

MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 27, 2016

Present: Dawn Beaulieu, Elizabeth Buckland, Vilma Von Buren, Susan Chen, Heather Zhong, Hemantika Mahesh, Michelle Parsons, Mona Garde, Patrick Hu, Suzanne Lang-Doe, Sherri Phillips, Kim Stackaruk, Heather Zhong, John Stieva, Sara Belford, Nancy Moodie, Rajini Rasasingham

1. **WELCOME** - Elizabeth Buckland and Suzanne Lang-Doe – 7:00 pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT**

- Semi-Formal event was held in February; Spirit Week in March; Culturefest will be on April 20, 2017; looking to plan a spirit-boosting event in the Spring
- 10th Annual “Inside Ride” event at WOSS will be on April 26th, 2017. This event helps to raise money for children and teens with cancer.

3. **MINUTES** - Susan Chen

Motion to approve October minutes with changes approved by Vilma Von Buren and seconded by R. Rasasingham

4. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - R. Rasasingham

- Council balance is at -\$10,062.98 ; PRO grant funds –no change; PIP funds balance is \$500
- Deficit status overview by John Stieva: the deficit is due to a feasibility study for a 900-seat Performing Arts theatre to be built on the WOSS South Campus for which parent council originally paid \$18,000; the study is ongoing and John discussed all the work that has gone into the project and its current status.

Motion to approve the financial statements by Sherri Philips and seconded by Kim Stackaruk

5. **CHAIR’S REPORT** - Elizabeth Buckland and Suzanne Lang-Doe

- Results from the email motion for the decision to invite Chris D’Souza to be guest speaker for PRO grant event: motion to approval passed (18 member approval, 6 member no response, 1 member has questions)
- The *Race to No Where* film view update is from Vilma. The film view date is on April 6, 2017. School will have counselors to help guide the discussion after film viewing. Marketing is needed to promote the event to other schools and the community. Posters can be placed in library. Email will be sent through School e-news. Vilma to meet with Student Services to make plans.

6. **Fundraising Report**

- Council votes to decide to pause the online auction fundraising event considering the funds amount collected through online auction and the time and efforts spent.
- Cookie dough option is discussed and council voted to run this fundraising event. Elizabeth will proceed with plans. Other fundraising initiative of “just write a cheque” campaign will be delayed to next school year in the Fall, Oct/Nov. Use of proceeds from funds raised will be discussed at next meeting.

7. **PIC Report** – Sherri Phillips

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- Guest speaker decision: Chris D'souza is from 7:30 to 9pm, in South Cafe, on April 27, 2017. The price is \$900. WH Morten Elementary School will partner with WOSS and split the cost. Sherri will finalize details with the speaker.
- PRO grant funding is not received yet but planning event is ok. Sherri provided a list of items that can be included in the budget. Sherri proposed that the event should prepare pens and pamphlets for participants to take notes.
- Survey after the event for evaluation may be needed for reporting. Dawn Beaulieu can assist with survey.
- Next Year's PRO Grant –Sheeri will forward a Minority list of topics to review at next meeting; grant application deadline is in May.
- Upcoming PIC Conference is on Saturday, Oct 14, 2018 at Craig Kielburger 1150 Ferguson Drive in Milton
- Family of Schools updates : Sunningdale compile grant availability list; Iroquois Ridge School will have representative to observe WOSS Council Meeting to help the school establish a council

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva, Principal

- Library Renovation project should start in Summer; renovation plan has been drawn up
- Board funding details can be provided if interested
- WOSS DECA Business team and WOSS debate team achievement are outstanding
- IB will use online textbook

7. OTHER – Sara Belford

- No Trustee Report
- Grant application has no outcome yet; Sara will report at next meeting

Motion to adjourn by Mona Garde and seconded by Heather Zhong at 9:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING April 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm