

Wilkinson School Community Council – 14 April 2014 – Approved Minutes

Next Meeting: 12 May 2014	14 April 2014 - Agenda: 1. Approval of January Minutes 2. Approval Of the Agenda 3. Community Health Project 4. Principal's Update 5. Dandylion Update	6. Sweetheart Bake Sale 7. Budget 8. New funding requests 9. Fun Fair Update 10. Committee Reports 11. Other Business
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Attendees:				Y = Attend	R = Regrets	G = Guest	M = Missing
Y	Ruby Lederman – Chair	R	Manpreet Chana, – (Dandylion Representative)	Y	Raihana Ingar	M	Catherine Hewlett (Zikkovitz),
Y	Erin Vaillancourt – Vice Chair	M	Adriatik Alimerkaj		Leanne Jeans	R	AnnaBelle Lougheed
Y	Jill Spellman – Secretary	M	Sabmam Bharuchi	Y	Rob Jefferson	M	Salima Headley
R	Sharon Hennessey – Treasurer	Y	Laura Bullard-Brezovsky	R	Kris Kearns	G	Diana Katgara from South Riverdale Heath Centre
Y	Allan Kelly – Principal	Y	Angelina Diassiti	Y	Bruce MacDonald	G	Zoobia Safdar from SRHC
Y	Yasmin Buhariwalla – Vice Principal	M	Paul Dobson	Y	April Moon		
R	Batya Levy – Teacher Representative	Y	Sarah-Jane Gillespie	R	Deanna Rosolen		
Y	Susan Jim – Teacher Representative	Y	Alison Howson	Y	Paula Weekes Kahn		

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#	Topic/Issue	Status/ Action	Who	When
1	Minutes	The February minutes were approved unanimously.		
2	Agenda	<p>No conflicts of interest regarding the meeting's agenda were declared.</p> <p>The agenda was moved by April Moon and seconded by Allison Howson.</p> <p>“The agenda for the 14 April 2014 meeting is approved.” – CARRIED</p>		
3	<p>Community Health Project</p> <p>Guest - South Riverdale Health Centre (SRHC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the South Riverdale Health Centre presented an overview of their initiative. They conduct outreach workshops for newcomers and would like to know what opportunities/needs there were in Wilkinson. They are currently working in three nearby neighborhoods. • They have 2 community engagement workers in our area who are multi-lingual. • Opportunities discussed included: having a table at both the FF and/or Curriculum night whereby they can provide assistance with translation and make newcomers aware of their services; holding a workshop during the academic year re physical activity and/or how to get health care services; a year-end workshop on summer activities for kids/ what the city provides. • April is the first contact for Fun Fair. • Erin and Ruby are the contacts otherwise. 		

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4	Principal's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual art show will take place during Education Week (May 5 to 9) • May 7th is our open house for new parents. April asks for extended hours for the art show. AK says that this will be published and distributed. Student ambassadors will tour the parents. New parents will visit. Ruby suggests a welcome package to give to the new parents to introduce them to the school and invites them to sign up for the e-Newsletter. • April 25 is our track and field day. First regional track meet is on May 8th. • Soccer is happening now. Ultimate Frisbee will be starting soon. • School Climate Survey (http://www.schoolclimate.ca)- board wide survey of schools. Our community is encouraged to participate (visit link and enter code 1-WWF-510-A). Completed by staff, students and family to say how safe all members of the community feel in regards to the school climate. Results published in the fall. • Volunteer Tea proposed for April 24th (8.45-10am). Date to be changed to incorporate FF volunteers. • FDK - the teachers have been attending workshops and visiting schools that have already incorporated it. Teachers are well informed and have taken initiative getting prepared. Alan stated that there is a great benefit to being in the last round of schools starting FDK. • Yasmin has hired 4 additional lunch room supervisors and in the process of hiring 3 EEs. Alison asks if catered lunches had been considered. AK says catering isn't a viable option at this time. Alison suggests that the costs be subsidized from Council but Erin and April both comment on how expensive catering is. • Staffing process is complete and assignments have been given. There is a one and a half surplus so some teachers will be moving on to other schools. Alan and Yasmin will hire one additional extended French teacher. (There will be two grade 4, two grade 5 and one grade 6 extended French class.) • There will be a cleanup day initiated by Ms. Cameron and the Eco Club. More information to come. • iPad minis have been purchased for kindergarten and grade one students and are currently in use. • Welcome to Kindergarten is on May 15 @ 5.30pm. Council to be represented at this event. • CBC Schitt's Creek will film at Wilkinson in the autumn. 		
5	Dandy Lion Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to prepare for ADK with great support with Wilkie admin; April says it will be last minute with the associated licensing but no need for concern at present. • Building has been repainted and security (buzzer system) is coming by the end of the academic year. 		

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6	Sweetheart Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raihana reports lots of volunteers, especially new parents to Wilkinson. • Raihana sent out an appreciation email thanking the community. • April asks if there is a critical path for next year. (No.) Angelina says that there will be a new system for bringing the students into the bake sale next year. • \$1325.30 was made. 		
7	Treasurer Report - Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin asks what the balance is. Ruby says that we will take it offline to discuss in the absence of the Treasurer. • Ruby wants to note that some food items were purchased to sell at the Aussie X evening but the event was snowed out. Hot dogs and hamburgers went into movie night instead and were a great success. Erin and Ruby donated these food items and there is NO line cost. • Angelina asked if Alison Arnott could do a silent auction in the autumn at a karaoke bar. April says that this is a bigger conversation because we don't want to double dip with vendors. More discussion to be had offline and at future meetings. • Jill asked about the centenary celebrations for the school; will this replace Fun Fair? Alan confirm that it will not. 		
8	Funding Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening committee plans to use the \$100 in the annual budget and is requesting another \$250 for additional plants for the learning garden. RL asks when John will purchase the items. Since a Financial statement wasn't reviewed at this meeting, it would be good to have one before approving additional funds. Decision on this funding request tabled for next meeting or via email if a fast response is required prior to next meeting. • Allan confirmed that the curriculum green projects will be covered by Wilkinson School and not Council. 		
9	Fun Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April is the point person for FF. There should be a lead for every area. More leads are needed: Bake sale; M Tent; Cookie Decorating & Button Maker; putting the school back together. First meeting of confirmed leads was held prior to this Council meeting. • April described the structure of the FF. • Set for May 24th. • Communication to go out tonight. 		

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10	Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening Committee - proposed a ground cleanup day on 10 May. • Movie Night- is there an appetite to have another event? Paula to determine if May had been permitted for a movie night. • Communications - Deanna can't do newsletter right now. Ruby asks if there is someone who can take it over. Jill to take over the last two newsletters of the year. 		
11	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 		
	Adjourned	<p>It was moved by Ruby Lederman and seconded by Jill Spellman.</p> <p>“That the meeting be adjourned at 7.40 pm” – CARRIED</p>		
	Next Meeting	Monday 12 May 2014		

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