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WALLACEBURG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

Transition Meeting to WDSS

January 21st, 2014

MINUTES

1. Members Present –

Todd Tiffin
Chris Coyle
Scott Lalonde
Lisa Cornish
Deb Aarssen
Candi Richards
Fred McPhersan
Jean VanDamme
Stephanie McMath-Williams
Edie Moyes
Ben Moyes
Nathan Outridge
Lisa Findlater
Lori Green
Janine Day

2. Update on Committee

-discussed each topic from last meeting (update on progression)

TRIP TO RIDGETOWN (Candi and Ben)

- *March 4th as possible date – leaving at 9am to start at 10am
- **"Mix and Mingle" at RDHS
- *activities to be ran by leadership students – from both RDHS and WDSS
- *lunch will be provided in cafeteria
- *afternoon tours followed by wrap up in gym (great chance for students to interact)
- *Grade 6 & 7 teachers to attend with their classes. The Grade 8 teachers will also attend but their classes will not.

SURVEY MONKEY (Stephanie)

- *given to all parents (3 responses total)
- *results/Concerns – new friends, community, sport teams, graduation, bussing, recess, parking schedule
- *create a newsletter (Izzy) that can be handed out to inform the public
- *monthly update – started by April
- *encourage teachers to go over results to ease their fear
- *Stephanie is willing to ask questions that we don't know (breakfast club, snack bins etc.)

STUDEN SURVEY ON HOPES, FEARS and WISHES

- *how to help kids with their anxiety
- *possibility to have highschool kids to come and talk at elementary students
- *contact Janine at the highschool to set up these talks
- *possibility of elementary classes to come to WDSS for a tour and question/answer period

3. Brainstorming/ Discussion – New Ideas

- *facebook page, Skype, Facetime (Lori and Fred)
- *newsletter to inform parents
- *school name to evolve once we settle in
- *we are strapped about how much we can do at this point but we need answer public questions

4. Action/Follow-Up

- *inform the public about what we have put in place to help alleviate questions
- *works towards making elementary students feel comfortable with change
- ❖ This week the principals came up with a game plan to create a newsletter on Friday. We feel this will be representative of our current status in the process wince we have been at the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting –

Whole Committee – January 29th, 2014
Our committee – after March Break