

WOSS School Council Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2006

Minutes

Present

Jackie Williams, Bob Soden (Vice Principal) , Michelle Lemaire , Simon Khanna, Elaine Moores, Kathy Batycky, Dianne Moseley, Tara Seeber, Judy Martin, , Mary Lafleur, Diane Whitall, Bob Seitz, Esperanza Flores, Luis Flores

IB Program – visit from IB officials

Ms. Lemaire explained that WOSS is in the second year of its application to be an IB school, and part of the approval process is a visit from officials from the IB program. This visit will take place at WOSS on, October 23 and 24, 2006.. Ms. Lemaire has invited all parents to attend, as it is the wish of the IB officials to meet parents from the school, including parents of children who will not be enrolled in the program.

Chairs Report: Highlights of 2005-2006

Reviewed the summary report for 2005-2006 with a focus on some of the plans set last year for this year including: revising the constitution, hosting a parent night with expert speaker, ways to advertise and promote the parent night fundraising, ,continuing with monthly E-News and continuing with collecting e-mail addresses for parents. Last year council sent a letter to real estate agents with a brochure explaining the programs at WOSS, to help clear any misconceptions about the school. In addition, the donation letter sent out to the school's community has had a good response.

This year's parent night will be on April 19th, and the speaker will be Ron Morish, speaking on discipline. Elaine Moores has offered to head the organizing of the advertising/promotion of this parent night. Daniel Neibert has offered to review the constitution and report to council.

Treasurers Report (Diane)

At the end of August, our total balance was \$5875.06 (\$5000 in a GIC).

Principal's Report

- As Mr. Stieva was ill, Mr. Soden provided a vice-principal's report.
- The Spirit days for welcoming Grade 9 students were successful.
- This year's grad ceremony is to be held on Thursday, October 5, 2006.
- The school is again holding an evening for Grade 9 parents
- The school population has increased, but the numbers have not yet been finalized.
- As a result of receipt of government money for 2 new programs, WOSS has new programs in manufacturing and landscaping.
- The Board has requested the schools provide a policy on assessment issues such as whether a 0 mark is given to a student for a late assignment).

Next Meeting (October 16)

At the October meeting, we will be holding elections for School Council positions for 2006-2007.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.