

**Mitchell Woods Public School
School Council
Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date & Time:	Monday, December 5, 2016
Meeting Participants:	
Jane Brown (Chair)	Mair Gault (Principal)
Stephanie Sambells	Sara Dick
Carolanne Reid	Joan Maynihan (regrets)
Monica Chamberlain	Bryan VanDerZuet Stafford (regrets)
Kate Borthwick (Secretary)	Katie Townsend (staff)
Sara Dales	Cynthia Hayes
Katie Matheis	Jared Carroll
Stacey Murphy (regrets)	Lori Kush
Carolanne Reid	Nicole Hamilton (Vice-Principal) (regrets)
Majida Akter	Raymond Tu (West Willow Village)
Amanda Dawson	Tanya Richardson
Lavendar Mai	

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1	Welcome	Jane welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:20 p.m.	
2	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Accepted as circulated	
3	West Willow Village Neighbourhood Group	<p>December 2016 MWPS ~ School Council Report for Raymond West Willow Village Neighbourhood Group Update 519 826 9930 info@westwillowvillage.ca</p> <p>~ Neighbourhood Events <u>Volunteer appreciation Dinner</u> – was held at three Willows Church on November 17th, we had about 40 volunteers and their families attend. We also welcomed Monica Chamberlain, a MWPS parent and School Council member to the Neighbourhood Board, we are looking forward to Monica sharing needs, ideas and her creative energy!</p>	

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		<p><u>Annual St James Children’s Christmas Party</u> took place Saturday, December 3rd at St James School. Each year we have a school bus to take families without transportation to the event. this year we had 112 children attended and 88 adults. As always it was an awesome event with lots of food, gifts, activities, Santa and a time for families to celebrate.</p> <p><u>Jr Girls Roller Derby Demo</u>, Saturday December 10th from 1-3pm at Westwood PS. This is a new league for 9-17 year old girls, the group is established in KW and also Stratford. The NG is supporting the group in an effort to offer a range of recreation options for girls in the neighbourhood. Please promote the event and opportunity! [jpg is attached]</p> <p>~ The Village Commons</p> <p><u>Holiday Hampers and Toys</u> – we complete applications and refer families for holiday support through the Children’s Foundation/Adopt A Family and the Salvation Army; to date we have 25 neighbourhood families who will be receiving support from Adopt A Family, and as of this morning we have 90 families and 32 single individuals who will be picking up or having their hamper delivered from Westwood PS Gym.</p> <p>We would appreciate <u>volunteer drivers</u>, in groups of 2, who are able to help deliver Hampers from 5-6 or 6-7 on Friday, December 23rd. Please call or email the NG [info above]</p> <p><u>Doll donations</u> from Paul Tribe and Mair Gault – thank you very much for making the donation connection, we will be getting these in to loving arms this month as we speak with families!</p> <p>NEW!!! <u>partnership with Good Will Industries</u> – we have a partnership with Good Will Industries on Woodlawn Rd for a 4 month pilot project. Families need different size, season clothing for themselves and their children at different times of the year, they</p>	

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		<p>also need household items, microwave, bed sheets etc. There is often a mismatch between the need and what we have available on hand. Clothing and household supports are available in other locations throughout the City, but nothing easily accessible to our Neighbourhood.</p> <p>Good Will has provided us with \$500 in Community Dollars and a copy of their price lists. When a family comes and presents a need we will provide Community Dollars for their purchase at the store.</p> <p>We will continue to collect items and as we pass donations to Good Will they will provide additional Community Dollars to the Neighbourhood Group. This is a win-win as we are able to support a not for profit organization that provides employment opportunities for new entrants in to the labour market.</p> <p>We will be extending access to the Community Dollars to our neighbourhood school partners in an effort to respond to family needs in a timely manner. We will be issuing a Press Release shortly.</p> <p>NEW!!! We have been chosen as a site for the <u>University of Guelph's Feed 9 Billion Food Security initiative</u>. During the next 4 years we are working with a multidisciplinary team of students who hope to make an impact on access to food and learning about healthy food choices.</p> <p>We are recruiting volunteers for the <u>Community Volunteer Income Tax Program</u>, interested volunteers can go to the http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/volunteer/ website, or contact Linda for instructions on how to register and get an E-file registration number. The Neighbourhood Group completes taxes all year for families, to date we have completed approximately 413 returns. During tax season we run a number of Tax Clinics to connect families with free support to get their returns done.</p>	

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		<p>~ Neighbourhood Recreation Activities</p> <p>NEW!!! Kids Club offered at Westwood PS on January 3, 4, 5 and 6th. Parents can sign up for single days \$25 per day includes snacks, children should bring lunches. The program runs from 8am – 4pm each day.</p> <p>NEW!!! In January we will be offering the <u>Family Gym Night at MWPS on Mondays from 6:00- 7:30pm</u>, this will be an opportunity for families to have open space for children to play and be active! There is no charge for this activity.</p> <p>NEW!!! In January we will be offering <u>Family Yoga</u> classes at Westwood PS Fridays from 6:00 – 7:00pm. More information will come in the new year!</p> <p>Red Cross Babysitting Courses will be offered in the New Year. The 2017 babysitting curriculum will have more of a First Aid emphasis, we have purchased instructional mannequins and other equipment and will be launching the new course in January or February. Youth will learn about safety, basic baby and child care. This course is for ages 11+, the \$50 fee includes lunch and all materials. A Certificate is provided at the end of the course. More information will come in the new year.</p>	
4	Games Night	<p>Sara gave an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned for January 26, 2017 – Thursday @ 6 – 8 p.m. (Drop-in) • The games have been booked. • Snacks and drinks will be provided. 	<p>Katie Townshend to pick-up the game.</p> <p>Monica to follow-up with Linda at WW Village to see if she would like to partner for this event.</p>

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			Monica to follow-up with Mair regarding need for booking the gym.
5	Staff Report	<p>Katie Townsend gave a report from the Staff.</p> <p>Liz Hazlett is organizing a friendship skate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each class will go twice. • Grades 1 – 6 • Looking for donations of helmets & skates <p>Kai Fanjoy – Librarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to purchase a kit – Cubelet Kit – Coding & Robotics - Cubelets are robot blocks that easily connect to form robots that inspire kids to become better thinkers. http://www.modrobotics.com/cubelets/ • Currently borrowing a kit from the UGDSB –Terry James Resource Centre • Kits could be used by kids in grades K to 8 • Could be signed out to classes and used for a coding and robotics club • The goal is to purchase 2 kits – with support from school council and using the library budget. 	Consideration of the request for support will be brought forward after the Dance-A-Thon.
6	Principal’s Report	<p>Mair gave a report.</p> <p>Motto: At Mitchell Woods we are being respectful, resilient and positive members of our School Community.</p> <p>Banners with the school motto have been ordered and will be used by the division to make a commitment to the message. The student pictures will be used for this initiative.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible demonstrations of the school motto are being announced when recognized and communicated each day. • There will be two assemblies- Resilience & Respect <p>Faculty of Education @ Laurier Enrichment Academic Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running workshops for Grades 1 – 6 – Sensational Saturdays – January 28 – March 4 @ 9 - 12 • Registration wlu.ca/leap • Contact: leap@wlu.ca Phone: 519-884-0710 x 3173 <p>Staff Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gertzbein has taken a position at another school and Mair and Nicole are currently working on filling in the position. <p>School Improvement Plan - To develop the plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data has been collected. • Staff – Initial “Stop, Start, Continue” exercise • Surveys – Student – School Climate, Parent Surveys • Process of collaborative inquiry with the staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With these inputs, the plan will be create. • Look at student learning needs and develop professional learning communities. The purpose is to come up with an actionable plan – try it and determine if the method will work. PLC = Professional Learning Community. Timing and the cycle of improvement varies depending on the methods used. <p>Student Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving Back – Food Drive, • Clothing Drive (Winter Gear), • Spirit Events <p>Holiday Concert – December 15th</p>	<p>Mair will bring the School Improvement Plan to the February meeting.</p>

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7	Treasurer's Report	<p>Jared gave the Treasurer's report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current balance sits at \$5,745.82. 2. Working balance of approximately \$4,745.82 (allows for \$1K to be in reserve). 3. Recent activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising - Gift Cards \$1962.36 profit • Fundraising - Magazines \$40.00 received late - total profit now \$2155.37 • Expenses - Gift card prizes for dance-a-thon (\$55) + gift card fundraiser (\$75) • Expenses - Purchase of sound system for school's music program \$757.10 	
8	Movie Night	<p>Stephanie shared information about a proposed Movie Night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising opportunity to show a first release movie. • There will be costs security DVD & Shipping • There was discussion about timing of the event – before the Holiday Break or after the break. • It was decided to plan the event on December 22 @ 6:00 p.m. – movie starts at 6:15 – 6:30 p.m. • Sell popcorn and drinks 	
9	Buddy Benches	<p>Cynthia explained the concept of the Buddyt Bench.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bench outside for students to use if they would like to play with someone. 	Item deferred to January.
10	Fundraising	<p>Fundraising Update and New Ideas</p> <p>New Idea – Potential for the Future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chocolate Sales – 30 units per case (Price would be \$3/bar) • Possible to return unsold units • Would be willing to run an assembly and there are prizes for participating • Participation should be voluntary and could be a targeted purchase 	Sara to pass on information to Ms. Tourila about the Chocolate Sale Fundraiser.

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		<p>Fresh From the Farm (Monica)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised just over \$700 • Thanks to all the volunteers • 32 Families that Participated • It would be good to have someone to work <p>Gift Card Fundraiser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total gift cards sold \$41,456 • Total profit that came back to the school \$2,036.11 • Top selling student Emma Reid \$5,800 (she is in Ms. Critton's class, 7C) • Top selling teacher Ms. Growden \$1325 • Top selling classes for cupcake parties: • Primary Ms. Kedzior, 1/2A with \$2,850 • Junior Ms. Cadieux, 5A with \$6,925.50 • Intermediate Ms Critton, 7C with \$8,237 <p>Popcorn – Fundraising for Music Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2nd nutrition break – Cheryl Doherty will be leading this initiative with student volunteers. <p>Monica talked about the potential uses of fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebooks • Scientists in Schools – Cost Sharing with the School – each class is doing 1 session with the Scientist in the School • Robotics - Cubelet Kits • Furniture for front lobby • Buddy / Welcome Bench 	
11	Other Business	No items.	
12	Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.	


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Next Meeting – January 16th.



Junior Roller Derby

Ages 9-17



**Winter Session starts
Saturday, January 14, 2017 1-3 pm
Westwood School, 495 Willow Rd.**

Info Night: Tuesday, Nov. 29 7-9 pm 10 Carden St. Come try on some skates!	Demo Game: Saturday, Dec. 10 1-3 pm Westwood School See how derby is played!
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