

WESTMOUNT PAC

Minutes for February 19th, 2018.

Present:

Judy Walcher	Sheri Lakusta	Katie Cavaletto	Susie Mabee
Christine Raymer	Carissa Gobbee	Shawna Kozuchar	Greg Cavaletto
Christy Campbell	Aman Chima	Kim Wright	Trevor Wright
Trudi Lucia	Tara-Jean Dick	Amanda Douthwright	Fern Litt
Wendy Crawford	Stephanie Feeney	Kim Edstrom	Rob Schoen
Jennifer Sherman	Leanna Wereley		

Call to Order: 6:20 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda: Christine motioned, Trudi seconded; All in favour.

Adoption of January Minutes: Carissa motioned; Judy seconded; All in favour.

Treasurer's Report (Judy):

- **Hot Lunch** – for year so far – about \$800 (make 75 cents/lunch)
- **Movie Night** – total to date is \$147.79 (last movie night and next cancelled)
- **Chequing Balance - \$20,851.72**
- **Gaming Balance - \$6,482.68**

DPAC Report (Sheri and Katie):

- **Food Safe** – February 26th if interested
- **February 22nd – Powered Diversity – TRU** – 4 guests speakers - \$20 charge
- **BCCPAC** – Spring Conference – May 4th-6th
- **DPAC** – voice concerns – questions answered – not a platform for individual issues
- **Parent Education – Askable Adult**
- **Social Media Policy** – needing clarification
- **Water Fountains** – 17 PACs already fundraised for – will be reimbursed – each school will receive 1-2 fountains based on populations

Principal's Report (Susie):

- Basketball - season is coming to an end – we have 3 teams moving on to playoffs next week
- Congratulations to Shayla Chadwick in Mr. Caputo's class who will be taking part in the District Rotary Speech competition on March 2nd

- Kindergarten Registration – was officially last week
 - We have 22 Ks registered for September
 - If you know of anyone who has Kindergarten-aged children, please encourage them to come in to register as soon as possible in order for us to have an accurate number of students helps us to plan effectively for the Fall
- Pink Shirt Day – this Wednesday - We will be having an assembly in the morning and throughout the day, buddy classes will be creating a book on patience (our virtue for the month of February)
- Upcoming Non-Instructional Days – February 22nd and February 23rd
- Tech Mentor and Edison Robots are coming Feb. 27th – Robots will be here until March 13th
- Update to Parking/Traffic Situation
 - E-mail was sent out on Friday outlining the steps that have been taken to date
 - I have met with Melissa McGarry, the Manager of Health and Safety for SD73, to discuss the safety issues around the traffic, the city bus stop, and our student drop-off/pick-up zone.
 - Superintendent of Schools, Alison Sidow, was here on Tuesday morning to see first-hand the complex nature of the congestion before and after school.
 - A traffic engineer was at Westmount on Wednesday to study our situation and provide suggestions for remedy.
 - Secretary Treasurer, Kelvin Stretch was here Thursday morning prior to meeting with the City of Kamloops to discuss our issues and hopefully come away with some helpful solutions to reduce the overcrowding on our streets and the surrounding neighbourhood.
 - There continue to be parents/guardians who choose not to follow the safety procedures we have in place in the parking loop before and after school, endangering the safety of our students.
 - vehicles regularly parked in the Fire Lane at the end of the drop off / pick up loop and blocking the school bus and all other traffic as well
 - vehicles in the parking lot backing up and speeding through the crosswalk backwards without even looking- before hitting the gas and speeding through the rest of the loop to exit.
 - Parents parking in the loop and exiting their vehicle and blocking traffic
 - No matter what the solutions that are offered, we still need parents to follow the safety procedures
- We will be welcoming Early Childhood Educators from Mushashino University, Japan to visit our Kindergarten classes on Thursday March 8th
- Report Cards will be going home on March 14th
- Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday March 15th from 3pm -5pm

Correspondence:

- **Spirit Fundraising – Susie will handle**
- **Kamloops Blazers – Cheque to our PAC to purchase 30 tickets for kids – will send back and ask to be put on list for next year as end of season and not much time**
- **Jump N Jax – info to school**

Old Business (Sheri):

- **Playground Update** – Met with Brad – talked about Swings and other equipment – swings take up a lot of space – 6 swings and one Supernova would fit – looking at options
- **Purdy's** – Order forms are out – **Due Feb. 26th – Purdy's March 15th**
- **Paint Nite** – **Cancelled due to lack of ticket sales** – lost \$100 deposit
- **Year End BBQ** – **Wendy Crawford willing to coordinate with help** – Baskets and Volunteers
- **Hot Lunch Update** – Shawna stepping down end of April – **Decision on Hot Lunches Tabled until March**

New Business (Sheri):

- **Funding Requests** – Ms. Svenson (has brought back previous request with more info) – **6 classes of Science** – asking for **\$204.75 (\$68.25/session)** – **Christy motioned; Carissa seconded; All in favour.**
- **Grade 7 Party** – Ruckers/Funfactor/Dance – not sure – **Judy motioned to help in same capacity as last year; Carissa seconded; All in favour.**
- **Westmount Traffic** – lots of issues – not a new thing – **School Board Meeting tonight**
 - **Rob Schoen** – Assistant Superintendent – **problem of parking everywhere** – **Memo (will be attached separately to Minutes for February – parents can ask to read at any time)**
 - **Buses?**
 - **Quite a costly operation to open Westsyde Elementary**
 - **170 students out of 323 are from Batchelor Heights**
 - **Flagger Question** – safety now – **Can we have a professional Flagger now until permanent solution is found?**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 12th @ 6:15 p.m.