

PAG (Parents' Advisory Group)

École Robert H. Smith School

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2019, 6:30 PM

Executive Committee Present

Sarah Snider- Secretary

Melanie Dorrington- Vice-Chair

School Administration

Principal: Andrea Powell

Other Valued People Present

Julie Garcia (Environment)

Jackie Wasyliv (Fundraising)

Saul Benjamin (South District Advisory Rep)

Tiffany Yachyshen (Family Dance)

Kristy LeBaron (Staff Appreciation)

Peter Dorrington (French Language)

Kate Franklin (Fun Lunch)

Regrets

James Wright –Chair

Stacey Hay-Treasurer

Vice-Principal: Matt Couture

Minutes

| Agenda / Speaker | Discussion | Responsible for Action/Timeline |
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| Welcome –Vice Chair | | |
| Teacher's Presentation Mr. Donato | Physical Education--at RHS 5 main tenets, 13 different extracurricular opportunities Goal --Love of physical education for life Discussion on ABC lines for track and field and philosophy of inclusiveness | |
| Principal's Report | Vice Principal--is on leave for personal reasons and there will be replacement announced soon Staff updates discussed Please see Principal's report for details on what is happening at school available from WSD website--Note # of parents finding it hard to locate on WSD website Data presented on Anonymous School Survey for grades 4-6 | Communications to provide a link to this calendar from our PAG website and directly in the minutes |
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| Chair Report –Melanie | New positions will be voted at our AGM which | |

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| Dorrington on behalf of James Wright | <p>is our next meeting in May Still in need of parents to express interest in Vice Chair Secretary Fundraising Committee (2-3 parents) Fun Lunch Committee (2-3 parents) Volunteer Coordinator French Language Advisor Family Dance Committee (4 parents)</p> | |
| Treasurer's Report--Melanie Dorrington on behalf of Stacey Hay | Financials presented across accounts--spreadsheets available upon request | |
| Grade 6 Farewell --Melanie Dorrington & Julie Garcia | <p>In past years PAG has consistently provided funds (\$600) towards the Grade 6 Farewell festivities. If any \$ is leftover from the Grade 6 farewell it will be donated back to the Playground Enhancement project</p> <p>Grade 6 Farewell committee (comprised of Grade 6 parents) Headed by Julie Garcia and Holly Glew will be doing pizza lunch fundraiser --would like to use online payment system</p> | <p>Melanie Dorrington Motion to donate \$600 to Grade 6 Farewell Second Sarah Snider All in favour</p> <p>Melanie Dorrington Motion to allow Grade 6 committee use our online HotLunch/paypal system Second Sarah Snider All in favour</p> |
| Fun Lunch | Number of volunteers is down but still running well. | Melanie Dorrington & Kate Franklin |
| Family Picnic- Melanie Dorrington on behalf of Rebecca Kirk & Holly Glew | <p>June 4, 5:30-8pm 2 food trucks --Red Ember (pizza) and Sis & me (burgers and fries). Both offer vegetarian options and Sis & me will offer gluten free burger. -cotton candy stand & looking into a mini donut truck. No pre ordering of food! People will order and pay the trucks directly at the event. Can bring own picnic from home. Entertainment: Various bouncers, bubble soccer, face painting, DJ. All booked. Will utilize the fun lunch system for tickets. \$15 per family. Will inform daycares and street neighbors of the event a couple of weeks beforehand. Rain plan in place (gym/multipurpose room)</p> | |

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| | Volunteers for set up and clean up. | |
| French Language -Peter Dorrington | <p>Majority of Meeting spent discussing budget and 45 minutes spent discussing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -13% increase in French Immersion (FI) enrolment -Based on grade 4 numbers and grade 9 numbers indicate 50% attrition from FI -What does success look like for French Immersion? A question that can't really be answered at this time by WSD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher shortage--again didn't really have any numbers to present • Where does the federal \$ go for french immersion? Still not clear <p>Some frustrations aired by parents--Do not have french language keyboards for computers, watching films in English, Research done in English--defaults can be set to french, No IB high school program offered in French for this catchment</p> | Peter to attend next meeting And continue to press for concrete answers to questions raised |
| South District Advisory-Saul | Please click to see details of key vignettes from SDA meeting "insert Link to report" PAG and school endorsing Saul to run for MAPC executive position and possibly a provincial position | Saul to attend next meeting and continue to encourage increased parent involvement with democratic process of WSD/SDA |
| Fundraising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Due to school fundraising activities cheese orders will go ahead in April. -Glenlea Greenhouse Catalogues are out--Online orders due April 7th Plants arrive Friday May 17th - Made in Manitoba fundraising plan is for next year but we thought maybe of introducing the vendors and products at the family picnic -Due to increasing school demands Jac-Lynn will not be able to chair fundraising next year | Jac-Lynn to further discuss particulars about the feasibility of this with picnic organizers and exec -PAG in search of ideally 2 people to take on this role next year |

Meeting adjourned at 9:00
Please join us for our final meeting in May and consider sharing your time and expertise by taking on one of our vacant positions