Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting Thursday, September 23, 2021

In Attendance: Brian Beney, Erin Agnello, Jamie Enns, Chantel Franklin, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Rosanne Robinson, Cassandra Pomeroy-Arce

Regrets: Melissa Turner, Louise Zyta

Agenda Summary

June Meeting Minutes

Passed by Mel, Seconded by Chantel

Elections

Chair - Lisa Windling
Treasurer - Chantel Franklin
Secretary - Melissa Quint
Communication - Cassandra Pomeroy (Melissa Turner as well?)

WRAPSC Update

- Next meeting is October 5/2021; Agenda has not yet been shared
- Request/reminder to encourage a member of our council to join

Fundraising

- In person fundraising will be paused at this time due to Covid protocols (e.g., Herrle's)
- Reach out to families in late November and encourage donations to WEFI
- Depending on Covid protocols we can look at what is an option for the fall
- Add this discussion to our October agenda (come with ideas)
 - o Ideas: https://www.fundscrip.com/ and https://www.gsp.ca/

Treasurer's Report/Budget

- truLocal brought in \$1080
- Current Balance: \$4161.67
- \$2000 is available and ready to be distributed for use
- There is money in the bank that can be spent; the school has some available from past food sales
- Currently the school is paying for \$1200 in primary reading subscriptions teachers would appreciate this continuing so could be somewhere we could spend money

2021-22 Parent Engagement

- What are some ways we can engage parents this year? What can we do as a council?
- This is so tricky right now due to Covid, but let's think about how we can do this
- Virtual speaker? How can we engage parents?
- Paul Davis will do parent workshops (different kind of engagement)
- Cassandra will reach out to whom coordinated a virtual event she attended through U of W (family night)

Principal's Update

- Start-up; getting back into the swing of things 671 students in person (small group participating in Remote Schools)
- Phased in approach to getting back to extracurriculars
- Restricted access to volunteers/parents coming in
- Hopeful that clubs will be able start up again
- The library is re-opening and classes can begin to visit!
- School Day Message tomorrow re: Terry Fox Run (Tuesday Sept. 28 and Wednesday Sept. 29)
- Truth & Reconciliation Week is next week; classes have been participating in lots of talking and teaching about this topic. Orange Shirt Day is next Thursday (Sept. 30)
- The sound of kids in the school is amazing; so nice to see and hear kids participating in community building in their classes!
- Everyone's health and well-being is the priority; this messaging is coming from the school, school board; the school is doing it's best to help this process along

Feel free to email Brian and/or Erin with any questions you have, no need to wait for a council meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28th @ 7:00 p.m.