



Willows PAC General Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2011

Call to Order

PAC Treasurer, Carolyn, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. 13 people attended.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by Misha.

Approval of the Minutes

The October 2011 minutes were moved to be approved by Lisa. Adopted.

Principal / Vice Principal Remarks

Remembrance Day Ceremony

- 100 kindergarten kids were quiet and behaved perfectly
- Children put in a lot of effort to memorize and do their parts
- Performances were excellent
- Sets the tone well for the year

Christmas Concert

- Held during the day time this year as there isn't teacher supervision in the evening Tues, Dec 13, 9 & 1 for the school (parents/grandparents optional), Wed, Dec 14 at 1 pm, (Discovery) & Thurs, Dec 15 (Chatham) at 1 pm (for the parents)

Report Cards

- Fri, Dec 2, report cards will go home (same Friday as Holly Tree festival)
- Will have facts (attendance, grade, teacher, division) and vice principal / principal comments, ways to support learning, and letter from the school board
- Holding to what the school act requires (formal written report three times per year)
- Envelope needs to be signed and sent back
- Most teachers are contacting parents to answer questions or concerns
- Ruling coming down tomorrow from labour relations board on if report cards are essential, so this may change, but they may not be ready for the 2nd.
- Parent-teacher early dismissal days are still on the calendar, just in case the ruling says report cards are essential (Dec 7 & 8)

School Planning Council Met

- Parent input into what's going on in the school, through a survey, regarding school activities, so we can get feedback by April to use in planning for next year.

Swim Club

- Starts tomorrow (60-70 kids signed up) for three lanes of the pool
- Coaches (students from Oak Bay High), all from last year returned

Spelling Bee Club, Book Club, and Homework Club all just started (homework coaches come at noon to help) 12:15-12:45

Student teacher ran a **dance club for Grade 3**, they performed

Current Business

Holly Tree Festival

- Planning going well
- Have enough lead volunteers for all the activities
- Need people to help with 7-8 pm, 8-9 pm and clean up 9-9:30 – about 20 more people for Santa cinema, games, crafts, cookie decorating
- Family and older kids can help
- Contact Mishadhillon@hotmail.com to volunteer

Earthquake Preparedness Committee update

- Craig presented on the school's program
- In addition to maintaining the earthquake preparedness equipment, three volunteers help with the Great BC Shakeout (province-wide earthquake drill) – drop, cover and hold on, which reminds teachers of their role during a quake, students practice the drills
- Organized a work party – about 25 volunteers showed up. In the large grey lockers and shipping container on the school grounds, renewed water kits, inventoried the container, and tested the shelters and equipment. In the music room the classroom red Grab n Go backpacks were inventoried and checked off. Any deficiencies are being purchased and put in bags. Each year new food is purchased at Costco, move one half over, donate the 2-year-old food to the food bank. (noodles, tuna, granola bars, soup)
- Can always use input or volunteer time
- Willows is out of the tsunami high risk zone (max 4 meter run up for Victoria)

PAC Contributions

- 590 vs 574 students this year, yet contributions are down from past years
- \$13,000 in contributions last year; only \$9,000 this year
- Could be because teachers are not managing the paperwork, the class reps were doing it (communication gaps)
- Carolyn to send out a reminder to class reps
- PAC contribution questions can go to Carolyn ckroeber@shaw.ca

New Business

Parent education night

- Usually not on a PAC meeting night
- Check with administration first when deciding on dates
- Potential topics: Island sexual health talk, internet and other safety or life coaching for parents

Adjournment

- 8:08 pm
- Next meeting, 3rd Wednesday of January (Jan 18th)