

Woodman-Cainsville School Council Minutes
Monday, November 9th, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Welcome – School Council Vice-Chair, Stephanie Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members present: Janice Brinson, Treasurer; Jason (Jay) Brinson, Rose Smith, Norris Ward, Terry Morganschweis, Jamie Russell (baby Sabrina), Melanie LeBlanc (BCHU), Stephanie Burnham, Principal Diannah Dean, Jan Scheidt – Teacher Rep;

WCSC 2015 – 28 **MS** that the minutes from September 16, 2015 meeting be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

The following amendment was submitted:

Bylaws Overview: The October minutes stated “It was decided to change section 12(a), so that a parent needed to be attending school council for a year before deciding to be eligible to run for a position.” The minutes are **amended to read** “It was decided to change section 12(a) **so that any parent may be eligible to run for a position.**” (previous attendance at School Council meetings is not required)

Brant Count Health Nurse, Melanie LeBlanc: Our school nurse, Melanie LeBlanc introduced herself to the parent group. She talked about her role to promote healthy living and to act as a resource for teachers, staff, and parents. She talked about the current health curriculum has been updated. Curriculum kits are available for teachers to access. She also shared some information about head lice.

Principal’s Report: There are a total of 308 students now. Mrs. Ricker will soon be starting maternity leave. The half-time secretary has resigned and her position has been advertised. Presently, Ms. Doyon is expected to return at the end of November, but this may be extended depending on circumstances.

Progress reports: These are to be handed in by November 27 to the principal with distribution on Wednesday, December 9th. Parent-teacher interviews are not happening, but if a teacher has a concern about a student, the teacher will contact that parent. The first set of IEPs are coming home gradually with the second set due to come home with the progress report card.

Pita Pit: This is a fundraiser initiated by the principal. It will be offered twice a month to students.

Fundraisers: There were several fundraising ideas suggested – chocolate bar sales, Norcard sales, candles, pizza, cookie dough, wrapping paper etc. It was decided to investigate and report back. (NOTE: at the staff meeting the next day, it was pointed out that many of the hero reward trips were subsidized by the chocolate bar sales.)

Metro Grant: Melanie LeBlanc (health nurse) will apply for this grant on our behalf.

Friendship House: The mandate for the organization has changed, and students are no longer able to go over to the building. Instead, Friendship House is coming to the school and presently offering cooking classes to Mr. Salter's and Mr. Jarvis' classes. They are also offering an art class for 8 children in the primary division who have been recommended for their artistic ability. Instead of the annual Christmas dinner, they are offering a Christmas tea instead. Any donations to Friendship House would be most welcome as they are in need of cash donations.

Canadian Opera Company: A free performance of the Bremen House Musicians was presented to students in Grades K – 5. The younger students especially enjoyed the performance.

Remembrance Day: Students in grades 6-8 (4 junior/intermediate classes) will be attending the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph downtown. A service for the remainder of the school will be held in the morning organized by Mrs. Gordon. Students will eat earlier, come to the service and then have recess outside after the service.

Science, Tech, and Math Conference: 20 students from the Intermediate grades will be attending a conference with Ms. Dean and one other staff member.

Volleyball Teams: Mr. Salter is coaching the seniors volleyball team, and a teacher from Echo Place is teaching the juniors volleyball team.

Teacher Report: Library request: A request has been made to help with the purchase of some books that occurred last year but were not paid for.

Scholastic Book Fair: This is a major fundraiser for the school library and will occur in the new year in conjunction with some other major event at the school (i.e. Literacy evening). There was some discussion about having a book fair the night of a Christmas concert, but since a date was unknown at this time, it was decided to postpone it until the new year.

Teacher negotiations: A tentative agreement has been reached with voting taking place this week. Voting closes on Thursday, November 12 at midnight (Note: Agreement was ratified by the teachers).

Movie night: Movie night was successful with 95 people attending. 65 people bought popcorn. Oil, popcorn, seasonings and a raffle prize need to be purchased for the next movie night. It was suggested to travel the aisles selling the popcorn. In total, \$305 was raised. It was noted that some people brought in their own snacks. It was suggested to post a note that due to allergies, outside food would not be allowed to be brought in to the school. Popcorn will be prepared ahead of time, so that there is not a long lineup. The location of the popcorn will be in a different place so that people can

freely enter/exit the gym. It was decided to investigate bringing in pizza so that families could have the option of purchasing slices. For older students, parents need to sign in/sign out the students leaving a contact number in the event that an emergency arises.

WCSC 2015 – 29 **MS** that the expenses from the movie night be paid (\$86) **CARRIED**

Milk program: Janice Brinson has prepared a milk order form with milk delivery to start on November 30 – December 18. Cash will be accepted for December only but online payment will be looked into for the new year. Forms are to be sent home November 10 and due back on Friday, November 20th. Janice Brinson is willing to fill the bags in the morning. More bags, straws, and Lysol wipes will need to be purchased for the program. Jan Scheidt will investigate about getting a milk crew.

Financial Report: No report was available at this time.

Goals: Ask at the staff meeting what teachers would like the School Council to raise monies for.

2. Monies for the library.

3. Monies for Friendship House.

4. It was suggested to donate monies to a Woodman-Cainsville family whose children need medical care in the United States. Suggestions for a fundraiser included a dinner or a walk sometime to occur in the Spring. Rose Smith was asked to talk to the family about some possible ideas.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Next council meeting: Monday, December 7, 2015 beginning at 6:30 in the staff room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Scheidt, Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Diannah Dean will send a memo out to staff suggesting that teachers who need items for their classroom, write a letter to School Council with those needs. School Council will then vote on which needs to support. This will give School Council an idea of how much fundraising needs to occur.
2. Janice Brinson will purchase bags, straws, and Lysol wipes for the milk program.
3. Jan Scheidt will investigate to see if there are any classes willing to be the milk crew.