

WGH Parent Council AGM Meeting-Oct 4th

In attendance: Shruti Sharma, Swapnil Sharma, Freya Fournay, Marie McKay, Kriscinda Maki, Christina Oxamitny, Hodan, Harsh Shah, Ami Shah, Cherry Singla Manisha, Chandrakhta Varde, Bahidj Imene, Mindy Francis, Chauntelle McCallum, Heather, Jaron, Mr. Thomas (Principal), Ms. Hiscock (Vice Principal)

1) Meeting called to order by Shruti: 6:02

Shruti introduction, welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Introduction of all present

-Quorum will be attained when 4 of 7 Board Members are present: verified

2) Review of Agenda

3) Approval of AGM minutes from Oct 27th, 2021

-Motioned by Swapnil, seconded by Christina

4) Report review- given by Freya

- Over the last year, conversations were had with Mr. Toner re more wheelchair accessible spots which were created in front of the school.

-Park improvements were discussed with Mr. Toner and with the city to make the playground more inclusive. Some upgrades have been completed with more improvements coming in 2023.

-We're happy to have new members attending the meeting!

-Challenges have included keeping members motivated to attend meeting and getting parents in the school post COVID for volunteering. Will need to work on communicating opportunities and ensuring parents have proper paperwork for volunteering filled out (criminal record check).

5) Principal Business (can use notes from Mr. Andrews)

-Terry Fox run was successful-raised more than \$1000 (toonie for Terry)

-Raven of the Month assembly was well received by parents and students. Orange Shirt Day was also honored. Student leaders ran the assembly and this practice will continue going forward.

-upcoming: Fall Family Feast for indigenous families

-Family dance approaching, DJ hired (email to parents with more info will be upcoming)

-Teacher will be setting up a haunted house in a classroom during dance, and pumpkin carving contest (pre carved please!)

-There will be a separate Reggio family celebration this month

-First field trip coming up for Grade 6s! Parent volunteers are needed and the school will be reaching out to parents.

-School clubs are starting! Volleyball tryouts were last week with practices starting, choir also starting, bamboo food club starting next week, student lighthouse (like student council). Many opportunities for leadership and getting involved!

-Chantal asked about signing up for lighthouse, verified that permission form was sent home, extras at the office if needed.

-Ms. Hiscock mentioned the sign up for the new app to text parents. Those currently receiving texts approve of this change.

6) Board Networks Committee

-This is an opportunity for District Office to connect with schools and parents. We will need a representative of this board to meet with senior leaders 4 times a year to guide board direction. There will be a further 2 joint networks meetings where our representative and admin will join senior leaders to help guide further discussions.

-This is our parent council's voice to the board.

-Our representative's role would be to come back and present a synopsis of the meeting to our board and take back any information as needed.

7) Elections

-Shruti announced the dissolution of the current Executive Board and passed on meeting hosting election to Mr. Andrews.

-Mr. Andrews put forth a ballot created for those who submitted nominations online, and opened the floor for anyone present who would like to add their name. Those present could speak on their behalf. Ballots were then collected and tallied, and those nominated were announced.

-Shruti Sharma elected as Chairperson, she accepted the position.

-Ami Shah elected as Vice Chair, she accepted the position.

-Christina Oxamitny elected as Secretary, she accepted the position.

-Krisinda Maki elected as Member at Large, she accepted the position.

-Marie McKay elected as Member at Large, she accepted the position.

-Chauntelle McCallum elected as Member at Large, she accepted the position.

8) New Executive Board

Positions Elected

- Chairperson: Shruti

-Vice-Chairperson: Ami

-Secretary: Christina

-Members at Large: Krisinda, Marie, Chauntelle

8) Next meeting: November 1st, 2022.

-meetings currently scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month. This may be changed by new executive board.

9) Adjourn: 6:37