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## WESTMOUNT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

*Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 @ 7:00 pm School Meeting Room*

**Attendance:** Catherine Bouliane, Nancy Anningson, Teresa Orser, Diane Axell, Natalia Diaz-Insense, Tonya Malay, Stacie Rimmer, Sean Flemming, Naomi Shelton, Brenda Hawley, Leanne Andrecyk, Ian MacRae, Julia Blandford, Diane Axell, Stephanie Rice, Stacie Rimmer, Brenda Hawley, Alex Smith, Amanda Beresford

### MINUTES

1. **Approval of Oct. 26, 2015 meeting minutes**

**Approved:** Natalia Diaz-Insense      **Seconded:** Teresa Orser      **vote:** All for/0 against

2. **Pending Action Items Carried Over/Updates**

- **Water Fountain Funding** - approval (\$6,000)

\$6000 is needed to fund the water fountains. If the WSA has a capital campaign some of this could be funded through that. RBC is a potential sponsor for the water fountain funding. The capital campaign would allow sponsor to receive tax receipts directly from HRSB.

**Motion:** To approve \$6,000 in funding for two water fountains.

**Approved:** Natalia Diaz-Insense      **Seconded:** Diane Axell      **vote:** All for/0 against

- **Year-end grade 6 gifts** – Four St. Agnes sweatshirts, \$33 each (2 SM, 2 Med) Qty 4 (includes tax/printing) = \$132 total

**Motion:** To approve up to \$132 for year-end grade 6 gifts which includes 4 St. Agnes Sweatshirts.

**Approved:** Leanne Andrecyk      **Seconded:** Sean Flemming      **vote:** All for/0 against

**Action item** – Teresa Orser will order the 4 sweatshirts from St. Agnes.

- **Neptune trip** (gr. P-3) – Frog & Toad all Year, Funding proposal

The WSA agreed to a cost share arrangement to support this trip for grades P-3 students – students will be asked to pay \$10, the WSA will cover \$15/person. The total for the trip is \$26/person which includes the busing - \$20/ticket for Neptune. The school will fundraise to cover the extra \$1/ person. \$10 parent + \$15 WSA + \$1 school fundraising = \$26/person. Approximately 206 people will attend – students plus teachers, EPAs and chaperones. WSA cost will be \$15 times 206 people - \$3,090.

**Motion:** to approved \$3,090 for students in grades P – 3 to attend Neptune to see Frog and Toad all Year.

**Approved:** Diane Axell      **Seconded:** Naomi Shelton      **vote:** All for/0 against

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Nancy Anningson

- The current balance is approximately: \$15,424.12
- The special supplies in classrooms bucket is now up-to-date
- We are already over spend on class trips – The budget was \$4,530.00, we've spent \$5,096.75. This currently includes the \$920 for the symphony but we may get it back if the school grant comes in. It also includes the French concert trip. We have a contingency fun of \$4,000 but we need to be careful. With the Neptune approval, all grades have had a cultural class trip.
- Please see further information below – Nov. 30, 2015 Financial Update

4. **Funding Requests**

- \$210 (band rental support) – Ms. Fougere, is looking for band rental support for 3 students in her grade 6 class who can't afford band rentals. The cost is \$70 each/rental – total \$210.

Motion: to approve \$210 to support 3 grade 6 students with band rentals

**Approved:** Diane Axell                      **Seconded:** Leanne Andrecky                      **vote:** All for/0 against

- \$900 (School Oval trip) - approx. \$3/child. Parent will be asked to send a twoonie and the WSA will cover the rest to a maximum of \$300. Parents will also be asked to provide donations for other kids.

**Motion** – to approve up to a maximum of \$300 to support a trip to the oval for the entire school.

**Approved:** Teresa Orser                      **Seconded:** Nancy Anningson                      **vote:** All for/0 against

**Action Item:** Ms. Bouliane will book a date for the school trip to the Oval in January.

**UPDATE:** On Jan. 6, 2016, Ms. Bouliane confirmed via email to the WSA executive that the Oval is booked for January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10-11:30 am. The whole school will be attending. She asked the WSA to provide support for hot chocolate following the trip.

**Motion** (via email, Thurs. Jan. 7, 2016) – to approve up to \$250 for hot chocolate after the oval skate.

**Approved:** Alex Smith                      **Seconded:** Sean Flemming                      **vote:** All for/0 against

- \$500 (Christmas families) – request from staff – donations to support five Westmount families. Staff will purchase the items.

**Motion:** to approve \$500 to support five Westmount families at Christmas.

**Approved:** Sean Flemming                      **Seconded:** Leanne Andrecky                      **vote:** All for/0 against

- \$500 (deposit for Bayside) – The deposit is due to secure Bayside camp for the grade 6 end of year trip.

**Motion:** To approve \$500 for a deposit on Bayside camp for the grade 6 trip.

**Approved:** Diane Axell                      **Seconded:** Leanne Andrecky                      **vote:** All for/0 against

- \$220.83 (Air Server iPad) – \$220.83 is the total cost for licenses for 17 classroom to provide an air server iPad to project on the board.

Motion: to approve \$220.83 to fund air server iPad licensees for 17 classrooms.

**Approved:** Leanne Andrecky                      **Seconded:** Natalia Diaz-Insense                      **vote:** All for/0 against

- \$270 in US funds (Starfall) – This request is to support an annual subscription to Starfall to support reading. Starfall provides more phonics based reading of stories. Raz Kids doesn't replace Starfall. Starfall is used by Resource teachers, the Learning Centre and grades P-3.

Motion: to approve \$270 in US funds to prove an annual subscription to Starfall.

**Approved:** Diane Axell                      **Seconded:** Naomi Shelton                      **vote:** All for/0 against

- Annual Renewals of Technical Subscriptions (Brain Pop – science and social studies) – There was discuss around the support of annual subscriptions, what each subscription provided, when they expire, what grades and subjects they covered and which items can used at home and school. This needs to be coordinated by the Tech committee to present funding requests for such subscriptions to the WSA in a coordinated way. We are still waiting for a total for the cost of Brain Pop, it is already expired and would be helpful to renew.

**Action** - This request will be held for now. The Tech Committee will be asked to present more information to help inform the discussion regarding annual subscriptions so the WSA can plan and budget for these items going forward.

- 4 LCD \$2,000/each - This funding request will be deferred to be considered as part of the capital campaign discussion – any LCD must be purchased through the board.

**Action** – defer this item for further discussion regarding capital campaign.

#### 5. **Principal's Report** - Catherine Bouliane

- There was a good turnout for parent teacher interviews
- Staff professional development Nov. 23 – staff wen to the Halifax Forum for a full day presentation on cultural relevance.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony – there was lots of student participation. Mr. MacRae's class dis a presentation. Mr. Haney did an inspirational presentations about brave men and women who have fought.
- Grades 4-6 went to a French concert at the Rebecca Cohn.
- PEBS Assembly – teachers VS students in a soccer game.
- Sara Myers won the NS Fisheries Association Poster Contest. Lia Boyd and Katie won draw prizes for their submissions
- Newcomers gathering – the second gathering and information session for our newcomers was held. Committee members include: Natalie Putnam YMCA settlement worker, Shelley Manthorne EAL teacher, Stacie Rimmer communications liaison, Melike Ozbek parent liaison.
- Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. Over \$2,000 in books for the school.
- Dinner envy is going well. Orders are on-line now.
- Fun Fridays with music – we came to a compromise – once a month on PEBS assembly days we will do a fun theme day (ie hat day) and play music at recess.
- We will have a draw for front row seats at the concerts – you send money in your child's name gets in the bucket - \$1/ticket.

#### 6. **WSA Positions available**

- Update on vacant positions – add tech committee request

#### 7. **WSA Events & Fundraisers**

- **Book Fair report** – Natalia Diaz-Insense – went really well \$3900 sold – about \$2000 in books. \$1000 to library and the rest of teachers and specialty classes. Sold same as last year with 37 less students. 43 students received free books. We need someone to take it over next year.
- **Wreath update** – Amy Currie: there were a total of 129 orders, which netted out to a profit of over \$1200 for the WSA. Pick up happened at the school today, Nov 30. A reminder will be sent for the remaining wreaths.
- **Trinkets to Treasures** – Julianna Boyd (set-up underway) – helpers are asked to wear red and white.
- **Breakfast with Santa**, December 12 – Teresa Orser – everything is under control. This will be the first year to make the pancakes at the school. Volunteers are needed.

- **Fundscrip** – Stacie Rimmer – This fundraiser has not been successful in other schools with the on-line process. The amount of work that goes in isn't enough to justify the outcomes, therefore it does not make sense to continue. Notice went out to students but it won't be promoted.
- **Fun Fridays** – Tonya Malay – This was discussed earlier in the principal's report. Fun Fridays will be once a month on the PEBS assembly day. There will be a fun theme and music will be played at recess. Thank you to **Leanne for making posters**. The **first Fun Friday will be in January**.

**8. Other Business**

- Family valentines dance, February 11, 2016 – Amanda Beresford volunteered to organize the family dance

Motion: to approve up to \$500 in startup costs for the Valentine family dance.

**Approved:** Alex Smith      **Seconded:** Sean Flemming      **vote:** All for/0 against

**9. Motion to Adjourn @ 8:30 PM**

**Approved:** Amanda Beresford      **Seconded:** Leanne Andrecyk      **vote:** All for/0 against

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2015 @ 7:00 pm School meeting room**