

WMES Parent Concil - September 22, 2022

In Attendance: Sean, Heather, Gwen, Shannon, Joseph, Brooke, Lauren, Jasmine, Carla, Lindsey, Kendra, Ceri, Barb, Biz, Karen, Sandra

Call to order: 7:33pm

Approval of Agenda: Joseph, Seconded: Shannon

Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Brooke, Seconded: Joseph

Election of Officers:

Last years officers willing to stay on, no objections.

Chair: Amber

Vice: Lauren

Secretary: Theresa

Vision for 2022-2023 year

Goals:

Events:

- Grade 6 Celebration. There is feedback that parents would like to see more done to make the celebration bigger and better. Suggested to make a parent committee. Sub committee will be through fundraising committee, discussion was tabled and added to fundraising committee agenda.
- Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads
- Literacy week/day, invite families in for reading.
- Mention made of evening Christmas concert, this would be tough to do with family schedules, turnout may be reduced, staff volunteering their time, etc.
- Craft night & carolling around Christmas time. Perhaps a christmas lights tour.
- Family Dances (discussed in fundraising committee meeting)
- Family Movie nights. (discussed in fundraising committee meeting)
- Pumpkin festival (discussed in fundraising committee meeting)

*suggested that we create a survey to see what families would be interested in.

Trustee Report by Carla. She reported that the trustees haven't had a meeting yet, but mentioned Board goals.

Principal's Report: Sean Latta

Introduced Heather Macdonald

- Sean asked what the hope of council is for his principal's report. In general we would like to know what is going on in the school.
- Requested assistance from the Council for help contacting the town office regarding the buildup of water and ice at the crosswalk. The town has said that it is a drainage issue but are slow to deal with it.
 - Motion made by Biz for Lauren to draft a letter, Seconded: Ceri
 - Karen will call the town office as well.
- Swimming lessons/ Fun swim. (moved to Fundraising committee agenda

Gwen reported that teachers were happy to be back and hopeful for a normal year.

First assembly was held, with plans in the future for each class to lead assemblies, hopefully assisting in each student's sense of belonging at the school.

Terry Fox Walk. Assembly at 9am and then a walk around the community. Police and fire departments will join the kids if possible.

Kindness and Gratitude Assembly was held.

Informative session with Paul Davis, students were attentive.

A concern was raised about the language on the playground.

- Could there be a reward system for positive language?
- Could there be motivational speakers and/or parenting classes? Perhaps during 3-way conferences?

A question/concern was asked about staggered recesses, could the recesses be mixed up with other grades?

- Recesses continue to be staggered because there are less problems with less children on the playground, Lunch recess is all together.
- Sean will have a look at the schedules, it could be tough to rearrange classes and recesses.

Next meeting dates.

-Decided to try 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting October 26th @ 7pm.

Motion to adjourn : Brooke, seconded: Jasmine. Meeting adjourned: 8:26pm.