

Suddaby School Council

February 13, 2023

Present: Rita Givlin, Katherine Akins, Stephanie Meyer, Andrea Maxwell, Katha Broschek, Joel Leslie, Wendy Saulesleja, Karin Korth, Angela Uttley, Lisa Farlowe, Tara Bedard, Nada Mohammed

Regrets: Mike Patterson, Sarah Taylor, Anjali Misra, Laura McBride, Ross Graham

- Mifrah Abid, the Together Against Islamophobia Coordinator with the Coalition of Muslim Women met with Council to discuss religio-cultural accommodations, the Ontario Human Rights Code, and Islamophobia. The Together Against Islamophobia team will be returning to Suddaby to present about Islamophobia, racism, and religious accommodations to staff.

Administrators' Report:

- The first pizza day was successful, orders are up from last year. There is some room for improvement on the order form and in the dissemination, these will be explored.
- The WRDSB provided a list of recommended dates for religious accommodation; no exams, tests or events should be scheduled on these days.

Upcoming WRDSB-approved Religious Accommodation Days:

06/04/2023	1st day Passover	Judaism
07/04/2023	2nd day Passover	Judaism
12/04/2023	7th day Passover	Judaism
13/04/2023	Last day Passover	Judaism
14/04/2023	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
14/04/2023	Holy Friday	Eastern Orthodox
17/04/2023	Easter monday	Eastern Orthodox
20/04/2023	Eid-al-Fitr	Islam
21/04/2023	Eid-al-Fitr	Islam
21/04/2023	1st day Ridvan	Baha'i
02/05/2023	12th day Ridvan	Baha'i
26/05/2023	Shavuot	Judaism
28/06/2023	Eid-al-Adha	Islam

Financial Report:

Motion to add \$50 to previously approved \$150 (bringing total to \$200) hot chocolate and cups for the upcoming planned Carnaval day PASSED

Budget February 2023

School funds: 18,873.90 \$

Wefi: 4,934.68 \$

Total: 23,818.58\$

Keep in account: 10 000 \$

Equity initiatives: 3 500 \$

Total to spend: 10,310.58 \$

Spent:

N4L: 220.60\$

Carnaval: 190.60\$

Undies&socks: 232.95\$

Total spent: 644.15\$

Raised:

Movie night: 366.75\$

Windows: 125.00\$

GRH 290.00\$

Bethany for shirts 1000.00\$

Total raised: 1781.75\$

Can be collected:

Factory shoes: 1030\$

Thanks to Bethany church for a distribution of 1 000\$ towards spirit wear.

Please note:

The Wefi account is figured out.

The amount shown is council's money.

Teachers' Report:

- Request from Safe Space Club for \$100 to buy markers and laminating sheets; they are planning to make bookmarks.

Motion to release \$100 to Safe Space Club (if required; laminating sheets may not be needed) PASSED

WRAPSC Report:

- Discussed the BrainGym program, a joint effort between Oxford learning and the SydFit Gym. 2 children from the WRDSB will be nominated to participate.
- Discussed what schools have spent fundraised money on:
 - Gym equipment
 - Art Supplies
 - Outdoor equipment
 - Musical equipment - e.g. ukuleles, recorders
- Covered what schools may not spend fundraised money on:
 - Technology such as Chromebooks
 - Teacher Appreciation items
- What teachers would wish money to be spent on:
 - New/changes to home reading books
 - New/changes to books for classrooms, especially equity-based books

Fundraising Report:

- The kindie playground in front of the school has been deemed in need of replacement. Fundraising dedicated to paying for this will begin soon. Preliminary estimates suggest the cost will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.
- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant: Application to be submitted by February 24th
- Upcoming Events:
 - **Swap Night!** An exchange of childrens' books, games, puzzles. You do not need to donate in order to participate, collection will take place during the preceding week. Parents must accompany their children to the swap and supervise their choices . Swap will take place April 19th.
 - **Make it Sow!** Seed sales in support of Suddaby School. Order forms will be sent home the second last week of March.
 - **Family Dance Social Night!** A variation on Movie Night, this time it's a social event without the movie.Date TBD.
 - **Dance-a-thon!** Date TBD.

Fun Fair Report:

- Tentative date: June 8th, 5:00 - 7:30
- Soccer, gaga ball, lawn games and parkour will take place on the field.
- Basketball, chalk, hula hoops, an ArtShine tent and a bubble station will be on the tarmac
- BBQ and KPPL button making station will be at the front of the school
- Possible dancing in the gym
- Other entertainment (e.g. foam party, drumming group, reptile show, face painting, balloon show) currently being discussed with providers.
- Proposed Food Budget: \$600
- Proposed Entertainment Budget: \$1000
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*Motion to release \$1100 from Council funds, and to put the \$500 PIC Grant toward the Fun Fair
PASSED*

Other Business:

- **Strong Start:** The first session of Strong Start is ending, assessments should be finished sometime this month.
 - A second session will be starting up in the spring. Volunteers are needed as always.
 - If you wish to volunteer you must have a Vulnerable Sector check from the WRPS. The cost of this check is \$20 *if you indicate you require this to volunteer (and not for paid employment)*. See link below.
 - <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/services-reporting/police-vulnerable-sector-check.asp>
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- If you wish to volunteer you must also have a WRDSB Reference Check. See link below.
- <https://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/Appendix-B-Reference-Check.pdf>
- Please contact Katherine Akins at kakins@rogers.com if you would like more information about volunteering for the Strong Start program.
- The WRDSB Nut Substitute (i.e. Wow Butter) policy was raised in the Suddaby parents Facebook group. To reiterate: Wow Butter is not permitted in WRDSB schools.