

Nelson Waldorf School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2009 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Parent Room

In Attendance

Iain Pardoe: Acting Chair, PC Treasurer

Bronwyn Murray: Acting Co-Chair, meeting recorder

Claire Leishman: Playground liaison and meeting time keeper

Martha Wilson: active member supporting school festivals

Georgia Argyle (& Raven): Hospitality Coordinator

Paige Adaire, Lisa Lockett, Cathy Lummiss, Ilana Pengelly

Administration: Bev Barcham

Faculty Liaison: Phil Fertey

Open Meeting

Meeting began with casual visiting, candle lighting and recitation of Steiner's "Social Motto".

Parent Council Mission Statement

Read by Iain

Report from Hospitality Committee

Georgia notes that there is much overlap between social inclusion and hospitality committee. The group has developed welcoming and leave taking methods/events. Welcome gathering that followed the Rose Ceremony in September was well attended (approx. 50 people).

Georgia also notes the following:

- Parent room needs attention—paint would be great, wonders where to get funding—grant?
- Summer marketing group needs funds to purchase equipment and supplies to make Waldorf info booths easier to manage; she has an idea for a possible grant

Approved minutes of last meeting of May 27, 2009

Motion moved, seconded and carried

Report from Playground Committee

Claire reports that the lower playground is nearly complete. All but \$10 of funding used. The swings needed changing as they were too heavy (large wooden seats), the metal roof for the musical section is coming (date to be determined), and Nathan Smith is working on the instruments. Iain is currently writing the required report for finalizing this grant funded project.

A general discussion regarding fencing ensued. Currently there isn't the funding for a fence.

It was noted that playground grants through the gaming commission are not available this year. But perhaps the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) or Lion's club may fund playground projects as they have elsewhere.

Report from the Health & Safety Committee

Phil reported that Drs. Martha Wilson and Jeanette Boyd shared information and some suggestions with faculty regarding lice. Currently faculty is in the process of changing NWS lice policy from nit-free (sending children home until nits are eradicated) to an inclusion approach.

Bev emphasized the need for the school to work with the families.

Discussion regarding the effect on children who are excluded from school and preventative measures (e.g. tea-tree oil and braids for long hair) ensued. Faculty will be discussing this issue at their October 1 meeting.

Parent Council Overview

Iain describes parent council as potentially being in the center of a wheel in which each committee is a spoke that carries out specific tasks and then reports to the Parent Council. This approach should streamline the work of Parent Council and make meetings more efficient.

Marketing and Fund Raising committees were used as examples.

Executive roles were outlined.

The role of Parent Council class reps was described as acting as liaison between individual classes and Parent Council. This would include email updates and info to classes, and hearing ideas from other parents to take to PC meetings. This person could be the current class rep or another person.

ACTION

Each parent present to become a PC class rep:

Ilana Pengelly: Class 8

Paige Adair: Class 7

Lisa Lockett Class 5

Cathy Lummiss: Class 4

Claire Leishman: Class 2/3

Iain Pardoe: Class 1

Bronwyn Murray: Kinderhouse

Class 6 is the only class not represented. Current Class 6 parents should be contacted to identify someone to fill this role.

Information regarding Parent Council Funds

Iain notes that we did receive the PAC grant of \$1370.

Iain explained the grocery cards: Coop \$\$ goes to the theatre lighting, Save-On to class 8 end-of-year trip and graduation, and Safeway (which will be on board soon) to Parent Council for distribution to a suitable project at a later date.

Discussion ensued regarding how to allocate funds.

Brain Storming for Parent Council projects

Iain suggested three categories: Ideas that we want to accomplish immediately, those that we can work on over the year and lastly, ideas that are long term.

IDEAS:

- Catherine conveyed that Dharel Verville (father of their children), is a classical pianist and is willing to perform a fund raising concert evening featuring selected works of Gurdjeiff and Thomas deHartman. An invitation is extended to select faculty and Parent Council members who would like to be a part of organizing the concert event. A small house concert can be attended in October, to allow development of the event to begin sooner.

ACTION

Phil will follow-up on this opportunity.

- Library: librarian! Grant? Move to Class 9 room: lighten, brighten, beautify, create an alternate learning space for all children
- Parent Room and hall: beautify
- Upper field Playground
- Festival specific boxes and storage space for them at the school
- Costume room-organized by each play; sewing machine! Use old library if library moves to Class 9?
- Main entrance: Use old lost & found area for display cases, remembering that this area is where new families often first come through
- Form marketing and fund raising committees

ACTION

Marketing committee formed: Bronwyn, Georgia and Phil. Bronwyn will follow-up and set first meeting to be held within next two weeks

Fund raising committee formed: Claire, Cathy, and Ilana

Paige requests the executive members roles listed in these minutes

Chair

Co-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

Grant Application Coordinator

Class-Parent Council Representatives

Volunteer Program Coordinator

Event Coordinator

Adult Education Coordinator

School Beautification and Playground Coordinator

Hospitality and Social Inclusion Coordinator

Close meeting

Closed meeting with quiet reverence and verse, and extinguishing the candle.