# Westboro Parents Group Meeting Minutes January 17, 2018

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Called to order 8:07pm (Jacquie Surgenor).

#### **Present:**

Karry Biri, Matthew Bissett, Amy Churchill, Jeff Dickey, Krystal Gibson, Marina Gilmore, Bernie Hansen, Crystal Herbert, Leah Hesson, Debbie Klita, Mike Lastiwka, Theresa Mackenzie, Matt Matheson, Michelle Saldierna, Jacquie Surgenor, Heather Wieler, Jenn Wolfe

## **Approval of Agenda:**

Crystal Herbert moves to approve the agenda, Amy Churchill 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour: "Yes."

## **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Heather Wieler moves to accept the minutes from November 22, 2017, Krystal Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour: "Yes."

### **New Business:**

## A.) Treasurer Report

Krystal Gibson shared the treasurer report from December 2017.

Westboro Parent Group Treasurer Report		t	December	
Date:	Jan. 16/18			
Opening Balance				18,800.14
	Income	Expenses	Subtotal	Balance
Income				
Stawnichy's	250			
STYD	496.28			
Stawnichy's	1077			
Return from Courtyard	253.95			
Princess Parking Raffle	444			
	Income S	ubtotal	2,521.23	
				21,321.3
Expenses				
Nitza HL		1,249.50		
Stawnichy's		3,581.60		
Stawnichy's		160.87		
Save on Foods HL		624.25		
Bank Fees		9.50		
Bank Balance	Expense	Subtotal	5,625.72	
				15,695.6
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The Stawnichy's fundraiser earned about \$2150. It was asked that the column values be checked for this activity. Krystal will follow up on this treasurer report again next month.

#### **B.**) Hot Lunch

Crystal Herbert shared the next scheduled hot lunch is on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> hot lunch still needs more volunteers. Volunteers are welcome to show up around noon on the day of a hot lunch without signing up as we can always use extra hands!

#### C.) Pancake Breakfast

Heather Wieler shared the following report.

Thank-you to all the parents, grandparents, friends and family who cooked and delivered sausages, flipped pancakes for us, served, cleaned up and helped out this year. Special thanks to Debbie Klita, Amy Churchill and Krystal Gibson for helping to arrange and prepare for the morning. We'd also like to thank our school trustee, Annette Hubick, for coming out this year to cook pancakes for us.

Hi-Pro Feeds donated the sausages again this year and we are extremely grateful. Thank-you as well to the Sobeys on Wye Road for donating the fruit for the breakfast. Jacquie is going to do up a couple of thank-you cards on behalf of Parents Group.

This year we had the crock pots of sausages in the classrooms which helped to keep them hot. Next year, I think we'll look at using the roasters in a classroom in each wing as a hub for the volunteers to get the sausages they need. The challenge is to keep the sausages hot and have enough for quick distribution in each wing. We noted that we need a couple more power bars, and a disposable floor mat for the kitchen floor when mixing batter. Next year, too, we'll make sure to give each cook a bowl and scoop for batter to keep the pancakes the same size. We realized this year that we need to compile our own gluten-free list before the event. I think it's best if we personally go around to each teacher and find out what staff and students are gluten -free so we don't miss anyone.

We'd like to request funds to purchase 2 griddles to keep on hand for the pancake breakfast.

This year we did up a letter for the kindergarten teacher to send home and that worked out very well.

Thank-you again to everyone who worked so hard to pull off another great breakfast!

Heather Wieler moves to allocate up to \$200 towards purchasing 2 electric griddles for use at future events, Bernie Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour: "Yes."

Parking was an issue for volunteer drop-off of donated items on the morning of the event so this will be further discussed before the next pancake breakfast.

#### **D.) Draft Fundraising Guidelines**

Jacquie and Debbie shared a draft document regarding Westboro Parents Group fundraising – the history, current practice, types of fundraisers and guidelines on how to decide which fundraisers to support and organize. The draft guidelines were discussed and suggestions made. A revised version will be presented at a future meeting.

The draft document can be found at: <a href="http://westboroelementary.ca/download/122563">http://westboroelementary.ca/download/122563</a>.

Jenn Wolfe shared that the Logos Society will no longer be sending their fundraiser forms to the entire school body at any their schools. At Westboro, this has been the practice with the apple fundraiser, though discussion between Logos and School Council/Parents Group representatives, but they wish to be consistent at all Logos schools, so have decided to not do this at Westboro moving forward. At Westboro, any future Logos fundraisers will be shared via the school newsletter and the Westboro Parents Group Facebook page. Any parents, however, are welcome to participate still.

## E.) Spring Shop Til Ya Drop

Krystal shared there is enough interest from vendors to host another Shop Til Ya Drop fundraiser at our school this spring. This type of event generally costs about \$100 to run and all proceeds would go towards the purchase of new barred instruments for the school. Amy Churchill will work with Krystal to try to organize one.

#### F.) Executive Transition

Heather Wieler is now active as an Elk Island Public Schools substitute teacher so is also stepping down from the parents group executive Vice-Chair position. We are very grateful for the past 4 years she has actively held positions on our executive!

Crystal Herbert moves that upon receipt of Heather Wieler's resignation as Westboro Parents Group Vice-Chair, Amy Churchill will take her place for the rest of the term, Karry Biri 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour: "Yes."

# G.) School Request

Marina Gilmore will be organizing an Olympics Day for the school in February and will need some supplies.

Crystal Herbert moves to allocate up to \$200 towards purchases, with Parent Group input, in support of the school's February Olympics Day, Jeff Dickey 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour: "Yes."

### H.) Open Questions

It was asked if the on-going rubber asphalt playground issues can be addressed. Strathcona County is fully responsible for the maintenance of the school playground and is aware of and monitoring the issues. Additional questions or concerns can be submitted to Strathcona County through their County Connect service at <a href="http://www.strathcona.ca/countyconnect/">http://www.strathcona.ca/countyconnect/</a>. Parents are encouraged to submit any issues they have with our playgrounds directly to Strathcona County.

It was asked if there will be a speech competition this year. Mike Lastiwka answered that the type of event that will occur is still being discussed with staff but it will not be the same as in previous years. It may be a less formal event for those students who choose to participate at a competitive level. There will still be a process in place for our students to take them towards a school team at the division level competition.

**Next Meeting Date:** February 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment:** Matthew Bissett moves to adjourn at 8:43 pm.