

A.K.Wigg Public School – Parent Teacher Group

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday October 25th, 2011 at 6:30

Agenda

- Introductions
- Appreciations
- Student's Report
- Principal Report
- Teacher's Report
- Follow up's from last meeting
 - Budget
 - Spirit Wear
 - Benches
- Event Updates:
 - Hot Lunch
 - You're the Chef
 - Scrapbook Club
- Parent Volunteer Drivers
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Intramural Sports

Attendance

Andrea Lavoie
Julie Pardo
Ann Lalonde
Sheryl Wouthuis
Krista Jonas
Maryann Ratcliffe
Jenn Mayes
Ellie Stefaniuk
Lisa Mooney
Todd Acaster

Regrets: Sylvia Leppert, Tracie Bussi, Sara Dedivitiis, Janet Snelgrove, and Julie Clark

Appreciations

Thank you to Debby for her work as chair of the PTG for 2010-2011
Thank you to Ann Lalonde for all of her work for Hot Lunch

Student Report

There is no student report as the student council is being formed.

Principal Report

Terry Fox - We had a fabulous turn out from parents and students were, as always, enthusiastic to participate. The total raised was approximately \$3268.

Dates – Graduation date is tentatively booked as Wednesday, June 27th this year. I have called E.L. Crossley to see if we can reserve the risers

Garden Clean up – Our junior and intermediate classes worked for approximately one hour before the weather halted our efforts. The task is a huge one, but the students got a great start. I took 900 kg of compost to the dump Friday night. That is a lot of overgrowth.

School Growth Plan – I have handed a copy of the school growth plan for members to read as I talk about it. Staff worked on developing this from last year's growth plan. Our focus is still on Critical thinking as it was last year. We are measuring our growth in math and language through problem solving and making connections. These were the areas indicated on EQAO and other assessments that indicate we can continue to grow. As a staff we are working on how we ask kids questions to illicit higher order responses.

Cross country – The final meet was on October 12th. We had many strong finishes. A 3rd place in Peewee girls, a 5th place in Bantam girls, a 9th 11th and 12th place in peewee boys, a 17th place in bantam boys, and an 18th and 19th place in midget boys. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Lacasse and Mr. Triano for preparing the runners for the meets.

Volleyball – the seasons are well underway now and the teams are doing well. We are very proud of their growth thus far and of the time and effort the coaches are putting in to this as well. Thank you to parent drivers for their time to make travelling run smoothly.

Parking – There has been some progress here, although rainy days are still an issue. I have talked with the chair of the board at the church across the street about parking. There have been issues there that I mentioned in the school newsletter. I just want to remind our parents who drop off and pick up students to mind the reserved areas in their parking lot and to not park on the grass. We want to keep good relations with our community partners, so I wanted to message this again.

Hot Lunch Pita Pit - The 19th had our students having lunch from the Pita Pit as our First Hot Lunch of the year. I would like to thank Mrs. Lalonde for her role as chair in the past years. I would also like to thank Mrs. DiRaddo and Mrs. Free for agreeing to chair the committee this year.

The progress report cards are issued November 15th. We will be holding our interview night on November 17th. Information about how to request times will be coming out shortly.

Teacher Report

Primary soccer just finished up and chess will be coming up soon.

Wigg Idol practices have commenced, lots of children have signed up and the final show will be in November.

PALS will begin in November. This is a program for the junior students to provide activities during break for the primary students.

Grade 7 are participating in the Me to We program and will be contributing by arranging Halloween for hunger and the food will be going to Breakfast Clubs in Pelham and Pelham Cares.

Halloween is on Monday and the parties will be held in the afternoon. There will be a parade through the community in the afternoon as well. Miss Bradley's class sent out invitations to the community to watch the parade at 2:00 p.m.

Follow Up's:

Spirit Wear

Sylvia was not here to provide info

Benches

No order has been placed for the benches as of yet. Todd will be looking back into them and going forward.

Event Updates

Hot Lunch

Next hot lunch will be November 16 – Swiss Chalet

The last hot lunch did very well, especially since there was one class missing for this day and the daycare is no longer participating in hot lunch.

You're the Chef

Maryann is awaiting final numbers of participants. At that time she will decide if there will be one of two groups.

Scrapbooking Club

Julie Clark will be heading this and will be underway on October 27 from 3:30-5:00. She has opened this up to Grade 6's as well.

Parent Volunteer Drivers

An issue was raised by a parent regarding the safety of parent volunteer drivers as an accident occurred off school hours and was concerned if this were to happen during school hours while travelling back and forth to the school and field trip locations. The question was raised if there are other options instead of parent volunteers. The teachers rely on parent volunteer drivers to limit the cost of the field trips. If a bus were to be used, the trip cost would increase and they will charge a flat rate. There is a volunteer form that is filled out if you volunteer to drive which informs you of the coverage that is provided. Any further information would have to be directed to your own insurance provider. The form that is provided when you volunteer to drive is an administrative procedure, comes directly from the school board, and is a standard form.

Campbell Soup Labels

As of June 30 there are 22,000 points. Most products that are available to be redeemed are for sports equipment.

Intramural Sports

A parent asked if there were more intramurals offered for the Grade 7's and Grade 8's.

Ball hockey will be available January through March. Student teachers are going to run intramural volleyball.

Zumba may also be offered to the junior grades (4/5/6's) and possibly 3-pitch in the spring.

Open Discussion

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)

The group meets once a month with the chairs from PTG in their school area.

They will be setting up a more accessible website

There is a PIC Conference with vendors and workshops being held on November 2.

Swim to Survive

A free program held at the YMCA in Welland for the grade 3 students which includes 3 – 1 hour sessions where the children learn how to ‘swim to survive’. Mrs. Stefaniuk and Mr. E’s grade 3’s will be attending.

Progress Reports

Progress reports go home November 15 and interviews are held on November 17

Fun Fair

Planning for June 15th to coincide with the Grade 8 trip to Ottawa (Ottawa Trip is tentatively booked for Wednesday June 20 through Thursday June 22)

Graffiti

Over the weekend on October 22/23 there was a graffiti situation at both Glynn A Green and A.K. Wigg. A parent had noticed the graffiti while taking their child to a group sport event at Glynn A Green and came to A.K. Wigg later in the morning to see if Wigg had been vandalized as well and found crude works spray painted on the walls. The police were notified as well as Todd. A parent has volunteered to pass around the emergency vandalism magnet to houses in the neighborhood which includes the number to call when suspecting vandalism. A work order has been placed for more lighting in the front of the school.

Santa Brunch

December 15th

More to be discussed at next meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.