

**Windsong Heights School Council**  
**October 11, 2017 @ 6:15 pm**

**Present:** John Robertson, Ashley Janzen, Tanya Liverpool, Jodi Emo, Kim Kully, Samreen Junaid, Ivette Chaparro, Jennifer Lui, Daniel Budosca, Mihaela Budosca, Becky Harper, Joule-an Goffe-Pounall, George Pounall, Nadya Alimpieva, Leila Lochan, Veronica Gutierrez, Mike Thursfield, Mike Crawford, Arifa Qureshi, Harjinder, Loida Mina, Parwin Moracli, Renee English, Jayzellynn Rivera, Peter To, Penny Beaudry, David Patayanikorn-Fithen, Pam Thursfield

**Regrets:** Lucie Salucop

**Called to Order:** John Robertson at 6:14pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review/Approval of previous minutes - tabled until end of meeting
- III. Reports:
  - A. Teacher Presentation: Tanya Liverpool and Jodi Emo (Team Teaching)
    - Classes are planned and taught together. Flexible groupings used.
  - B. Administration Report
    1. Terry Fox Run – Update Total \$4300
    2. Remembrance Day
      - i. In preparation stages. If you know parents who are former members of service we would love to invite them to come to be honored.
      - ii. November 10<sup>th</sup> - not an open invitation due to size of gym and fire codes
    3. Halloween
      - i. Kids can dress up in their costumes for the day, but must be school appropriate (no weapons, blood etc)
      - ii. Costume parade with younger kids in the afternoon
      - iii. Classroom activities – curriculum related - math related to pumpkins, adjectives and describing words
      - iv. Today (Oct. 11) we had a giant record breaking pumpkin brought to our school for all kids to see and learn about the process of growing a large pumpkin.
    4. Indigo Adopt a School Campaign
      - i. Huge success 347 books donated to library plus 100 from indigo.
    5. School Cash On-Line
      - i. Huge adoption rate – many parents enrolled
      - ii. Cashless school – this is a directive that we have received
    6. School Soft – Interview Appointments (Oct. 25 and 26)

- i. Online program, parents should receive a link to book conferences.
  - ii. You can create an account or open a previous account and book an appointment.
  - iii. If the teachers are booked up or you are unable to attend those nights contact teacher and they will accommodate a time to meet.
7. Joint Use Agreement
  - i. This is an agreement between the city of Airdrie and the schools. It allows us to use city property and they can use school property.
  - ii. Question was raised about renting out our gym as a fundraiser.
  - iii. Penny has requested that we not be used for joint agreement use until next September. She feels that we can use a year to get settled and ensure that everything in/around our school is working, such as locks, and that walls and doors are secured properly. We are waiting to hear back about this.
8. "Screenagers"- Thursday Oct. 12 @ 6:30 pm at Muriel Clayton Middle School (\$5 admission) - you can pay at the door
  - i. As kids get older social media becomes a challenge. Any parents with middle school age kids can attend.
  - ii. Penny discussed an app that parents might not be aware of and discussed the importance of partnership relating to social media.
  - iii. This was strongly recommended by parents who have attended in the past.
  - iv. Possibility of having the link to this video shared
  - v. David discussed the app "ScreenTime" - it allows you to see what they are doing on their phones, computers etc. Very easy to use, allows you to set daily limits, blockers at school. Two week free trial, then it is a one time fee of \$40.
9. Playground update
  - i. Met with grounds last Wednesday. Site we proposed is in the South East section. She thought this was a good site and will take it to the city
  - ii. To get the grant from the government we need to decide how much we want to spend on the playground. Accessibility is a strongly recommended consideration.
  - iii. We decide a budget and send it to the vendor then the proposal will go forth and they will grant the money
  - iv. Contractor List - given to ask contractors about donating to the creation of the playground
10. Input request: Traffic Conditions

- i. Admin. have been monitoring crosswalks, but it has been tough when parents drop off on the other side of the street.
- ii. Kids are doing better walking bikes across the crosswalk
- iii. A lady from AMA safety patrol came to watch traffic conditions and recommended patrols and traffic lights – may require school trustee to help out with traffic lights
- iv. Thoughts and impressions (bus stop, yellow lines, patrols)
- v. One parent noted it is Scary watching parents stopping in driving lane to let kids out.
- vi. Approval has been given for patrols but concern is that it is too much for the kids be handling right now. A lady from AMA will come out to train kids
- vii. AMA lady noticed many traffic violations by parents and is asking for further cooperation from parents.
- viii. One parent suggested getting bylaw to come and watch and report issues that are arising.
- ix. A parent suggests reminders for parking rules in newsletter.
- x. City bus in front of our building and the AMA lady suggested that we request to have the city bus stop moved and possibly have that curb painted yellow.
- xi. Busses picking up kids from our school have a good place to do so, but parents are stopping in the city bus lane to pick up kids

## C. Chair Report

### 1. Social Media Update

- i. Facebook page - "Friends of Windsong Heights and School Council"
- ii. Hoping to get more on it in the future now that we have email addresses
- iii. Facebook will be continued to be updated, if you have suggestions or questions you can message us through there and we will try to reply very quickly
- iv. Feel free to ask questions on the site, as others are probably wondering.
- v. Penny to check with communication partner on name changing for the facebook page.

### 2. Meeting Parameters

- i. Open council meetings, if you are here when we vote, you get a vote

- ii. If you have an item for agenda we can add it, but it needs to be on the agenda prior to the evening. You can send a message on the FB page, or post as a visitor.
  - 3. Past Chair Info Sharing (Jolyn O'Dell)
    - i. Set up the corporation, bank account.
    - ii. Held bottle drive and bacon fundraiser
    - iii. We ask people to take the lead on fundraising opportunities that they may be interested in
    - iv. Recommendation to direct people back to the rocky view page when questions are raised on fb that are covered on line
- D. Volunteer Report
  - 1. Hot dog day went well, time was tight but in the end it was very smooth for the first time ☐
    - i. Will work out coordination with leadership class for help to teachers hand out food
  - 2. Helping Hands – coming this Friday!
  - 3. Volunteer email - waiting for a special email just for volunteers – work order is put in for this
    - i. Can we include future parents who have kids that will be coming in to the school in the near future.
- E. Trustee Report - No information reported. The trustees are attending a debate tonight. After the election decisions will be made about whether trustees will stay with one school the whole term or rotate through schools.
- F. Committee Reports
  - 1. Friends of Windsong Heights
    - i. Starting to prep fundraising ideas
    - ii. Healthy Hunger – once a month we pick who we want to have supplying lunch. They give us the price, we set the price for parents and we get the profit. We receive a cheque each month.
      - 1. This will be the last Tuesday of each month
      - 2. Info will be send home about how to sign up and what items will be sold
      - 3. Suggested orders:
 

October – Pizza hut, Nov –Booster Juice, Dec - Swiss Chalet, Jan- Extreme Pita, Feb - Mary Browns, March - Chopped Leaf, April - Edo, May – Subway, June - McDonalds
  - 2. Community/Family Education – Penny and John suggest having opportunities for parents to learn various skills like screenager, how to read items in PowerSchool, etc. And also just an opportunity to network

- i. Possibly have a community of parents to set this kid on thing up
- ii. We can partner with AHS and Stepping Stones to Mental Health for sessions such as drugs, bullying etc.
- iii. Possibly have older kids help out to watch younger one so we do not need to have babysitters

#### IV. Current Business

- a. Joint Board-School Council Meetings - 2 parents usually attend, dinner provided and information given. A chance to meet parents at other schools. Trustees will be there.
  - b. Let John know if you are interested in going and Penny will send out names.
    - i. Nov. 16, 2017: 5:30 – 7:30 pm
    - ii. April 12, 2018: 5:30 – 7:30 pm
  - c. Policies and procedures that the board asked to share  
[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board\\_policies/admin\\_procedures/general\\_administration/ap-110-school-councils](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board_policies/admin_procedures/general_administration/ap-110-school-councils)
- V. Clubs - we are not able to charge a club fee, and that results in having teachers do more supervision which makes it harder to start clubs.
- a. Can we ask parent volunteers to start clubs? - Penny can ask in next newsletter
  - b. Choir is starting. Grade 6s have started environmental club.
- VI. Lockers – The portables do not have lockers yet, so some kids have to go quite a way to get to lockers. Grade 5 and up get locks supplied for the year. Grade Ones are sharing because we are short lockers in the portables.
- a. Kindergartens have a u shaped hook area that is supposed to be installed in the classrooms.
  - b. Carpets have been ordered for the entry ways and they are built to size so could not be ordered ahead. Temporary ones have been placed.
  - c. Boot racks are scheduled for installation Friday and we may buy more boot racks once lockers are installed.

#### Review/Approval of Minutes –

- Motion made by John for Jolyn to be removed as official bank treasurer and Ashley and Ivette to be added to the bank accounts for Friends of Windsong.
  - Seconded by Leila
- Motion made by John to accept the amended minutes. Seconded by Kim.

Next meeting: November 8 @ 6:15PM

Message from John to continue to come out and provide feedback.

Adjournment: Motion made by John to Adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm, seconded by Jolyn.