

# Nelson Waldorf School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2010

Parent Room 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Martha Wilson - Chair

Trena Gauthier - Meeting Recorder

Iain Pardoe, Georgia Argyle, Bev Barcham, Bronwyn Murray, Claire Leishman, Lisa Luckett

## Social Inclusion

**Georgia:** Structure in place for ongoing SI.

- To be presented at every class meeting up to three per year.
- It's been identified what to address depending on class /age.
- Will start compiling info. For future of SI.
- Hugues Lincourt made beautiful theme boards for SI to be put on display at the school.
- Paige Adair prepared portable lending library that will be available at every parent meeting ie. Kim Payne

## Festival Supply Room

**Georgia:**

- Being used now, organized and catalogued.
- Lanterns will be coming from Calgary – to be stored here also.

**Costume Room:**

- New Costume Room created in half of the former class 9 room.
- Pam Loeppky will organize items in costume room
- To maintain organization, going to identify a point person for people to go to (Pam)
  
- Other half of former class 9 is the new parent room. Floors painted, cupboards etc. and there is a locked cabinet with resources that can be loaned out.

## Fundraising Steering Group

**Claire:**

- Last meeting was in January, currently working on "guidelines".
- Decided to keep items on the agenda and wait for the energy for those items.
- Dharel concert at the United Church: a group was formed to launch this forward, March 8, 2010

**Bev:**

- Board asked FSG to take Annual Fundraising Campaign, FSG agreed to support but not spearhead.
- There is a group taking on the AFC, things are moving along, some great ideas ie. Beautiful cards with children's work on them, going to include the purpose of the campaign – new Kindergarten, Sweet pea's program. It will be good to have a clear focus this year. A short movie clip on DVD, you tube, facebook – more good suggestions for the AFC.
- Dharel concert – posters out, tickets available now, 3 parents and Bev working on this. 2/3 proceeds will go to the school. 250 tickets can be sold.
- Library books are going to classrooms throughout the school, the Music Room will hold books and be a "Music/Resource room". Former class 9 will be: wordwork room, parent room, and costume room. Library will be for Curriculum meeting space when new families visit the school.

## Marketing

**Bev, Bronwyn:** Phil, Bev & Bronwyn met a few weeks ago and came up with three key things:

1. Parent Council Marketing group will be a Task Force group, not doing the actual work – the school will do that.
2. Phil will take to faculty, Bev will take to the Board. The suggestion is to write “Marketing Plan” ie. Schedule/steps to take thru the year – what needs to be done, etc.
3. Volunteerism – to be discussed at Parent Council meetings.

## Volunteerism

Iain – Volunteer Task Group consists of: Lisa, Trena, Jane C, Jane D

All - VTF will create a form to include in the registration package. On the form make a distinction between volunteering within individual classes and overall school volunteerism.

All – Put in bulletin our many successes/accomplishments throughout the year, big and small - name it: “Community Celebrations”. \* Before we state our needs, lets state our successes.

All – Continue with Inspiring for volunteerism rather than demanding. Sign up sheets at the All school meeting / Hoe Down was acknowledged as great and beneficial collecting of information early in the year.

Iain read on behalf of Jane C. – suggestion of having each family give \$300 at the start of the year with the option to pay it off in vol. Hrs thru the year.

- All – Discussion about collecting more money at the start of the year probably not a good thing, also with 80% of families on tuition assistance, not likely to receive \$300 per family.

All - Discussion also about having families commit to a number of hours per year, then tracking hours for each family. This was done in the past and most commitments from the start of the year were not met, ended up being more workload administratively than results in volunteerism.

Iain (on behalf of Paige) – suggests key contact for volunteers at the school. This person would increase efficiency. Paid part time position would be best.

Claire – when everyone has collective vision things get accomplished, we could ask – what would your vision be? If you could vol. What would you like to do? So that families volunteer without even realizing it. Mentioned “Transition Nelson” and good things happening there.

Iain - Our group needs to provide a statement for faculty this week.

- *Statement decided upon:* "Parent Council supports the formation of a task group to consider the inclusion of a supplement to the NWS registration packet that outlines parent participation in the life of the school, including volunteering, areas of interest, vision for the school, etc. Parent Council asks that the Faculty and the Board support this initiative and designate a Faculty member and a Board member to liaise with this Task Group to help have the supplement ready by the time the registration packet is to be sent out (some time around Spring Break)."

Bev – The Board has to support this also. The Board is open to having a Parent Council member attend and speak about things.

## **Registration 2010**

Bev – For five years now the school has had all families pre-pay tuition and have a face to face meeting. Now for returning families who are familiar with school expectations, the families can submit payment without a formal meeting. The offer to meet will still be available.

- All new families will have a formal meeting . (All - at meeting with new families re: school, finances, a piece on SI and Vol. Would be beneficial also)
- The Board has given Bev permission to make exceptions related to tuition in the past, now the Board will made decisions, Bev fully supports this.
- If Volunteer Task Force has a form ready it could go with the registration package.

## **Other Business**

Iain – Co-op cards sold, \$1000. total earned.

Next meeting: March 30, 2010 3:00 PM