

École Robert H. Smith School

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 30, 2015

Exec Committee Present:

Jim Cresswell (Chair); (Treasurer) Jill Condra (Vice-chair) Karen Bodnaryk (Secretary)

Principal: T. Rossi	Vice Principal Mme D. Ostermann
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Recorder: Karen Bodnaryk (Secretary)

Regrets: Audrey McNab

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Opening statements and call to order		Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM
Changes to Minutes	Item #14 Academic Support Committee; minutes changed to: "Some" in the group felt it is valuable to support academic initiatives such as the science fair.	Minutes approved as amended. Moved by Lauren Hope Seconded by Sara Robert All in favour
Executive Reports		
1. President Jim Cresswell	Jim welcomed the group to the meeting. Melissa Harrison was elected to treasurer position. This is a shared position with Audrey McNab	All in favour – unanimously elected
2. President Jim Cresswell	Letter for Troop/traffic support Jim reported that he has gotten information from Mr. Leochko who is in charge of the Troops. A letter needs to be sent to the WSD requesting a funded position for a crossing guard. The letter would go to the Director of WSD Rob Riel and to the WSD via the Superintendent Fatima Mota. Mr. Rossi has given his support to this request.	Jill to write letter to WSD
3. Treasurer Melissa Harrison	Melissa shared an updated financial statement for the PAG general account and Playground account. Our first priority for PAG funding for 2015/16 is the playground. We hope to have funds for a curriculum grant for the school by May 2016.	Please see attached
Old Business		
4. Parent workshop on nutrition and use of AED	Mr. Rossi reported that a workshop for parents will be held on January 18 th . Topics will include information on food allergies and information on alternative choices for snacks. An	

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	information session on the use of the AED (automated external defibrillator) will also be provided.	
Standing Items		
5. Administration Updates Mr. Rossi	Mr. Rossi reported that the school will be piloting a program called Roots and Shoots. This is a first in Manitoba. It is a program that Dr. Jane Goodall is involved in. Staff will be trained and are very excited.	Please see attached
6. Teacher Presentations Ms. Amanda Huang (Gr 5 E) Mme. Kayla Malapad (Gr 4 FI)	Ms. Huang gave a presentation about learning about sound as part of science. She showed how her students made musical instruments out of everyday items. She described how her students learned by doing and how they used independent problem solving. Mme. Malapad described a creative way that she has amalgamated the very popular video game Minecraft with math. The students learned how to calculate perimeter and area and used these skills to make Minecraft Snowflake art. She also demonstrated a math game that she uses called a Cooty Catcher. She recommends it to parents as a math learning tool they can use at home.	

Committee Reports		
7. Fun Lunch Mel Dorington Kate Franklin Aimee Rice Vicki Shalley		
8. Promotions and Fundraising Cory Krestanowich Yvonne Skubovius	This position is vacant as of Jan 1, 2016 This position involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining fundraising goals in collaboration with the PAG • Planning and organizing fundraising events • Organizing a volunteer team to help with the events 	Parents are asked to tap people on the shoulder who they think might be interested in this position.
9. Family Dance Anji Petruzelli		
10. Volunteer recruitment and activities Jocelyne Teskey		
11. Academic support Vacant	This committee was initiated because of a need at that time. Jim feels they may not be an interest or need for this committee at this time. The group present agreed. We will put this on the agenda of the AGM in May and revisit.	Position will remain vacant at this time

12. French Language Andrea Bellamy		
13. Picnic Yvonne Skubovius Cory Krestanowich		
14. Environment (sustainable development) Julie Garcia (Chair) Gail Johnston Megan McCarthy Kerri McCurdy		
11. Staff appreciation Anji Petruzelli	Anji Petruzelli will continue. Sara Robert and Lauren Hope have volunteered. The committee could use 1 or 2 more persons. Mr. Rossi reports that the activities of this committee are very much appreciated by the staff of ERHS.	Continue to recruit for this committee
12. Communications Chris Allinotte		
13. South District Advisory Donna Fletcher		
14. French Language Andrea Bellamy		
Round Table		
Mark Wasyliw Chair WSD	Mark reported that all WSD board meetings are livestreamed and archived. Individuals can view the proceedings of these meetings at any time. It is possible the South District Advisory meetings could also be livestreamed.	
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm		
A good time had by all!		
Next Meeting: February 8, 2016		