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# School Council Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022 - DRAFT

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## Abraham Erb Public School

June 15, 2022 - Google Meet, 7:00 p.m.

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**Agenda item: Welcome** **Presenter: Arturo**

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**Agenda item: Approval of May 18 Minutes** **Presenter: Arturo**

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**Agenda item: Principal’s Report – attached for reference** **Presenter: Jodie**

In addition to the items included in the report, on June 14, students' census results were released. More details can be found at: <https://schools.wrdsb.ca/continuing-education/2022/06/14/results-of-the-wrdsb-student-census/>

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**Agenda item: Treasure’s Report – attached for reference** **Presenter: Taru**

- Funds available as of June 15: \$19,607.65

**Agenda item: School Council Funds Request** **Presenter: Jodie**

**The following four proposals were approved by a vote of 13 Council members.**

- Field trip - three Kindergarten classrooms - \$500
- Primary classroom teachers’ requests (butterflies, etc) - \$795
- Three Grade 5/6 classes year-end trip to Bingaman - \$860
- Purchase of “pinnies” - \$444

Next meeting: School Council will meet again in September, date and time to be determined, please watch for the School Day Message for more information.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone!

## **Principal's Report for School Council**

### **Wednesday, June 15th, 2022**

#### **School**

- I asked the city of Waterloo to do a traffic study to explore whether we might qualify for a crossing guard. Specifically, I asked the city to look at the roundabout at Laurelwood Drive and Blue Beech Blvd and the interaction of Laurelwood Drive and American Beech Ave. I have yet to hear back from them but am eagerly awaiting word on whether we might be able to get a crossing guard. From what I'm told, there was a similar study done about 2 years ago and the city determined that we did not qualify for a crossing guard. Despite that, I wanted to proceed to see whether traffic patterns may have shifted/increased.
- Planning is well underway for next school year and Facilities Services has advised us that there is a high probability that our 2 portables will be removed from the school site. Honestly, these are surplus and are taking up space that students could be using to play, so if they "disappear" over the summer, we'd be fine with that!
- We hosted an in-person Welcome to Kindergarten evening on June 8<sup>th</sup> and had a great turnout of 26 families. Families had the opportunity to explore the 3 kindergarten classrooms, meet our current kindergarten staff and have questions answered. It was a wonderful feeling to be able to return to this sort of event in-person and the feedback received from families and staff was uniformly positive.
- Despite a short bout of intense rain, our junior track and field meet was a big success on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Again, it was awesome to return to an activity that we haven't done in a couple of years due to Covid. Mr. Snyder is working hard at planning for the regional meet on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will be taking a large group of students to Jacob Hespeler Secondary School to compete against other elementary schools.
- As requested by Council at our May meeting, I managed to locate the stuffed otters that were sold as a fundraiser some time ago and do a count of how many are left. There are 58 of the smaller "backpack" otters and 40 of the larger stuffed version of the otter.
- In addition, as requested by Council at our May meeting, I followed up with staff around our supply of "pinnies" which are worn by our students when they compete at the regional track and field meet. We could use 25 more of the larger sizes and got a rough estimate from GMP sportswear on what this would cost, which is \$444.37.

#### **Board**

- The WRDSB is partnering with quite several local tutoring companies to provide free tutoring to students from June through August on a first-come-first-served basis. The information has been posted on our school website and was also shared with our families through a School Day blast.

- Through the WRDSB website, trustees invited anyone who was interested to share their thoughts and ideas on the annual operating budget for the upcoming school year. Those wanting to have a voice (staff, parents, caregivers, students, community members) were invited to provide a written submission or register to be a delegate to present their ideas at the Board meeting virtually, which is taking place tonight.
- As has been past practice since 2017, the WRDSB is recognizing Pride month. All WRDSB buildings raised the Pride flag on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will fly it for the entire month to symbolize support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ (2-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersexual, asexual, plus allies and others) community. There is a great information section on the WRDSB website (<https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2022/06/01/pride-month-in-the-wrdsb/>) which goes into more detail around some of the community events taking place and resources available for students and families.

### **Province**

- Unfortunately, the first year of online EQAO testing has had some growing pains, which we experienced firsthand here at Abraham Erb and which were experienced right across the province. There were big disruptions during the days we were doing grade 6 testing (the EQAO server was overloaded, and the system went offline for three days). Our staff and students showed impressive perseverance, flexibility and patience as EQAO got the glitches ironed out and got the system back online. We were able to finish up our grade 6 testing and do our grade 3 testing following that very smoothly.

### Abraham Erb Parent Council Financial Report

Current Bank Position as at Wednesday, June 15, 2022			
<u>Funds in Bank</u>		<u>May 17/22</u>	<u>Jun 15 /22</u>
Bank - general	17,068.18	1,124.19	15,943.99
Bank - WEFI*	3,663.66	0.00	3,663.66
Total Bank		20,731.84	19,607.65
 <u>Committed to spend</u>			
	6,470.00	1,590.42	
 <b>Total budgeted funds for this year</b>		6,470.00	-
<b>anticipated expenses for this year</b>		4,879.58	<b>19,607.65</b>
 <u>Outstanding Items</u>			
refunded by WRDSB	-		-
tax rebate received (credited)	66.23		-
 <b>Funds available</b>			<b>19,607.65</b>

<u>Approved Budgeted/Expenses for this academic year</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Unspent:Committed</u>
s Home reading books	1,070.00	500.00	570.00
s Teacher resources	3,400.00	900.00	2,500.00
s Spiritwear	500.00	0.00	500.00
s Needs-based necessities	500.00	0.00	500.00
s Walkie Talkies	800.00	0.00	800.00
c grade 6 ceremony	200.00	190.42	9.58
c	-	0.00	-
 <b>Total</b>	<b>6,470.00</b>	<b>1,590.42</b>	<b>4,879.58</b>

Net Fundraising Events		
Ideas	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>
	-	
	-	
	-	
 <b>Total</b>	-	\$