

## **Empire School Council Minutes October 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

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Attendance: Andrea Ahrens, Jillian Gilmour (Empire Staff Rep.), Laura Johnson (Treasurer), Evonne Komaromi (Secretary), Khaled Sherif (Chair), Lori Williams (Principal)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

No new members for introductions.

### **Approval of Previous Month Meeting Minutes**

Jillian approved minutes and Khaled seconded. Minutes will be posted on WRDSB website. Lori will create a google folder to house the minutes.

### **Nomination/Election of the Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC) Representative**

Empire P.S. WRAPSC Representative remains unfilled. Andrea gave suggestion that if it is possible the Council could cycle through members attending WRAPSC meetings. November 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. would be the next WRAPSC meeting.

WRAPSC 2022-2023 Meeting Dates:

- October 3, 2023
- November 7, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 6, 2024
- April 2, 2024
- May 7, 2024

<https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/minutes/>

### **Budget/Finance Update**

Report from Laura and Justin: Spent about \$1200 from regular account and about \$200 from Waterloo Education Foundation Inc. (WEFI).

Request for Buses:

Classes are hoping to have funds provided for buses for divisions for curriculum based trips which would be about \$200.00 per bus.

Evonne proposed “Classes are hoping to have funds provided for buses for divisions for curriculum based trips which would be about \$200.00 per bus.” Jillian seconded. Motion passed.

Nutrition 4 Learning:

Breakfast club purchased cart to move food within the school for about \$200.00. Evonne proposed to fund breakfast club cart for about \$200.00. Jillian seconded. Motion passed.

Action: 1. **Lori** will e-mail Laura WEFI information.

### **Principal / Vice-principal Report**

Conversations within education community to create a more positive environment on building positive communication within the Empire school. Empire teachers will be putting forth “Eagle of the Week” nominations for students to celebrate and eventually students will be celebrating other students.

Empire School run by Jillian a Picture Book group – Junior leaders reading to Primary classes within various themes (such as kindness, the environment etc.). Starting next week 33 student volunteers will read to 15 classes. Junior groups will be reading and engaging classes in conversations.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) went home today/tomorrow. Report cards are underway. Teachers may be sharing new language curriculum requires there will be only one mark for language (not separated into reading, writing etc.)

Empire P.S. is still waiting on a Vice-Principal which leads to an increased work load for the Principal and staff. Hopefully there will be a Vice-Principal assigned for November.

Action: 1. **Lori** will follow up personally with members who were attending but may need a translator for November.

### **Quest STEM Night**

- Review proposal from Quest UWaterloo

Elementary STEM night: Khaled shared presentation of program. It would potentially run 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and the cost would be per 100 students a fee of \$1080.00. Khaled asked if it would be indoor or outdoor. Questions were raised around sign up and age appropriateness, and how to make it equitable (for example if only a particular age group can attend and a sibling cannot). Khaled said the program is designed for grade 1 – 8.

As announced today when looking at events for the position teachers may be in a strike position or job action.

Action: 1. **Khaled** will circulate initial thoughts via e-mail or Google Document to Council.  
2. Tentatively set date(s) for the event in **November Council** meeting.

### **Announcement of School Council members to the Empire School Community**

Khaled would like to through School Day Announcement announce roles on School Council and those filling those roles as well as contact information for the Chair (Khaled). Lori suggested to

put a slide deck on School Council on website and/or School Day. As School Day is a difficult platform it may be difficult to post. Chair contact information should be by e-mail.

Action: 1. **Kahled** will work on Slide Deck and others on the Council can add information pertaining to themselves.

2. Post announcement to announce slide deck on website or School Day.

### **Parent Questions and Concerns**

Khaled asked in light of recent world events have there been any repercussions. Lori responded that she had posted on this issue. Safe School Procedures are always in place and to Lori's knowledge there have been no incidents to her knowledge.

### **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30-7:30 (in the library and a live link)