

# WILLINGDON HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

*June 11, 2019*

## Present

Kristy Cuevas, Luisa Carpio Mak, Julie Trudel, Sally Burnett, Kim Tulloch, Michelle Robitaille, Eva Sakkas, Sharon Stoddart, Catherine Lavoie, Kristin McNeill, Isabelle Gaul, Catherine Masson, Aurora Flewwelling-Skip

## Welcome and introductions

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM

## Approval of Agenda

Add Corn Roast and K Grad Snacks to budget  
Coordinator for Willingdon's Got Talents  
Catherine/Luisa

## Approval of Minutes

Gen & Sally

## President's Report (Sally- Julie)

### ***End of School Year 2018-2019 Year Co-Chair Report***

Here is our report on the activities the Home & School has been involved in over the past year.

Our main goal coming in to this 2018-2019 school year (the first of our two-year term as Co-Chairs) was to keep Home and School as involved and well-run as our predecessors had set it up to be. We set out to maintain all the activities that are organized and run by Home & School, and also maintain the healthy balance in the account that allows us to do so. These activities continue to build and strengthen Willingdon School spirit and the parental/family involvement in the school.

We have continued increasing awareness of our Willingdon Family Emergency Fund, and in doing so, continued to raise for this fund. We have created new forms for our Emergency Fund families to indicate what aid they wish to receive for the year.

Thanks to Trinity, Sally and Luisa, we are successfully building upon our digital communications and engagement with the parent community. We have also developed into an (almost) paperless organization. Our welcome packet information sheet has gone from four pages down to one, with all registrations moving to online next year.

***We are very pleased to report that all of the old favorites in terms of activities for the children were held this year:***

- The school year kicked off with our H&S Welcome Activity, the Welcome Back Corn Roast in September
- Photo Day and Open House both went off very smoothly thanks to our coordinators Isabelle Gaul, Genevieve Trudeau and Ruby Tagney.
- Halloween was an all day, school-wide activity and was a spooktacular success with the students circulating through five stations: haunted house, face painting and tattoos, games, stories and pumpkin voting. This is, of course, a huge collaboration and we thank the staff and all our volunteers for teaming up to make this so much fun for the kids.
- Both Fall and Spring Book Fairs were very well attended, and sales were excellent again. We have the expert coordination of Catherine Lavoie and Catherine Masson to thank for the success of both events. Their dedication and sunny presence will be missed and we are thrilled that Sharon Stoddart, Michelle Robitaille, and Eva Sakkas McGrath will be taking over as co-coordinators next year.
- Pizza Lunch remains our most profitable fundraiser and continued again this year, under the coordination of our all star team: Isabelle Gaul, Carolyn MacNeil, Jayne Hill and Genevieve Trudeau. As always, this team has been incredible in their ability to accommodate all students, field trips, schedule changes, etc.
- Fro-yo and Freezie Days were reinstated this year as a joint fundraiser with Grade 6 Grad Committee. Funds raised from this activity were shared between Home & School and Grad Committee. We have Lisa Malenfant and the Grade 6 students to thank for this.
- A perennial favorite, the Santa Breakfast, was held for the Kindergarten students, coordinated by Nadine Ishak and Danielle Evans. As is tradition, this event will be passed down to new Kindergarten parents in the coming year.
- Math Challenge was held again this year. We continue to search for parent coordinators for this activity, as it is loved by the students.
- The Geography Challenge returned this year, under the coordination of Kathelijne Keeran and Catherine Masson. We can discuss if more supplies are needed for the Annex for this activity.
- Coordination of all the school's bake sales was taken on once again by Genevieve Trudeau. She coordinated bake sales at numerous activities including Pancake Breakfast, Cabaret and Fun Fair.
- Finally, the Grad Committee will be holding the Grad party and other post grad day activities at the end of the month. This is run practically independently by the Grad Committee, this year chaired by Catherine Lavoie. We thank her for her hard work and dedication for all of her efforts this year.

***Home & School also continued to take on some activities in support of the school:***

- As a new initiative, the kindergarten families were made welcome at our first ever Kindergarten Boohoo Woohoo Breakfast while their kids attended their first gradual entry morning at school.

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) took place in the second week of February. With the help of so many volunteer parents, we were able to host a week-long show of appreciation for all that the teachers and staff do for our children. TSAW was coordinated by Luisa Carpio-Mak and Mary-Ellen Kenny.

Willingdon School Community-wide events were all very well attended this year, and we have been very pleased to see so many families come out to support us:

- This year saw the return of Pancake Breakfast, and we had a great turnout of more than 200 people! Sally Burnett and Michelle Alfonso coordinated this holiday activity. The school community was generous, as usual, in the donation of non-perishable items for the NDG Food Depot.

- Christmas Caroling/Food Drive was another return activity, with soup, latkes, hot chocolate and desserts provided by Home & School to feed the carolers! The week-long food drive and the caroling evening was coordinated by Sharon Sweeney and Michele Alfonso. Nadine Ishak coordinated the monetary donations to Le Depot.

- Willingdon's Got Talent returned again this year at the Hive. Coordinators Tess Bui, Jessica Burke, and Aya Aboelenien put on another fantastic event. We had an amazing turnout and it was a big success for raising money for the Family Emergency Fund. We thank Tess for her years of coordinating this event for Home & School, as this is her last year at Willingdon.

- Fun Fair was the latest event of the school year, and was deemed a great success. We had returning favorite activities, as well as some new ones, and a stacked list of dunk tank dunkees. Coordinators Kristy Cuevas and Michelle Alfonso worked extremely hard to make this event wildly successful. We thank them for all the hours they dedicated to Fun Fair this year!

- This year, Home & School proudly funded the sound equipment for both the Holiday and Spring Concerts.

***Continued attention was paid this year to increasing the Willingdon Family Emergency Fund:***

- The Recettes en Pot Fundraiser was held in the fall. All funds raised in this campaign will go directly to the Family Emergency Fund.

- In the fall, families have the option to sponsor a child for pizza lunch and/or froyo. We had an extremely generous response to this and all additional funds raised were placed in the Emergency Fund.

- In all, we had a very successful year of fundraising for the Family Emergency Fund this year. This money has been put toward grocery gift cards for holiday food baskets, payment of school/lunch fees, payment of field trip fees, as well as sponsorship for pizza and froyo days for a number of students throughout the school year.

### ***Upcoming Initiatives:***

- We will be launching our school supply bundles fundraiser this month with Editions Vaudreuil 5% of sales will go toward Home & School.
- In conjunction with the school supplies, we will also be launching a Mabel's Label's fundraiser, with 20% of each purchase going toward Home & School.

As you can surmise, this has been a very busy and rewarding year. We have been so pleased with the attendance of all of our family events and we are always floored by the generosity and spirit of all of our parent volunteers. We look forward to continuing to serve as co-chairs in the 2019-2020 school year and we thank you all for your continued support!

Julie Trudel and Sally Burnett  
Willing Home & School Association Co-Chairs 2018-2019

### Principal's Report (Carmen Nicolas)

Absent

### Teacher's Report (Mme Mirelle)

Absent

### Communication/Membership Report

No formal report.

### ***A Note from Trinity, communications:***

*One question to address*

*Next year, we will continue to offer our Google calendar for H&S events. I would like to ask the admin rep at the meeting whether it would be helpful to have admin and GB add their dates to the same shared google calendar, and instead call it a Willingdon google calendar, which we can both include in our newsletters. I see it as a tool to avoid questions and hopefully take work off of all of our plates in answering questions, addressing last minute date conflicts, etc. This is not meant to create work. If it's not feasible or helpful for any number of reasons, no problem. It would necessitate some type of standardization whereby each calendar entry starts with 'Grade x' or 'All grades' or something, because it would obviously be a busy calendar.*

## Treasurer's Report (Geneviève Trudeau )

BALANCE: \$48K

UNCASHED CHECKS: \$15K

FAMILY EMERGENCY FUND BALANCE: \$2,800

GRAD BALANCE: \$6,500

PIZZA OWING: \$1400

BALANCE: \$20K

### New Business

- 1) K Breakfast: Kristin & Grace \$400 approved
- 2) Welcome Back Corn Roast
- 3) New Activities - Ideas Annexe Transition
  - a) Movie Nights? Outside, bake sale, popcorn
  - b) Dance Nights, with kids?
- 4) Parent Green Committee
  - a) Benoit coordinated the Eco-Tent- to start Green Committee
  - b) Kristy, Cynthia & Luisa, Julie
- 5) Back to School Supplies and Mabel's Labels
  - a) Launched- 5% back and 20% for Mabel's Labels
- 6) Pizza Lunch Changes to the menu
  - a) Dropping juice boxes
  - b) Perhaps Diperie or LC Catering
  - c) Cookie instead of Ice Cream
  - d) Changing TYCB to Diperie Pops?
- 7) Feedback on Anti-Bullying Workshop
  - a) Absent
- 8) Further Ideas for spending some of balance
  - a) Bike Rack for Royal Side
  - b) Signage for Garbage, Recycling and compost
  - c) Custom Willingdon Tent
  - d) Lost and Found area - shelves?

### Coordinators

- 1) Open House (October - daytime & evening)
- 2) Geo Challenge FILLED John Cote (& Gail) (Sally @Terrbonne Campus Grd 4)
- 3) Math Challenge FILLED John Cote

- 4) Pancake Breakfast (Dec 7th Kim, Nadine?)
- 5) Halloween Michelle/Eva (Lara)
- 6) Food Drive Coordinator (Sharon Sweeny & Kristy Cuevas)
- 7) Monetary \$ March for Food Depot - (Nadine?)
- 8) TSAW Coordinator (Luisa will coach new coordinator) Spread out events rather than all in Feb. Callout in fall
- 9) Spelling Bee Coordinator (CanSpell) (Stephen?)
- 10) Willingdon's Got Talent -Nadine & Co-Coordinator

## Elections

- 1) Treasurer - Genevieve Trudeau (1 year mandate) Luisa Nominates, Catherine Seconding - No objections
- 2) Membership Chair - Kristin McNeill (2 year mandate) Genevieve nominates, Luisa Seconds- No objections

## Budget

Corn Roast \$2,300 Kim approve - Sharon- Second

## Varia

Minutes submitted by Kristy Cuevas