letters will go home to parents to advise
 - Ultimate Workshop starting for Intermediate Students – 2nd week after spring break
 - Ordered and will be ordering more – new sports equipment; sponsor from TD to purchase new equipment
 - New French Resources order due – books / learning resources
 - Decision made to change photo company from MountainWest to Edge Imaging
 - Whiteside's Got Talent – Auditions Feb 26 & 27; Show March 13th in the school gym at 1:30 pm
4. PAC Executive Updates
 - Diana – application for community/school event funds from City of Richmond due March 8th, 2020 – Neighbourhood Celebration Grant; discussion on what event funds can go towards; decision to put towards Meet the Teacher night/ welcome back to school event September 2020 (September 23rd); Up to \$2500 to be used by September 30, 2020. Other ideas were Sports day and last day of school events – tough to get people out during the day due to work commitments.

5. Executive & Treasurer's Report
 - Refer to Financial Reports
 6. RDPA
 - Last meeting was cancelled due to weather – no updates
 7. Fundraising – Raffle Update
 - CC – Raffle is a go; Sandeep Bhullar will take the lead
 - Require commitment from a few PAC members for duration of the raffle campaign
 - Funds raised to go towards Library updates
 - Sandeep currently sourcing prizes (donations)
 - Decisions need to be made on dates of raffle and prize draw
 - Prizes to be offer to students (top classes, sundae parties, freezie days, etc)
 - Brenda Geib to ask O'Hare's for gift certificate donation
 - CC will work with Sandeep to get this started
 8. Hot Lunch
 - Diane – need a few more volunteers for hot lunch (either packaging or runners to deliver to classrooms)
 - Need to direct parents to sign up to volunteer after placing hot lunch order on MunchaLunch
 9. Other / Questions
 - Social Media Blitz – not much improvement; comments that there is low engagement at other schools too; most parents go to school website for information and updates
 - Concession Fridge – TBD.
 - Lunch Lady – comments that kids did not like the food; process seems complicated; Diana to see if they could leave lunches at front office like other drop offs
 - Question on why we switched to Panago – they offered individual sized pizzas; With Fresh Slice – they were whole pizzas which increased handling of food; Panago is also nut free facility
 - Sandra Raveena Kadatare – leading grad this year; they will take PAC Offer to June movie night as grad fundraiser; Discussed hot chocolate / cookie / popcorn sales and will work with the school to figure this out; Need Grade 7 teacher support – Sarah will check with teachers; suggestion to reach out to grade 6 parents for help and volunteer
 - Principal – Pam is at the school M-Th; Don Dixon on Fridays when available; if not, Sarah is acting principal and will have TOC cover on those days
- Need more parents to volunteer for the PAC and other events. If you are interested please

email the PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com or reach out to any of the PAC parents.

Next PAC Meeting:

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 @ 6:30pm