

WRC Home and School **Meeting Minutes**
October 11th, 2023

Attendance:

Sarah Teal
Lindsay Verboom
Michelle Harbers
Melissa Fulton
Allyson Wynn

Regrets:

Angela Doolan
Jill Cogger
Helen Davidson
Georgina Gourley
Cassandra Swallow
Heather Cable
Sarah Sheehy
Heather Fougere
Natasha Veenhuis
Mr. Oakley
Caley Webster

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MIN:

Amendment to previous meeting minutes:
- Three outstanding cheques instead of two.

MINUTES APPROVED

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principals Report (Delivered by Sarah Teal / Clint Oakley (Principal not in attendance)

1. Currently in the process of getting non-perishable food items donated for the food Pantry. Aiming to get started in November.
2. A request made for a detailed report about WRC's food cart from last year's pilot and this is in the works. CCRCE nutritionist will be speaking with Cobequid Schools Catering Society at our upcoming meeting (Late October) to discuss implementation this year.
3. Some numbers: Lower price point and better nutrition lead to higher participation. Participation significantly decreased when the price of the FFC increased.

Price change participation change Winding River
From \$2 to \$4 = 41% decrease in sales

Currently: It's approximately 200 dollars to support the food costs and 185 dollars to support the labor at the 3 dollars a meal. The range is approximately 75-80 meals at \$3.00.

4. Teachers have been notified that they have \$100 dollars to spend for the upcoming school year. No deadline given for receipt submission.
5. A whiteboard has been installed in our outdoor learning space to support the ampitheatre

FINANCES

Looking for budget approval for the 2023 / 2024 budget with the addition of a section for the buying of School supplies for 2024 / 2025 school year on the current schedule.

Opening cash balance **\$20,100.66** (for 2023/2024)

Budget 2023-24

Classroom Incentives	\$1,800.00		18 Teachers
Salad Bar	\$3,500.00		
Presentations	\$1,000.00		
Amphitheatre	\$1,000.00		
Christmas Dinner	\$2,000.00		
Concert Sound	\$1,000.00		
Halloween Dance	\$500.00		
Coasting Party/ Movie Night..	\$250.00		
Field Day Meal	\$2,500.00		
Teacher Gifts/Thank Yous	\$500.00		
Community Support	\$500.00	(Bouncy House last year)	

Fundraising Expenses	\$900.00		
School Supplies			
MISC	\$500.00		
	\$15,950.00		

BUDGET APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

- Fresh Food Cart - \$3500 is the current budget allocation which would allow for 8 meals (2x monthly - 4 months) - from November to near year end. 14 meals would be required to reach year end. To be discussed with Clint Oakley the way forward and how the additional amount needed to cover the whole year will be approached.
- School Supplies 2024/2025 school year.
 - Will coordinate later this school year with principal with regards to costs and H&S helping to supplement. Budget amount will be discussed later this year once more details are known.
- Halloween Dance - Community hall booked for October 26th
 - Set up approximately at 5:30 pm
 - Sell water & glow sticks
 - Heather Cable is coordinating the treat bags for the children
 - Inquire about Water donation from Foodland (Sarah) - \$1.00 a bottle
 - Glow stick purchase - Lindsay Verboom / \$0.25 per glow stick
 - Parents to stay
 - Volunteer post to be submitted on Facebook
 - Allyson to create a Halloween poster - send to Sarah Teal
 - Dance Entrance Fee: Non-perishable food items for schools food pantry (items requested will be clarified by principal)
 - Community Centre cost is \$12.50 an hour for the dance

OTHER

- A question was raised about which teachers are included in the 18 that have been listed to claim \$100 for the classroom in initiatives. All in attendance agree at the proposal that the cap for reimbursement is \$100.

- Front entrance to school garden area - Is this the responsibility of the school? Sarah to discuss with office

- Social media concern - School information being posted on a non-affiliated account named Winding River Consolidated - Nora Howell (originator of the other Facebook group) has no current students that she is responsible for and therefore has been removed from WRC Home & School Facebook page. Facebook account to be cleaned up by Lindsay and Michelle. Sarah to put out a post informing members that a Facebook clean up will take place.
- Sarah to inquire about sending out an information page or email introducing WRC Home & School Committee.
- Request to be made to Clint Oakley, to check any custody cases and cross reference with school Facebook Group to ensure no conflicts on that front.
- A question was posed - Why is the cost of Christmas dinner cheaper than Field Day dinner? Lindsay to look closer at previous invoices to locate specifics.

FUNDRAISER DISCUSSION

- Will be addressed later this school year

QUESTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL

- What's the way ahead for the Fresh Food Cart? Do you need more of a financial commitment from the H&S to have \$3 lunches for students twice a month for the school year once started?
- What non-perishable food items would the school prefer for the pantry?
- Can you approach and ask for the other FB group be deleted as it is being run by someone who does not have a connection with the school or students? Concerns have been raised by multiple parents that a group without access restrictions which posts information about what students and parents are associated with the school concern multiple parents who do not wish to be listed on open-source materials online.

TABELED TOPICS

Natural playground

Next Meeting Date - November 8th, 2023 - 6:30 PM