

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting

Thursday April 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Brian Beney, Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Louise Zyta, Melissa Turner, Rosanne Robinson, Cassandra Pomeroy-Arce

Regrets: Chantel Franklin

March Meeting Minutes

Passed by: Jamie Enns Seconded by: Mel Quint

WRAPSC Update

Leslie Maxwell, representative from the Transportation Department was in attendance. Her group looks at how we can make walking more accessible. Many people are driving kids to school because they don't feel it's safe. This group works with the schools to help promote walking and will work with the school to look at school safety for walking.

"Drive to 5 Map" - WPS doesn't have one yet, but we should maybe look into this. The maps provide various locations that are within 5 minutes of the school to promote as drop off zones - reduces congestion in front of the school and encourages families/kids to walk to school, teach walking safety etc.

Teneile Warren & Crissa Hill - Members of the Equity Team - There to talk about the dress code that will be coming into effect in the 2022-2023 school year. Dress is an extension of student identity and the new dress code will be consistent across all schools in our board and allow for student identity to be a focus. Policy will be forthcoming.

WRAPSC minutes were sent out by Lisa via email; if you have any questions, reach out the contacts listed in the minutes.

Fundraising

Kernels

Very successful overall; we sold 1668 bags of popcorn! The order is now ready. We will be picking up and sorting on Tuesday. Rosanne and Lisa will go pick up the popcorn and a team will meet at the school in the afternoon to sort orders and have them ready for distribution on Wednesday.

What could we do differently next time? There was a lot of behind the scenes work (we owe a huge thank you to Sandra!!) Should we look for a different location due to communication from the owner? How can we make it more inclusive for families that do not have kids at WPS?

Pizza

Mel will confirm with the owner of Olympic Pizza and go directly to Sandra for posts on School Day. Cassandra will complete the fliers (THANK YOU!!!) We will add a statement about money going towards "supporting enriching classroom activities for our students"

Spiritwear

Discuss early next year whether or not to offer it - it's been a few years.

Parent Engagement/Food Truck Night

Wednesday June 15th - 5 trucks confirmed (Berlin 95, SWAT, Megacone x 2 and Born2eat).
Time Frame: 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. 10% of all sales will go back to the school (cash will be paid out that evening). This may not be a lot towards fundraising efforts, but we are promoting it more as a community event. Mel will research music/entertainment and ask Mrs. Cressman re: choir(s). Cassandra will make a flyer. Saundra had a great idea of a movie showing (next year) at this event!

Teacher Cards - Update

All cards are now done! Thank you to those who wrote them; they have been very well received! What a nice way to bring a smile to a teacher's face.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Most things stayed the same - the only addition is the Kernels money which isn't in the account yet, but will be soon.

Wish List Items

Jamie shared teacher wish list items:

- Art Mats (grade 4)
- Scientists in the School (online instructor, but kids get hands-on activity pack)
- Clay/Glass Museum presentation for grade 5; Reimburse \$500
- Grade 8 - \$500 towards year end celebration.

Approved: 7 classes for Scientists in the School (minus \$2.00/student), \$500 reimbursement for grade 5 Clay & Glass

*Art mats and end of year celebration money will be brought forward at our May meeting

Principal's Update

- The joy of opening the playground this week; students were very excited!
- EQAO is back; it will be a lot different this year. There is a bigger window which means it can be spread out over a few weeks. It is 100% digital.
- Grade 4's participated in a trip to the Outdoor Education Center
- Grade 5 & 6 participated in a Clay & Glass experience - they each made a sculpture which will be fired and returned for painting
- Kodaly Choir is back for grade 5 & 6's - Performance will be June 6th; an outdoor concert
- Forest of Reading has wrapped up - Mrs. Hamm has been having voting parties and the kids are loving it!
- Track and Field has started up and kids are loving it!
- Grade 8's are participating in "Grade 8 Day" at W.O. - tours of the school, talking with next year's teachers etc.
- Grade 8's will always be participating in a Mental Health workshop with a focus on suicide awareness and prevention - all grade 8's in our Board are receiving this.
- Grade 8 Year-End Celebration: June 22nd 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. No cost to families. Brian will share more details as the event develops.

Motion to Adjourn: Mel Quint Seconding: Jamie Enns

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 26th @ 7:00 p.m