

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

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

Regrets: N/A

September Meeting Minutes

Passed by Mel Quint, Seconded by Jamie Enns

WRAPSC Update

- Director talked about his goals for the board in his position and expressed his gratitude for WRDSB staff
- Research project around the Covid School Experience - data collected is related to funding - link is in WRAPSC minutes (you could email Trustee Laurie Tremble as well)
- Small group discussion around how to create a sense of community without being able to have parents/volunteers in schools - focus on what School Councils can do to support this?
- Next meeting Nov. 2nd - Topics included: Equity & Inclusion & Carizon will be presenting.

Fundraising

QSP - most schools are just doing magazines right now and avoiding food items (some schools are doing cookie dough, but having a pick up location at someone's house); subscription prices seem high and are people reading magazines these days?

TruLocal has reached out - they are ready to accept us should we want to go forward.

Fundscrip - did well at Cassandra's last school - wide variety of options for all families - have to submit a bulk order and organize distribution in order for the school to make the most profit, but we think there is the option to have it run all year and have gift cards to people's homes (Cassandra will check on this and we can possibly run this campaign AND WEFI at the same time).

Kernels Popcorn - bulk order needed - requires organization

WEFI Donations - no discussion from the Board at this point yet

Purdy's Chocolate, Little Caesars - distribution issues

DECISION: We will promote donations to WEFI; families can choose to donate to the main account OR specify school. Further discussion about future fundraising options will happen after the next WRAPSC meeting when we hear more about the Board directive around fundraising.

2021-22 Parent Engagement Discussion

Lisa did send information (from Cassandra) about a work event she attended; campfire theme with craft, singer etc. We need to consider what our goal is: community engagement OR parent education??

Cassandra will look into costs for the singer/storyteller AND check with availability - we will aim for February/March if we can. Discussion about parent engagement opportunities to happen at a future meeting.

Welcoming/Recognizing Teachers

The idea of writing cards to welcome new staff members. Mel will pick up a few boxes (Rosanne, Cassandra and Melissa T) of cards for individuals to pay for personally and we will take turns writing welcome cards/good-bye cards and random cards. Brian will create a staff list for us to use to keep track of who gets cards.

Nutrition Break Structure

Concern over time being taken from instructional time for outdoor time; amount of time being spent outside is not consistent across the grades in terms of time outside AND expectations of outdoor time. Plans are in the works to move to more students outside in zones and cohorts as 'normal'. Two main concerns are students' social/emotional well-being and health and safety. Brian will be moving ahead slowly with this plan.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

\$4161.67 in our bank account.

\$2080.00 available to spend

Principal's Update

- Attention continues to be given to the social-emotional well-being of the students; students are doing remarkably well; it is so great to see them interacting during outside time.
- Over \$2000 raised for Terry Fox Run
- Truth & Reconciliation week provided many opportunities for learning which is ongoing to date as many teachers continue to embed teaching into their programs
- Fall Colours Day October 29th
- Library circulation has resumed; online book fair to run in November (dates TBA)
- New Director came by last week; nice to have him visit.
- Both halves of the gym are now open
- Slow process to allowing more kids outside for NB times (see above for more info)
- Virtual assembly for Remembrance Day; 10:25 a.m. - Grades 1- 8
- Progress reports come home November 15th
- School given the green light for student photos to resume this year (not sure if it will just be individual photos or class photos as well); dates TBA
- Erin is moving on to be a Principal at Cedarbrae PS on November 8th; Congratulations!

Communications Role

Cassandra will take this on this year.

Feel free to email Brian with any questions you have, no need to wait for a council meeting.

Motion to adjourn; Rosanne - Seconded: Melissa Turner

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.