

WILLINGDON HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING –

Date Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Present: Kristy Cuevas, Nadine Ishak, Crystal Williams, Luisa Carpio Mak, Genevieve Trudeau, Julie Trudel, Sally Burnett, Kim Tulloch, Carmen Nicolas, Jennifer Hulleman, Ruby Taguey, Trinity Wittman, Mireille Tehbeliam, Eva Sakkas, Kristin McNeill, Rossita Ribarova, Justin Ringer, Tanya Savickey, Heather Langer, Michelle Robitaille, Tara MacRae

Welcome and introductions:

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Strike approval of minutes

Approval of meeting notes

Approved Trinity, Sally

President's Report (Sally- Julie)

Going Paperless: Membership, volunteering, pizza and FROYO now online.

170 signups for H&S!

BooHoo Breakfast, a new initiative, well received! Shout out to Luisa for the Welcome Back Corn roast- great success! No waste.

Thoughtful Thursdays: Luisa and Kristin, food bank donations once a month. First one in October.

Upcoming: Basketball tryouts in Oct -NDG Sports center, Open house, Photo days, Halloween, Grad committee

Christmas activities: Recettes en Pot, Pancake Breakfast, Kindergarten breakfast with Santa, Food Bank Drive Christmas carolling

Christmas/Spring Concerts, as well as theatre presentations, need financing. Details forthcoming.

Principal's Report (Carmen Nicolas)

Enrollment - 26 homerooms- all classrooms are used! (552 students)

The theme for the year, social-emotional learning. Painting the bathrooms with positive messaging.

Universal Design of learning- a more flexible learning environment

TOOLBOX - revamping it, new training for teachers.

Door contest ready for the open house until parent-teacher night. October 11 Toolbox workshop

Working on new ways to make money - rental of the building. 30% of the rental money goes to the school. Over the summer approx \$4000 - over the year another school is renting on the weekend.

Additional income.

Sept 14 Fire drill - evacuation in less than 3 minutes - next to silent. Excellent results

Attestation day - only about 15-20 students absent

Open House October 18 - student council doing tours (1:30-3 and again 6-7)
Progress reports Oct 12th. Official report card mid-November
Ministry new measure for cultural field trips etc. approx \$27 per student
Sexuality Education Program - presented at the board to teachers. Created a council of teachers with nurse and administration to go over and implement. Pamphlet going home soon with details for parents. After March break to teach the 5-10 hours required.

Teacher's Report (Mme Mirelle)

September:

Thursday, September 6th, 2018: Teachers attended an EIPEN training during the lunch hour. Training given by the school nurse.

Thursday, September 13th, 2018: Meet the teacher night was a successful evening. Teachers reported attendance in both sessions. The majority of the attendance was during the first session.

Tuesday, September 14th, 2018:

Assemblies were held at each grade level discussing the Toolbox learning tools.

Friday, September 21st, 2018: Grade 2 students participated in their apple picking field trip.

Thursday, September 20th, 2018: Grade 6 students from rooms 31 and 32 participated in the Arboretum Day Excursion.

Thursday, September 27th, 2018: Terry Fox run was held. Each grade level participated during their allocated time slot. The day ran smoothly.

October:

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018: Selected students will participate in the GMAA Cross-Country Run.

Thursday, October 11th, 2018: Kindergarten students will participate in their pumpkin picking field trip. Thoughtful Thursday Campaign will begin. Teachers are asked to remind students to bring non-perishable food items and empty egg cartons to school. Teachers were also asked to keep their box to reuse every year. If they don't have one, they can contact: luisa.carpiniomak@gmail.com or kristin.mcneill72@gmail.com to prepare a replacement box for them.

Friday, October 12th, 2018: Grade 4 students will participate in their Camp Boute-En-Train field trip. Kindergarten students will visit Grade 5 students in the science room to explore "Les machines à billes" that Grade 5 students have built.

Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th, 2018: Picture day

Regarding Halloween: Grade 6 students will be visiting classrooms to talk about ways to avoid waste during Halloween and how to make Halloween a more ecologically friendly day (e.g.: composting pumpkins, making costumes out of old fabrics or reusable materials, etc.).

Communication/Membership Report (Trinity)

Google Calendar - download to your own calendar.

Website through blogspot with dates etc. Sign-up and subscribe

Treasurer's Report (Geneviève Trudeau)

\$16,000 to spend not including the \$1700 emergency and additional \$1100 grad committee

EDP Report

Going well, very busy! Ped days went well.

New Business

- 1) Toys/Women's gifts Drive (Carolyn Bouchard) - approach Governing Board Oct 25th
- 2) Basketball Tryouts - well-liked- get the message out earlier next year
- 3) Thoughtful Thursdays - Support Food Depot year round! Most needed foods in addition to monthly suggestions. (except September, December and June)
- 4) Open House - coordinated by Ruby - Callout for volunteers
- 5) Photo Day - new company - Life Touch (mini-gym?) Mme Mirelle - teacher coordinator - Isabella parent coordinator
- 6) Halloween - Jane and Eva - GYM entirely Haunted House

Pumpkin carving voting (carved at home)

Science lesson- nocturnal animals

Budget Approval

- 1) Halloween - \$500 - Julie, Luisa - Approved
- 2) Open House - \$250 - Julie, Trinity - Approved
- 3) Sound Equipment for Music Concerts - \$2,200 - Julie, Mary-Ellen - Approved
- 4) Geordie Theatre Production - Cycle 3/4 Production \$750 - Julie, Mme Mirelle - approved

Crayon Recycling- Grace- collect worn-out marker and ship- Green initiative *details to come

New Fundraising

- 1) Healthier Fundraising - revisit pizza possibilities halfway through the year
- 2) School Supply bundles - working on this with Staples/other suppliers

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristy Cuevas