

Wellesley Parent Council
Thursday October 25, 2018

Attendance/Regrets

Brian Beany, Erin Agnello, Amy Denstedt, Louise Zyta, Evelyn Zwart, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Jamie Dobson, Jamie Enns, Josie Parks, Amanda Ferris

Regrets: Suzanne Krahn, Jen McCaig, Mike Butler, Martha Trussell, Graham Denstedt

Agenda Summary

Pass Last Meeting's Minutes

Louise Zyta

ABC Festival Report (Louise)

- About \$300 less but, it seemed like attendance was less overall as well.
- They are looking to us for some feedback - idea for next year to track # of tickets and \$ sold - basically more accountable for money coming in - we will talk to them in the spring or end of year to firm up details.

WRAPSC Mtg Report

- How to Make Attention in a Digital World - Professor Marcel O'Gorman
 - Researching people and device dependency
 - Distractions in the classroom, kids have trouble multitasking while their using a phone
 - With schools who have been able to ban devices in classrooms, studies have shown a 6.41% improvement on tests, opposed to those who do not have a ban.
 - Marcel's team from UW developed their own case, which is called the Resistor Case. It is made out of recycled bottles, a Velcro seal, and hammered in rivets. The cost of this case is approximately \$10.00 to create. St. Mary's has already held sessions for students which allowed them to build their own Resistor Case. Its advantage is that access is under student control, but the loud Velcro opening discourages them from opening the case in class.
- **My Way** - System Administrator of Learning Services: Joe Bell
 - breakdown of how the MyWay portal works on WRDSB school websites.
 - WRDSB IT dept created the portal to allow students access to different Apps
 - A student will be able to access the portal through their OEN number.
 - most of the people present did not realize how much information was available.
- Review of last year's WRAPSC topics and meetings
- Quick review of the PIC & PRO Grants and their status
- See minutes Amy sent for further detail.

Sub-Committees

- Budget (Mike Butler, Suzanne Krahn, Jamie Enns, Louise Zyta)
 - No change at this time with the budget
 - See A, B & C list for teacher wishlists (we have enough \$ to cover all of these things)
 - RAZ Kids on hold for this year to focus time/energy on Dreambox
- Health Fair (Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Lisa Windling, Amanda Ferris (community partner), Lindsay Bast (community partner))
 - The grant has been put on hold - Ministry PRO grant is in 'pause' mode
 - We will need to look at some other options (e.g., speakers to volunteer)
 - We will move forward with planning this - committee will get together
- Nutrition for Learning
 - Thanks for sending in toonies - the drive seemed successful; no firm total
 - We can always use more volunteers if you know anyone who can help
- Green Team
 - No update at this time
- Grad (Louise Zyta, Martha Trussell)
 - No update at this time

Fundraisers

- **QSP Update**
 - \$8404.00 online sales
 - 169 magazine units (total \$6127.00) and 115 cookie dough units
 - Roughly \$2500 profit
 - \$10,505 in manual orders (approx. \$3100 over last year's manual orders)
 - Totals won't be in for about 2 weeks
 - Cookie Dough will be delivered/picked up on Nov. 22nd (we will need volunteers for pick up times AND to organize cookie dough in classes)
- **Home Hardware Gift Cards**
 - Drafting 'contract' to review with Wellesley HH
- **Other Options (if required)**
 - Big Box of Cards - 33 cards for \$33 per box. Profit = \$11 for every box sold (one time delivery charge of \$150).
 - Elmira Poultry - good return (lots of options now)
 - Little Caesars Pizza
 - Stemmlers
 - FlipGive (geared towards sports teams - premis is online shopping and then the school would get a portion of all online sales (like Ebates))

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

EQAO Results

- See School Highlights sheet for details on scores/attitude data
- Lots of encouraging data to be proud of / happy about!

Principal's Report

- Thanks to all parents who participated in the book fair (close to \$10,000 in sales = little over \$2000 that goes back to the school); we are the 2nd largest one-day Scholastic sale in Canada - WOW!!
- Halloween - at least 25% does not celebrate - going with "orange and black" day - some younger kids will wear costumes for a bit of the day and the kindie kids will do a parade
- We Team & Grade 6's Fundraising Campaign to support Safe Haven Youth Shelter - see School Day message for items most needed - boxes in the front hall to collect goods
- Remembrance Day will be acknowledged on Friday Nov. 9th @ noon - everyone is welcome to attend - a team of students and teachers are planning it now
- Renewed concerns about unsafe student drop-off/pick-up from community members/parents - the Queens Bush stop zone to the one side of the driveway creates a blind spot for kids walking along the sidewalk - Brian called by-law/township and he is working with them to look at some signage movement - a message will be sent out on School Day to warn of risks
- Parent Interviews - an afternoon will be devoted to interview times on Nov. 16th - morning will be devoted to PD for staff

Motion to Adjourn

Wrap Up

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

Next Meeting: Nov 22 @ 7:00 p.m.