

NWS Parent Council Meeting
December 1, 2009

Attendance: Iain Pardoe, Bronwyn Murray, Lisa Lockett, Martha Wilson, Dharel Verville, Claire Leishman, Carron Mulligan, Beverley Barcham

Item	Discussion	Action
Opening	The meeting was opened with quiet reverence, candle lighting and verse.	
Proposal for Fundraising Concert	Dharel Verville, parent in the School and concert pianist brought to the Council an offering to work together with the school sponsoring, perhaps in co-partnership with himself, other Waldorf Schools, and perhaps Banyon Books (independent company) in a series of concerts. Concert dates were discussed with agreement that a Friday in early March would be a good time for a concert. Dharel also brought the beginnings of a proposal for a co-partnership with a local company looking to create ecosystem housing in the community.	It was agreed that Bronwyn, for the Marketing Committee, offered to be a conduit to the Parent Council for Dharel and that Bev will pursue continued conversations with faculty (Phil Fertey) and Dharel. Agreements on concerts and other initiatives will be relayed to the Parent Council as they evolve.
Social Inclusion Report	No report was available. Conversation regarding supervision of time on the swings in the playground be 'regulated' by supervising teachers.	Bev to request faculty consideration.
Marketing Committee Report	Bronwyn reported that the marketing committee is currently working on information sessions early in the new year. A poster will be available at the Winter Faire. She noted that the Committee currently consists of herself and Phil (from faculty) and Bev will be invited to future meetings. A question for this committee is what is the mandate? This will be reviewed in the new year.	Iain expressed, on behalf of the Council appreciation for Bronwyn's work on this Committee.
Parent Council Table at Winter Faire	There will be a table at the Winter Faire in the Artisan's Market for School information, a toonie auction to support fundraising for the theatre lighting, and school musical CDs for sale. It has been somewhat of a challenge to confirm someone 'working' at the table through the day. It was suggested that perhaps individuals classes could present their class fundraisers during the time the class is responsible to sit at the table.	Iain will contact class reps to offer the sale of class fundraisers and request for class reps to 'work', or sit at the Parent Council Table at the Winter Faire.

<p>Report from Faculty</p>	<p>Carron Mulligan attended the meeting to stand in for Phil Fertey to report on the current considerations of room allocations. She shared the proposed plan for room changes – specifically in relationship to the creation of a third kindergarten and a Sweet Pea room. There was short discussion of marketing strategies involved for an increase to a third kindergarten.</p> <p>Faculty are discussing with the intention to agree on room allocations. With this in mind a request for parents with energy for the move to begin the work of boxing, moving and renovating spaces.</p>	<p>Carron will inform the Council of future faculty decisions, so that energy for the move may be organized and arranged within the parent body.</p>
<p>Report from Fundraising Committee</p>	<p>Claire reported that the Committee had met but attendance was low. Discussion was focussed on the Board’s request that the Committee take up the School’s annual giving campaign, with the focus on the theatre lighting and the future renovations for the third kindergarten. After deliberations the Committee agreed to be in an advisory capacity for the campaign, however, due to low membership at this time, this committee will not take on the responsibility for the campaign. It was noted that a poster is being created for the campaign “Lighting the way to the future.”</p>	<p>Claire, Bev and Lisa to write a bulletin notice regarding the fundraising campaign with the explanation around the focus “lighting the way to the future” .</p>
<p>Other business</p>	<p>Class fundraisers – chicken sales – classes are considering this fundraiser.</p> <p>Change of meeting time to be earlier in the evening, with perhaps a shared dinner.</p> <p>Meeting attendance – discussion on how to have more parents attending the meeting.</p>	<p>Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm, but will pass on the dinner option for now.</p> <p>Agreed that the advertising for the meeting at the end of January be more proactive.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>See everyone at the end of January.</p>	<p>Next meeting Tue Jan 26.</p>