

**Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting**  
**Thursday December 2, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Brian Beney, Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Rosanne Robinson, Melissa Turner, Chantel Franklin

**Regrets:** Cassandra Pomeroy-Arce,

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**October Meeting Minutes**

Passed by Mel Quint, Seconded by Chantel Franklin

**WRAPSC Update**

- Matthew Gerrad (Superintendent) went over the PIC grant process; outlined some of the ideas he hoped that money would be used for (prioritized as well). He also was inquiring about money not spent last year. He spoke about fundraising (brief discussion) which was mostly focused on volunteer needs; reminded members of equity lens as well. In terms of running fundraising, we need to follow Board policies
- AP-4690 outlines what money can be used for; reminder that funds can not be used for chromebooks, ipads etc.
- Carizon was there explaining their role; we can request a representative to attend our Parent Council Meeting if we would like more information.
- Also a discussion about equity and inclusion and how we can have our Parent Council more representative
- Halloween discussion led to a chat about including other traditions rather than eliminating ones we do have/celebrate
- Jan 11/2022 is the next meeting - focus will be on Equity and Inclusion

**Fundraising**

WEFI Fundraising - it will take about 6 weeks for money earned to be shown; Brian will update us when the info becomes available (hopefully January).

Fundscrip - no option to allow us to proceed given Covid protocols

Kernels Popcorn - Mel will look into details around bigger quantities/orders

Idea for Spring: Food Truck Event (Lisa will reach out to Sue Hammer for contact info) - we will proceed if able!

**Staff Cards**

Lisa will get a schedule out soon and we will start in the New Year. The easiest way to get them there would be to the main office (drop off).

**2021-22 Parent Engagement Discussion**

Cassandra did hear back from the storyteller. She is \$250, but will work within a budget if required. She is available every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday in February and March.

Lisa will inquire about some musician options and get back to us via email.

## **Parents Reaching Out Grant**

Do we want to apply? We will not apply this year.

We currently have \$1000-\$1500 available to spend for parent engagement.

One thing both parents and teachers are struggling with is the lack of relationship building; no 'meet the teacher', no interviews etc. Would the staff be willing to do a quick video and virtual classroom tours (no kids) in order to make a connection. Revisit this in January?

## **Treasurer's Report/Budget**

\$4161.67 in our bank account

\$2081.67 set aside for playground repairs

\$2080.00 available to spend

## **Wish List Items**

Jamie did reach out to teachers. Some of the items requested: \$500 for Home Reading (mid-level update), Forest of Reading books, Scientists in the School (cost has gone up...approximately \$270 and it's virtual), RazKids subscription (\$140/license = 10 licenses), virtual field trips.

We will pay up to \$800 towards these licenses. Brian can confirm the exact amount that the school will contribute.

We will wait to see how the WEFI Fundraiser did and make decisions about further spending.

## **Principal's Update**

- Welcome to Anne MacInnes; Anne came from Pioneer Park. She has had varied experiences with many grades and positions.
- Book Fair: 371 books were sold; net sales \$3640+; our rewards were \$728.70. This money will go back into the community. Big thanks to Katie Hamm and 2 parent volunteers Claire & Becky.
- In other library news: there will be an increase in the number of books each child will be able to take out. 2 volunteers have started and this will allow books to be reshelfed quickly; YAY!
- Volunteers - school is at the beginning stages of organizing volunteers for Strong Start (message will be coming out on School Day). If you know of anyone, pass on this info.
- Nutrition Break Update: over the last 4 weeks, grade 2 and up are going out for their NB. Beginning next week a rotation will begin that has students in different zones (one tarmac, one field) which will rotate so that students will get variety.
- Next week will be a Nutrition for Learning fundraiser "Toonies for Tummies". You can send a toonie OR donate directly online. Info will be on the cards coming home next week.
- Big news: next week extracurriculars will start! Activities in the gym will begin with grades 7 & 8; other grades will be added over time. Clubs will start slowly as well. The school hopes to be able to offer a fair bit while moving slowly and carefully at the direction of public health.

- PD Day (Nov. 19) - The staff worked together on school goals for the year. This year the staff will focus on “Who the students are and their social identities (including hidden identities)”? What are some ways that the staff can represent social identities?
  - First step: through books and literacy; kids need to see themselves and others in books, in their school etc. The staff had the opportunity to share what they are doing already.
  - Thinking about that and moving forward, data was examined from the student population and a discussion about “de-centering” celebrations - how can we ensure we are giving equal weight to ALL holidays. The days of significance need to have equal representation.
  - Guiding question: Is what is being presented equal representation for all students? Languages were also counted - 14 different languages in our community; this shows diversity in our community!

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

Motion to adjourn; Melissa Turner - Seconded: Mel Quint

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 27th @ 7:00 p.m.**