

**Abraham Erb Public School**

Feb 15, 2023 - Google Meet, 7:00 p.m.

**Number of Attendees: 15**

**Attendees Names: attached for reference**

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**Agenda item: Welcome, Introduction and Territorial Acknowledgement**

**Presenter: Ivy JY Cui**

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**Agenda item: Approval of Jan.18 Minutes**

**Presenter: Jodie Hancox-Meyer**

Next Meeting date was corrected in the document and the council approved the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes.

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**Agenda item: Teacher's report - Attached for reference**

**Presenter: Shelley Carey**

Questions raised at the meeting:

1. Asked about the updates on Math Competition preparation for kids?

Vaidhehi gave a clarification, that it is not for the Caribou contest that kids were getting prepared, it was just the practice session's being held for kids to solve the previous year's contest papers. More focused on 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and fewer 4<sup>th</sup> grade kids. Meghan to follow up and report on this in the next meeting.

2. Are we allowed to bring friends to the Magic show happening on Feb 16, 2023?

As long as the supervising is done by the adults who are joining the kids they are allowed.

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**Agenda item: Principle's report - Attached for reference**

**Presenter: Jodie Hancox-Meyer**

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**Agenda item: PRO Grant Updates****Presenter: Jodie Hancox-Meyer**

There are two grants in the PRO grants.

1. School Council approved Parent involvement Grant money to pay for the family engagement event Five the Magician.
2. There is another Parents Reaching Out Grant for Parents to engage in the community. An application has to be submitted for getting this grant amount and the cutoff for the submission is on Feb 24, 2023. Since it was a short window for the submission there was a discussion for the choice of events to be held between Jodie and Ivy. The application was filled and submitted by Jodie on behalf of the school council for a STEM Night.

The Event is “Mad Science STEM education event” in the Gym mainly focused on the science booths with activities, crafts and other hands-on activities. The Application is submitted for an approval of \$1200. If the amount granted is less than the submitted, an open discussion will be held with the council to offset the remaining amount. Waiting for the approval from the board. If everything goes as planned the event will be between March – June.

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**Agenda item: Art Show and Book Swap Discussion****Presenter: Shelley Carey**

- There was brief discussion on the background work to be done for the art show and no burden to be given to the teachers. Ivy, Vasudha and Sirisha were to work with Shelley to plan for the Art Show.
- No entry to the classrooms, line up the art show display in the hallways.
- Worksheets or theme for the art to be sent home.
- Art pieces are to be made at home, absolutely no time permitted during the school hours.
- Kids can also bring and share their previously done artwork.
- Small form to be planned for entering the details about the artwork which has to be pinned to the artwork.
- Discussed on the date for the Art Show/Book Swap and came up as April 27, 2023.
- Meeting is to be planned for the Art show planning committee -to be done by Ivy.
- Jodie – to remember to cancel all the rentals for that day and help on the school-day communication for the event.

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

- Funds available as of Feb 15, 2023: \$12,160.45.
- There was a brief discussion on WEFI account. WEFI has a different budgeting line and will not be a part of School Council treasure report after the 435.41\$ is spent on the Five the Magician show event.

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**Agenda item: WRAPSC Update**  
**Presenter: Vasudha Raghunathan**

- Discussion on French Immersion program might have happened and there is a meeting to be held to update the same to the school principals. School council might get an actual update on this from Jodie in the next school council meeting.
  - A Brain Gym program scholarship for kids was planned to fully fund 4 kids from two age groups 8-12 years and 13-16 years. This is an integrated program for body & mind. More updates will be coming after the initiation date i.e., April 1, 2023. To explore more about this program, visit the link – <https://breakthroughsinternational.org/programs/the-brain-gym-program/>
  - Discussion on best practices for using School funds –
    - To get the list of activities that teachers would be interested and choosing the best
    - Outdoor equipment – to save the money for few years and buy any equipment needed for the school
    - Reach out the neighborhood communities for help and plan any outdoor activities involving the community
    - PRO Grant to plan on STEM, Parent Education activities or events. As per the WRAPSC meeting minutes the approval amount range between 500\$ to 700\$. Application approval updates can be expected on/before March 17, 2023. Cutoff date to spent the granted money is June 23, 2023.
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Next meeting date: April 19, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

<b>School Council Meeting Members Attendance</b>		
<b>Date: Feb 15, 2023</b>		<b>Yes: 10    No: 10</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
Ivy Cui	Chair	Yes
Sirisha Puli	Secretary	Yes
Vasudha Raghunathan	Treasurer	Yes
Farhad Hossain	Voting Member	No
Alison Pickett	Voting Member	No
Suganthi Jayaseelan	Voting Member	No
Amy Le Roji	Voting Member	Yes
Hanan Alshommali	Voting Member	Yes
Sheila Sloom	Voting Member	No
Seun Soetan	Voting Member	Yes
Kai Zeng	Voting Member	No
Vashti Latchman	Voting Member	No
Leena Motwani	Voting Member	No
Artur Zepeda Chehaibar	Voting Member	No
Alex Korobkin	Voting Member	Yes
Lee Russell	Voting Member	Yes
Melinda Hecht- Enns	Voting Member	No
Massomeh Rudafshani	Voting Member	Yes
Julie Island	Voting Member	No
Vaidhehi Kumar	Community Rep.	Yes

**School Staff attended:** Jodie Hancox-Meyer, Shelley Carey.

**Parents attended:** Norah Zuo, Stephen Liu, Qj G.

# Teachers' Report for School Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

## February News:

### Humane Society

The Humane Society visited Abraham Erb over two days on February 6th and 7th. Students learned about the Humane Society's role in the community, how to responsibly advocate for animals, and about local bylaws. They also had the opportunity to meet Wrigley, an educational dog. Students raised a total of \$226 to support the care of animals at the Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society! Way to go Otters!  
- Mme McAllister

### Freeze DNA Comics Workshop

A free comic drawing workshop has been booked for students in grades 2-5. The workshop will take place in the gym on Wednesday April 12th. Grades 2 and 3 students will attend one workshop and 4 and 5 students will attend another. With so many students showing interest in graphic novels and creating their own comics, this event is sure to be a hit with many students.

We can't wait to see what students create!

~Miss. Fox

### Abraham Erb's 1st Kindness Challenge

This is a school wide challenge running from Feb 13 to March 10. It includes class challenges and prizes as well as individual prizes and a Caught You Being Kind Challenge. At the end of each week, one Caught You will be drawn from each class bucket and students will receive a certificate. All winners will go into a draw for a grand prize (1 for Kindie students, 1 for primary students, 1 for junior students). There will also be a grand prize drawing for all students. There will also be weekly class challenges which will earn class points towards the class prize (a prize for a kindie, primary and junior class). Class Challenges include: Door decorating contest, Brainstorming ways to be kind, Kindness Posters and Thinking of You cards to share with the Elderly.

### Junior and Primary Art Clubs

The Arts Clubs will be starting at the beginning of March, both running during the lunch hour. Mrs. W's grade 6's is going to help plan and organize arts and crafts for the primary club. The clubs will run for 6 weeks and students will bring their creations home to show their families.

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

## **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

### **School**

Our Strong Start Program is up and running here at Abraham Erb. Under the school coordinators Ms. Guckenberger (a grade ½ teacher) and Mr. Cairns (our MLL teacher), we have a strong team of 8 volunteers who are coming in and delivering the program to 16 of our students (11 grade 1s and 5 grade 2s). For those of you who might not be aware, Strong Start is a non-profit organization that provides engaging games and activities for trained volunteers to use in working one-on-one with primary students to develop early literacy skills. We are so grateful to the efforts of our teacher coordinators and our volunteers to get us up and running again with Strong Start.

All elementary students in the WRDSB brought home a term 1 report card today. If you haven't seen your child's report yet, please check their backpack. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s) with any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

We are really excited to be hosting Five the Magician tomorrow night here at Abraham Erb in our gym. The show will be start at 6:30 and run to 7:15 p.m. School Day announcements have been sent out and we're hoping that many of our families will be able to join us. Thank you to School Council for allocating their Parent involvement Grant money to pay for this family engagement event.

### **Board**

The WRDSB has released its 2022 Annual Report. It can be accessed on the WRDSB website or by following this link: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2023/01/31/2022-in-the-wrdsb-the-annual-report/>. The report highlights the progress that we've made with the multi-year strategic plan and also includes videos and messages from the director, chairperson of the board and our student trustees.

Each year the WRDSB welcomes two high school student trustee representatives on the Board of Trustees. High schools will be holding elections over the next little while to determine who next year's trustees will be for the 2023-2024. All candidates have profiles which can be viewed on the WRDSB website.

### **Province**

There are currently no updates at the provincial level to be shared.