WEF Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the Galvin Learning Commons. Co-presidents Elizabeth Russell and Jen Theriault welcomed the team.

Welcome and Introductions – (ER/JT) A special welcome to superintendent Dr. Smith who joined us this evening! Dr. Smith highlighted budget changes (she noted these are accessible through their website). Items included investments in updating and maintaining technology, visual arts at the Galvin, a counsellor at the Galvin to provide social and emotional support to round educational support, school specific specialists which would contribute to the individual culture of the schools, math coaching, curriculum specialists for world languages and social studies, a data analyst for the district shared by town and schools, and going “greener” (reduction in paper, pencils, etc., except for Doyle). She noted that each school should come up with their own core values to provide clarity of purpose (if they haven’t already). This would also help find the connecting threads amongst our schools. She recommended that we invite the assistant superintendent to a future WEF meeting.

Officer Reports: Secretary Report – (VY) meeting minutes from January 2016 were accepted with a minor change from the Daily to the Daily Item

Treasurer Report – (ML) treasurer’s report was read and accepted

20th Anniversary Celebration of Learning – (SW) meeting to be held immediately after WEF meeting; send any pictures of past recipients to CB

Cummings Foundation Grant – (ER) collaborating with Brendan Kent; next step – grant application due March 11, will hear back June; anyone who wants to help with grant writing please reach out to ER

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Grant Process – (CG) CB continuing to get timely updates with big check in Daily Item; survey will be done in near future; had a successful meeting with a member of the Co-operative Bank – they want to align themselves to get PR and support education, for example Cynthia Fitzpatrick was able to get a donation from them to reduce the amount asked for in a water testing grant

Chocolate Roses – (SW) please refer to handout for summary, looking to pass the torch – please contact SW, ER, or JT if interested in leading this wonderful annual fundraiser

STARS update – (BT, ML) BT to update STARS for PR, social media, and website

Publicity Update – (CB) COL article, nominations, grant pictures all going in timely to Daily Item

Website Update – (JH/FH/EC) COL already up, site looks up to date

Facebook/Twitter Update – (KH/CG) roses were up since Jan 30

Calendar Initiative – (JT) Kool Kat will help with the design of the new calendar, looking for ideas for themes – please contact JT, also want to do a locker calendar format

Somerville Road Runners 2016 update – (JE) no update regarding securing a site, targeting March for a big check picture

Other Business – (ER/JT) March 19 at 8am – 12:30pm is Wakefield Parent University – asked to have a table, looking for volunteers and looking for our WEF display board (will do an email blast to locate it); keep thinking if you are interested in a Board position or any of the opportunities you’ve heard about at our WEF meetings – JT will be stepping down as co–president but will still stay on as a director (a heartfelt thank–you to JT for all she has done as co–president!)

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