

# Windsor Park Collegiate Parent Association

## Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2016

7:00 pm

I. Call to order – 7:05pm

II. Welcome/attendance –Cindy Vermette, Marilyn Thorington, Lori Karlsson, Tashai Davis Ryan, Nicole Mager, Mariama Mansaray, Nicholas Kelly, Gloria Waldron

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting- Cindy motioned to approve April minutes; Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Carried.

IV. Reports:

- a) **Student Council Report**- Cycle of change (Climate change challenge) to reduce greenhouse gasses, biking/walking to school, don't eat meat (reduce greenhouse gasses from large farms) May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Selling chilli to donate to Fort Mac (vegan) (Prepared by Gr. 11-12 classes (Organized by **Social Justice** Committee)
  - Culture Club**-Braiding and henna tattoos cost between \$1-3 May 26<sup>th</sup> and Who you are day which will encourage students to celebrate their heritage by dressing up in traditional clothing or wearing something that has their flag on it. Also hosting a potluck lunch for International and EAL students - May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Arts Council**-Mr. Hunter is organizing the courtyard design. Would like any students, staff and parents to come out to help with construction.
  - Sports Council**-TCBY yogurt on sale to raise funds for new TV Boxes
  - Spirit council**-Planning the Summer "Arts Take part" summer sizzler.
- b) **Treasurer's Report**-April balance is \$3606.89
- c) **President's Report**- Courtyard. Money needs to be spent from skip grant first. Cheque written for \$1333.40.
- d) **Principal's report**- Living library tomorrow. Topic is "Being indigenous". They are the individuals who will act as "books" here to tell their story and answer questions. Gr 7 and 8 from Frontenac will attend.
  - Tomorrow night health walk/run. Over 100 signed up. Leaving from College Leo Reimillard. 60 gave cash donations. 7pm kick off at the school tomorrow night (May 12<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Neuton is cutting all of his hair. Mr. LaFrance is shaving his beard. His hair is being donated to Cancer care. Race is Saturday.
  - May 24<sup>th</sup>-Family of schools band concert. All are welcome to attend.

- May 26<sup>th</sup>- Frontenac community bbq. Students from WPC will be there volunteering.
- More arts programming for gr 7 and 8 students at WPC (practical and fine arts including dance classes)
- Outdoor Ed canoe trip coming up. Travelling to Pioneer camp (Shoal Lake area)
- Provincial exams start May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Report Card pick up June 29<sup>th</sup>; undergrad awards same day at 4pm at Board office.
- PD day-All elementary schools attended, Joel Cranston spoke about being culturally competent. Afternoon was discussion on at risk youth.
- Boys rugby won their first game!!!

#### V. Outstanding Business

- Treasurer and Vice President positions still vacant.....new members needed!

VI. **New Business-MAPC conference** - Gloria attended. Topics included: "It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

**-Keynote Speaker**-Hugh John MacDonald principal. Spoke on ways to bring the students together for a common project such as a garden for example.

-Changed wording for constitution (passed)

-Resolution: MAPC train and enlist math tutors, math training and additional learning resources to keep this going.

-Accessibility/public areas

-Independent directors are filling roles that should be going to parents but due to lack of interest, ID's have filled these roles.

-Minister of Education joined meeting and discussed how to develop critical thinkers. Talked about overcrowding, childcare spaces. Portable classrooms; looking at reducing number.

-Mandating things for schools to follow. Transitional care for spec needs kids. They shouldn't age out with nothing for them to do afterwards. Care for special needs & funding of this discussed.

-IEP reporting to be streamlined for all school divisions. Looking at case work.

-Tony Tavros-Inclusion in MB schools (resources available from Gloria) spoke about educational gaps from Auditor generals report

-More information at: [www.manitoba.ca/mychildinschool](http://www.manitoba.ca/mychildinschool)

-Information received from Red Cross about healthy relationships for youth.

VII. Questions/Concerns – None

VIII. Adjournment- **Next meeting, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library**