

Wellesley Parent Council
Thursday September 28, 2018

Welcome

Brian welcomed us all and reviewed roles - if you'd like to be a voting member you have to commit to at least 50% of the meetings but, more is better!

Election of Executive

- Chair: Amy Denstedt
- Secretary: Mel Quint
- Treasurer: Suzanne Krahn
- Teacher Rep: Jamie Enns
- Community Rep: a member of the community who does not have a child attending the school; if you know of someone who may be interested, let Brian know
- School Council Membership - Voting/Non-voting Members:
 - Lisa Windling, Mike Butler, Louise Zyta, Jen McCaig, Melissa Turner, Mel Quint, Jamie Dobson, Suzanne Krahn., Martha Trussell, Josie Parks, Evelyn Zwart, Amy Denstedt

Attendance/Regrets

Brian Beney, Erin Agnello, Amy Denstedt, Graham Denstedt, Louise Zyta, Martha Trussell, Jen McCaig, Evelyn Zwart, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Jamie Dobson, Mike Butler, Suzanne Krahn, Jamie Enns, Josie Parks
Regrets: Carrie Harman

Agenda Summary

Pass Last Meeting's Minutes

Principal's Report

- 735 students, 65 staff members, 32 classes
- Renos in the library - 2 new learning centres
- New windows and doors throughout and exterior upgrades (front of school)
- Gaga ball pit has been installed and it's ready to use
- School Day continues to be the main source of communication from the school
- WPS is also on Twitter; we are encouraged to follow
- Staff safety training is priority in September (Concussion, Health & Safety)
- Drills for students: fire, tornado & bomb
- Safe Caring & Inclusive Team - whole community approach (parent involvement is needed - team meets once a month - contact Brian if you are interested in joining this committee)
- Nutrition for Learning started up this week (apples, cheese & crackers available for all students every day) - \$Toonie Drive coming soon!

- Volunteers - this school could not run without them; if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please speak to your child's teacher
- School Improvement Plan - areas for improvement - student & staff well-being & mathematics are the 2 main focus areas this year
- EQAO results were shared last week (Brian & Erin will share more details next month)

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance: \$1700

Minimum balance of \$1000

Playground improvement fund is set aside specifically for this.

Other money goes towards Green Team, Grad, Proficiency Award

Wish List

Staff are asked what they could use to enhance their teaching/class (e.g., Raz Kids, Home Reading books, chromebooks, guest speakers, Chess club, Scientists in the School, Blue Spruce/Red Maple books etc...). We will look at this at the next meeting in more detail when Jamie has had a chance to put it out to staff.

WRAPSC Update

A rep from each School Council is part of this committee; meetings are once a month (usually the 1st Tuesday) and the rep would come back and share at our council meetings. They work in tandem with PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) and there is a lot of info covered/shared.

If you are interested in being a part of this, or want to take a turn, let Amy know.

ABC Festival - 50/50 Booth

ABC Committee and School Council has already had a good relationship. They have provided lots for the school (scoreboard, double gym, sign out front, computers, chromebooks, smart boards etc.)

Fundraisers

- **QSP Update**
 - We've done this one for years; it's the big one that brings in the most amount of \$\$ - continue to promote it - Runs until Oct. 9th
- **Home Hardware Gift Cards** (April 29 - May 2) - they can be used at any HH location across the country, school receives 10% of profits
- **Spiritwear** - ran it for the 1st time last year; we may look at doing this again; we will discuss it next meeting.

*If you have any suggestions for what we could offer for fundraising, contact Amy.

Sub-Committees

- Budget (Mike Butler, Suzanne Krahn, Jamie Enns, Louise Zyta)

- Health Fair (Mel Quint, Mel Turner, Lisa Windling, Amanda Ferris - Community partner, Lindsay Bast - Community partner)
 - We are going to give this a try this year. We have Amanda Ferris & Lindsay Bast on board to help us. Right now this is wide open. We are aiming for end of March, beginning of April to have it.
 - PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant that School Council can apply for in order to bring parents in for an event (e.g., past years math nights). This has to relate to board initiatives. We hope to apply this grant to a health fair this year.
- Nutrition for Learning
 - We are always looking for volunteers; if you are interested, please contact Brian or Erin
- Green Team
 - Group of students under teacher direction - “greening” the areas around the school, recycling, composting, boomerang lunch etc.
 - If you are interested in joining this or being involved, please let Amy or Brian know.
- Grad (Louise Zyta, Martha Trussell)
 - Louise has volunteered to chair this even this year; if you are interested in joining her, let her know.

Wrap Up

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please contact Amy.

Next Meeting: Oct. 25th @ 7:00 p.m.