

WILLINGDON ELEMENTARY
HOME AND SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 12th, 2016

Present: David McLeod, Chelsea Henman, Tom Bock, Susie Douranos, Tanya Savickey, Charlotte McCaffrey, Louise Standjofski, Catherine Lavoie, Corey Schwartz.

Meeting commenced at 8:15pm.

Approval of Agenda with additions and corrections - moved by CHenman, seconded by TBock.

Approval of December 2015 Minutes with additions and corrections – moved by CHenman, seconded by TBock.

Advance Other Business (2 Presentations)

Art Program Presentation by Louise Standjofski:

Louise, the school's ECA drama teacher, would like to propose an art program to teachers that would allow her to come into each classroom once during the year, with an art, drama, music or dance activity about 2 hours in length. The activity can be chosen by the students and/or teachers and will be coordinated by her, through the company she founded, Fetes des Arts which is 17 years in the running. We will discuss more about this at the next meeting since some HS execs are not present.

Dynamics Presentation by Corey Schwartz:

Dynamics does Teambuilding and Leadership programs for kids. There are several packages and pricing structures available, something that could be considered for Fun Fair as we move away from the idea of inflatables which compare similarly pricewise, to the Dynamics Carnival package. Within their other packages they offer activities like Electro-Tag and Sports Blast. We used them last year for the Welcome Back activity at the beginning of the year, which was a week-long event that cost \$4 000. Corey will send us the exact pricing for the Carnival package so we can look into it for Fun Fair.

President's Report (David McLeod)

Dave reports that December was an awesome month, especially because of the three activities that Sharon Sweeney headed (Caroling, NDG Food Depot Fundraiser and Craft Fair). Thank you Sharon!

Treasurer's Report (Andrea Burns)

There is currently \$13 406 in our account. \$1 600 from Craft Fair is still to be deposited. In December, \$275 was spent on Breakfast with Santa (which was way under the \$600 we had put aside). Pizza Day brought in \$14 224, with a cost of \$9 580 and profit of \$4 644. \$2 800 is dedicated for Barantanga

(which was approved). For the sound system, Willindon's VP is getting quotes at the moment and will submit a proposal soon. \$3 000 more or less will be seed money for the Fun Fair.

Principal's Report (Susie Douranos)

Our regular activities will resume now that the Teacher's Work to Rule is over! The grade 6's two night stay at Camp Bout-en-train will go forward as will activities with the Green Committee. Our student numbers are at 498 (great!) with 22 homerooms. There was an Open House this past September and VP, Vito is doing ongoing one-on-one tours for families interested in Willingdon. The next Open House is slated for September 2016. We have a New Open House Banner for the front of the school as well as new promo materials (pens, bumper stickers) and posters for inside the school as well. Mr. Nick, the school's music teacher has resumed planning for the Spring Concert and has also organized a field trip for the students to Place des Arts.

Teacher's Report (currently no teacher representing at the HS meetings)

Vice President's Report (Anna Couch – not present, Dave reports for her)

Anna's work on the Willingdon Newsletter is amazing. She also contributed a great deal to the Breakfast with Santa. Thank you Anna!

VP, IT and New Initiatives Report (Tom Bock)

Pierre Luc B. who is coordinating the Cabaret Night is proposing that it be held on May 27th at 7pm. Could it be held in school or would an external location be better? There would be no alcohol permitted if children were attending. A suggested donation for each family attending might be appropriate. Geography, Math and Spelling challenges are free to resume. After the teacher's Work to Rule is officially over, DMcleod will book a date for Barantanga (\$2800 for a full day). It has to be booked before May/June because of the school's blackout period. We may do an email vote for the Fetes des Arts activity with Louise, since several execs are not here tonight.

Events and Activities Report (Sharon Sweeney – not present)

Upcoming Events

Book Fair: Update by CLavoie - The next one will be on March 17th from 9am-8pm (same night as Parent/Teacher night).

Cabaret: Idea of doing haircuts to donate hair for wigs for cancer patients needs to go to the Governing Board.

Fun Fair: Will be June 2nd, or June 9th (rain date). Still in need of a Coordinator.

Photo Day: (Next Year) People were not happy with the photos from Green Apple (resolution and quality issues) so Dave will bring in some new companies' packages to review at a future meeting.

Other Business

Fundraisers Initiative: DMcLeod presented several fundraisers (showing us the fundraising flyers of several companies, from the last QFHSA AGM) that we could do at Willingdon. Several of them seemed feasible. It was suggested that Willingdon Gear sales could be used to raise money for the new sound system.

Constitution Update: HS Exec will be meeting soon to work on this. There is an online guide published by the QFHSA to help us with this.

There being no other business, the next Home and School Association Meeting is to take place on March 8th at 7pm. This meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm on a motion by CMcCaffrey, seconded by TSavickey.

Minutes respectfully submitted on February 9th, by Chelsea Henman,

Home & School Secretary