**Windsor Park Collegiate Parent Association**

**Meeting Agenda**

November 18, 2015

7:00 pm

I. Call to order -7:01pm

II. Welcome/attendance –Cindy Vermette, Marilyn Thorington, Lori Karlsson, Gloria Waldron, Howard Ashdown, Cindy Turner, Trustee, Ward 1 and Tom Parker from Ward 4 (LRSD BOARD office).

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting- Approval deferred until next meeting

IV. Reports:

a) Student Council Report-no one available

b) President’s Report-Tea Party on December 14th at LRSD Board office. Nov 24th Budget meeting at LRSD Board office. Cindy and Lori attended MAPC presentation session at LRSD Board office on November 10th & Gloria spoke about the school planning session presented by principal of Shamrock school. Gloria felt the focus shifted to more about fundraising instead of school planning. They had surplus of funds and are trying to focus more on school plans than on just spending money because it’s available. Grant info will follow and Gloria will pass along to us when it’s received.

c) Treasurer’s Report-October 31st balance $2413.55; no transactions this month

 d) Principal/School Administration Report-YouTube Video presentation (Divisional Citizenship for PAC) 2 staff members are part of a citizenship council. They have attended General Vanier and Frontenac schools to present and gather info for what can be done regarding citizenship.

Marilyn has information from Evergreen regarding school beautification projects. We have 1 grant for $10000 but need $20000 more for the courtyard.

**Mid-Week Network**-All high schools across division are part of network. Reviewed website for parents on LRSD site including spot for MWN (under teaching and learning) Database created to help parents understand what is happening during these sessions. Demo by Marilyn to show how it works and various filters that can be applied. Examples of different groups and what their focuses are were discussed.

Flipped classroom discussion where students watch a video of a new concept at home and then do the practical learning at school. Currently being implemented in a 30/40 Applied math. Article in the Lance mentioned this about Pre-Calculus at Nelson MacIntyre. Propel program is a pilot project at Nelson MacIntyre for grade 11 students. CIT is WPC version.

**Student council**-elections coming next week with 5 contenders for President.

**Successful futures**-Students that need additional support, employability, January 5th looking for mock “interviewers” (parents that can act as potential employers to “role play” with students.

Dec 14, 15 & 16th hamper delivery drivers needed (afternoon delivery) Contact the school if available to help.

Police in tactical gear attended the school November 18th; one was a former student of WPC. They were here to provide advice on how to keep building safe and secure and reviewing floor plan in the event of a hold and secure situation. Staff and WPS have reviewed procedures in August in the event of this situation occurring. Discussion with staff on what we would like to see happen with how many entries are available to use during school hours to increase security.

Changemakers is performing a rebranding of WPC and wants input from students and parents (staff) regarding what changes we would like to see at the school. This will be available next week to staff and students; parents hopefully via website. More information to follow when available.

#### FISH philosophy discussed by staff at PD day on Monday Nov 9th.

#### **The Four Steps of the FISH! Philosophy:**

* Play
* Make Their Day
* Be There
* Choose Your Attitude

Imagine a workplace where everyone chooses to bring energy, passion and a positive attitude with him or her each day - an environment in which people are truly connected to their work, their colleagues, and their customers.

V. Outstanding Business

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

VI. New Business

Cindy and Tom from board office had us contemplate a few questions before the meeting:

1. Thinking to the future, what are your hopes for the students of young people in the LRSD community

 Cindy discussed technology for some students, perhaps feeling excluded because of this lack of access to technology. More technology available at school level, access to internet, data plans not available

 2) Keeping your answer to 1 in mind, what are the challenges you feel we face in seeing these hopes realized?

Data plans or access to devices not always available.

Access to programs available at ATC to help all students find their passion; perhaps having them available to younger grades

Pilot program called My Blueprint is coming…..application that will allow students to structure their classes according to their interests and compare post-secondary options available based on classes chosen. Students can also see what the average wage is for any given career.

Cost is a huge obstacle to making these programs available.

Attitudes towards these programs can be important to some but not others.

VII. Questions/Concerns - None

VIII. Adjournment- 8:54pm Next meeting, Dec 9th at 7pm, WPC Library.