Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting Thursday, January 28, 2021

In Attendance: Brian Beney, Erin Agnello, Jamie Enns, Chantel Franklin, Lisa Windling, Melissa Turner, Mel Quint, Suzanne Krahn

Regrets: N/A

Motion to Pass September Meeting Minutes: Suzanne Krahn, Seconded by Mel Quint, motion passed.

WRAPSC Update from January 12

Chantel will send out the WRAPSC meeting minutes after tonight's Council Meeting.

- Discussions about how/if council meetings are running right now and conversations about how councils can be supporting teachers during this time
- PRO Grant info (see info sent out with email invite to tonight's meeting); not many school's are applying this year, but maybe pairing up with another school might be a good idea
- 3rd item online learning discussions around comparisons of distance learning from September compared to what it's looking like now
- Presentation from Vicky Weir re: School Day as a communication tool

Fundraising

• WEFI fundraiser will be revisited for our March meeting

Treasurer's Report/Budget

- We have an available balance of \$1000
- No pending expenses

Parents Reaching Out Grant 2020/21

- 2020-21 will look more at schools pairing together challenging right now due to covid restrictions
- Equity focus within the community
- We didn't follow through with anything last year
- Amount has gone down (\$250 500 range this year)
- WPS does have some \$ in a grant account if needed
- We will just leave it for this year; it's too tight of a timeline and we don't have an identified need for it. Too much uncertainty right now
- We will revisit this in May/June about consideration for next school year.

Principal's Report

- We recognize that what is going on now is different for all families
- Brian is proud of the WPS community and how well everyone is handling this challenging time
- We are hopeful that doors will open on Feb. 11 again; this is a public health decision so stay tuned
- Some changes will be the checklist/screening process for students to come to school clarity will come if there is anything required for students (staff currently need to fill out a form before entering the building)
- Full-Day Kindergarten registration is open online
- Tomorrow (Friday, January 29, 2021) at 3:00 p.m. is the deadline to request a change in the mode of learning for the rest of this school year; the way the numbers are looking, Brian is not anticipating any major changes in terms of reorganization, but request numbers tomorrow will determine this
- Staffing changes: Mrs. Shuglo (DECE) has gone on maternity leave (Ms. Reid will be here until June) and Mrs. East will be filling in for Mr. Shuglo (EA) for six weeks. Mr Roberts (4A) will be finishing on Feb. 19th and Mrs. Bauer will be returning from maternity leave.

For future agendas:

March - fundraiser

May/June to look at how we can engage parents next year

Next Meeting: Thursday February 25th @ 7:00 p.m.