

Westmount High School Parent Participation Organization (PPO)
Minutes – March 21, 2018

Present: Martien de Vletter, Dana Brown, Alexandra Zorbas, Linda LeMoynes, Miyuki Nakamura, Charlotte McCaffrey, Eun Ju (Michelle) Kim, and Ms. Amanda Vallelunga (VP).

Regrets: Tina Bruna and Aaron Fraser

1. **Welcome and Approval of Minutes** from February 21, 2018 meeting. Approved by Dana Brown.

ADDITION: We had a short discussion about Principal Mr. Cristofaro's announcement that he is retiring. He will be greatly missed and the PPO thanks him for his continued support!

2. **Update on Uniforms:** Martien explained that WHS, with PPO support, put a bid on the Piacente stock but didn't win. The school has been in contact with the company that won and the Governing Board uniform committee will ask our new supplier (TBA, currently going to tender) to buy the remaining stock. PPO will continue to sell second hand clothing through PLUK sales and Amanda announced that any kids who didn't receive their orders from Piacente before they went bankrupt can contact the office where they have some (used) items they can give out for free.

ADDITION: Martien asked what is happening with the couches for the library that PPO allocated money towards in January. Amanda reported that the librarian is looking into it and we will hopefully get them soon.

3. **Spaghetti Dinner (Thursday, April 26th) Organization:** Alex reported that the Spaghetti Dinner sub-committee, including herself, Miyuki, and Bobbie Anderson (who no longer has a child at WHS, but organized the event last year), has met twice. Bobbie is collecting raffle prizes and asked that we purchase a toaster for Mr. Thomlinson's Bee Hive Club with money raised from the night. All agreed this would be fine!
 - a. **Ticket sales:** Miyuki reported that we sold 21 tickets at the parent-teacher interviews in March. We agreed that tickets will only be sold in advance (not the night of), to prevent non-WHS people walking in off the street and so we know how many people to cook for. Martien gave potential dates for future sales:
 - Coffee House, March 29th
 - School Play, April 24th-25th
 - Career Fair, April 10th
 - Lunch breaksWe agreed on the following:
 - Coffee House – Linda and Dana

- Career Fair – Linda and Martien
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch between March 27th and April 18th (Tues 1-1:50, Wed 12-12:50)

We will see how we're doing on sales by April 18th and decide if we need to also sell at the school play.

Miyuki is also in touch with Rachel at the Rec Centre who will sell tickets at the Teen Centre – only to WHS students!!

Alex asked if she could invite future grade 7s from Westmount Park and Roslyn. She will have the principals send out a message and interested parents can contact her to purchase tickets.

We discussed offering WHS/teachers free tickets to encourage them to come. Amanda did not think this was necessary and suggested we could ask for a donation from them or give a discount of some kind (e.g. teacher/staff free, anyone they bring pays).

b. Volunteers for dinner night (Thursday, April 26th):

Alex's husband and Naomi have agreed to cook. Most of us on the committee plan to be there to serve, sell raffle tickets, etc. Prefects will make/sell desserts and keep the proceeds. We will ask for fewer prefects than last year as there were too many roaming around!

At Amanda's suggestion, we will also invite the members of the cooking club to help out.

Martien contacted Ms. Mapp and she agreed to have students show their short films in the auditorium after the dinner (like Mr. Phelan did last year).

c. Volunteers for preparation (Wednesday, April 25th, starting at 5:30):

Action Items:

- *Bobbie needs a letter from WHS administration to get donations from Metro.*
- *Martien will ask Mr. Cristofaro to send an email to the community outlining the sale dates and pricing (\$30 for family of 4, \$5 for additional people and \$10 for individuals), requesting donations for the raffle and volunteers for the event.*
- *Amanda will ask if any prefects want to help with the lunch sales and will put an announcement in the student bulletin.*
- *Martien will give Ms. Anania final numbers (estimating 200 at this point) 2 weeks before the event for pasta and sauce and confirm if Aaron Fraser can still pick it up.*
- *Martien will contact the cooking club (Amanda to give her contact's email address) to see if they are interested in participating (prep night and/or at dinner) and Anne-Marie to see if she still has sunglasses to donate for the raffle.*

4. **Other Business:** Dana asked whether the auditorium will be done on time for the play and was assured, by Amanda, it will be. This led to a discussion about the naming of the auditorium. Martien has contacted the manager for Leonard Cohen, but has not heard back. She reported

that it was proposed, at Governing Board, to name the auditorium after Mr. Cristofaro. This will be further discussed.

5. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Charlotte McCaffrey