

## **Willingdon Home & School Association Meeting Agenda**

**May 3rd at 7:00pm (Zoom)**

**Karen Negrete, Silvana Crigna, Marie-Noelle Rivard, Christie Huff, Eugenia Carystios, Cornelia Mandoiu, Margo Stewart, Andrea Archibald, Daniela Fietta, Veronica Santaguida, Ania Muller**

- 1) Welcome (M or K) Karen
- 2) Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.
  - a) Move to approve: Christie, Second: Veronica
  - b) Amendment to last months notes: Notes missing on status of in class library books from last meeting. Christie mentioned at the last meeting that the library books in class were not the greatest. This started a discussion about the in class and in library books needing a refresh.
- 3) Approval of agenda.
  - a) Move to approve: Andrea, Second: Karen
- 4) Principal/VP's Report (5 min)
  - a) Silvana: A thank you to the team for all the activities that happened while she was away. She appreciates it .
  - b) Eugenia: Prep for transition to high school is going well. Teachers and students like it. A parent workshop is coming up in May and it's the same presentation between parents and students.
  - c) The students who participated on the debate team did well at the debate and really enjoyed it.
  - d) April 20<sup>th</sup> there was a bake sale and the proceeds went to the nature conservatory.
  - e) April 27<sup>th</sup> was the spring concert. It was nice to have everything/everyone together.
  - f) Exams started this week. The sessions for French are 1<sup>st</sup> then May 11 the English exams start, then in June Math.
  - g) Grade 5 camp trip is coming up May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - h) Cornelia: Did a run down of the field trips remaining for the end of the year.
  - i) Welcome to pre k and k orientation on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This event will be in person, it has been virtual for the last few years.

Christie: It might be a good idea to have someone from the H&S at the pre K and K orientation to discuss the program. Usually there are booths or tables there to be exposed to everything the school offers.

There is a video that Karen made that maybe we could play at the event or send to parents.

We still have posters with QR codes we can put up.

Karen to connect with Silvana about the details.

#### 5) Teacher's Report ( 5 min)

Petites nouvelles des différents niveaux :

maternelle :

Matières vues: le printemps et la diversité

à venir: les 5 sens , la révision des chiffres & concepts mathématiques, lettres,

continuation en classe de l'exploration et usage d' Au royaume des sons , logiciel de pré-lecture

Complétion des cahiers selon où chaque groupe est rendu

Événements à venir : En discussion Bienvenue à la maternelle 19 mai (durant la pédagogie)

et graduation 16 juin, Vendredi 5 mai le plan devrait être finalisé lors d'une réunion au

dîner avec les membres de la direction

Sorties et activités:

24 mai : Les bulles géantes : atelier offert aux 4 classes dans un cadre ludique et scientifique et ce, à l'école même.

7 juin: Parc Olympique

Demande: des nouvelles au sujet de la demande formulée par Mme Imbeau pour l'équipe maternelle quant à un cadeau pour les élèves pour la graduation??

Mme Imbeau pour l'équipe de maternelle

1 re année : Nous continuons notre apprentissage des sons en français. Nous terminons notre 2 e cahier de Numérik en mathématiques. Nous irons au Musée des Beaux-arts les 17-18 mai prochains. Nous ferons à la fin mai, notre dernière présentation orale de notre objet précieux.

3 e année : Thanks to the generous donation of Christie Huff, the Grade 3 classes 23 & 27 are benefiting from three in-class sessions given by Matthew Bennett Young. Matthew is a children's author and educator. This workshop is called "Musical Stories Workshop", where students listen to seven different instrumental tracks which are used as stimulus for a narrative story. A most unique approach to self expression!

Mrs. Dove 4 e année : In grade 4 English & Math we are doing some poetry and will hopefully enter a few poems in the EMSB poetry contest. Later in May (or June), the students will be doing biographies, where they will be required to dress-up as their “person”.

In math, we are trying to complete the year by getting in all the big topics that are left; measurement, time, equivalent fractions, graphing, 3D solids, rounding, prime & composite numbers, prime factors and multiples. We will hopefully make this fun by having some friendly competitions by making mixed teams from all grade 4 homerooms.

On Mon. May 8th, we are going to the Segal Centre to see a play.

In June, we will walk over to Sr. campus to have “Welcome to senior campus” day.

Mrs Heather, Carole & Kim

6) Membership report - N/A

7) Communications + website report (Andrea- 5 mins)

a) Status quo, going well.

8) TSA report (Ania or Kristin)

a) Upcoming events: Professional day was last week which was great.

b) In June we will hang the banner and we are finished for the year.

Question: Kitchen cleaning didn't happen. When should it happen this year or next year?

9) Treasurer's report (Christie and Karen - 5 mins)

a) At the start of year we will have the funds we need.

b) Grad is trending well towards goals.

c) No major changes from last month.

d) Document to come next week.

e) Mid may we will know what our finances look like after our final expenses come in.

10) Family Emergency Fund Report (Daniela/Margo 5-10 mins)

a) Finalized text is complete for FSF regarding lunch and school fees.

b) \$50 gift card will be handed out to families for the end of the year.

c) Daniela: Backpack drive – Discussion will happen offline between Margo and Daniela.

d) Silvana Question: How will we notify the families about the changes to the family support funds? Margo Answer: We have drafted the text and at the end of the year we will send out the communication at the end of this year and in September. Karen will share it before the meeting so the staff is aligned.

11) Grad Committee

- a) Update on Fundraising: They reached their fundraising needs.
- b) Family photo portraits: was today. Photo shoot is still going on.

12) Other Business (20-30mins):

- a) Planning activities for end of year.

13) Samajam: reserved for June 13th (grades 2-6)

- a) Evening event at Senior as end of year wrap up is confirmed. We have the permits for the park June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7pm. Sending out save the date to the families this week. Going to check the budget and see what we can provide in terms of food.
- b) Corn Roast 2023-2024: We need to secure the vendor, need to book before the end of June, they get busy at the start of the year. If we book it now we should get the dates we want. We should plan to have 2 or 3 dates to take to the vendor. There is a cancellation fee so we need to make sure the dates are approved by all parties on our side. The best dates were a few weeks into September.
- c) Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> would be a good date proposed by Silvana. Karen will confirm with the vendor. Silvana will add it to the list of important dates. BACK UP DATE Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

14) Votes & Budget approval: N/A

15) Varia

- a) Christie: We should make sure we are connected with the provincial H&S association and share communications. There is advocacy and resources we could leverage.
- b) We should make sure parents know we give them a voice and we can share info from the association with the parents in the future.
- c) At the AGM it would be a good thing to bring up to make sure the role of H&S association is filled, and this responsibility is assigned.
- d) At the AGM we talk about what worked, what didn't and a full recap of the year and any governance issues to correct going forward.
- e) Silvana would like a document that recaps the year in summary form so she can use it to help promote the school.
- f) Christie: In her professional life she coaches boards. It's the 1 time a year you can change your governance. She would like to review the bylaws and see if any practices have morphed. If we send a copy of the bylaws over Christie will review it.
- g) If you want to recommend shifting timing of events or getting rid of any events, it would be great to get feedback on that from the summary from Silvana and we can discuss at our AGM.

- h) Renos are happening at Willingdon, but it will take 2 years. Long term they might look towards H&S for help. Working on the yard as well as ceilings and floors. Things will come up and H&S might be able to support sprucing it up.
- i) As a community we can address items that come up and fundraise appropriately.
- j) Christie: Was there a feed back loop with the current students to find out what they are looking for in the renovations? The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will be looped in when it's possible.
- k) Clothing swap didn't go through. It would be nice that when a new parent comes in with an idea that we follow through weather we do it or not. We should make sure to do it next year and follow up with the parents.
- l) Daniela and Christie are both going towards co chairs, and at this point there are no others interested.
- m) The committee needs to be restructured so that the responsibilities are spread out more evenly. Due to covid the role was really co chair heavy. Going forward we need to spread the workload and invite more community members to participate in the committee.
- n) Important dates for next school year.
  - i) First day of school Aug 30th
  - ii) Last day of school June 21st 2024
  - iii) Christmas break Friday Dec. 22 – Monday Jan 8th
  - iv) School break March 4-8th

A big thanks from Karen to all of the group.

Silvana thanks Margo and Karen for everything they have done.

**Adjournment – Move to adjourn: Veronica, Second: Ania 7:59pm**

**Next Home & School meeting will be our AGM Date to be determined.**