

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday June 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Brian Beany, Anne MacInnes, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Chantel Franklin, Rosanne Robison, Jessica MacKinnon

Regrets: Jamie Enns

May Meeting Minutes

Passed by: Mel Quint Seconded by: Melissa Turner

Fundraising Survey Results (13 responses received)

- WEFI fundraiser - positive feedback, but also not a lot of knowledge about what WEFI was (we need to share more info)
- Kernels feedback was positive overall; would likely get support again (very few negative comments about it)
- Olympic Pizza mixed feedback; some families lived out of town or preferred other pizza. A comment to consider would be to run it for 4 nights, but different nights of the week OR maybe we could run it one week Monday - Wednesday/Thursday

Ideas/Things to Consider for Next Year

1. Send a list/plan ahead of time so that parents can budget their money throughout the year and decide what support they want to give
2. Our facebook following is growing quite a bit - this is a good thing!
3. What other ways can we reach out to our school community to gather more ideas and their voices?
4. How can we increase our responses to surveys like this in the future? Offer an incentive (e.g., gift card)? Reminder post as well - maybe a couple of days before it's due.

Rosanne will reach out to Herrele's to confirm that they are doing fundraisers again in the fall; if so, we will go with it early fall. If not, we can try Fall Harvest Farm (Bamburg) or explore other options.

Other Ideas to Explore

Kernels (with some fine tuning)

Spiritwear (including some 'refresh' of logos/images inline with what the school is doing)

Little Caesars

WEFI

TruLocal

MacMillans (cookie dough/muffin mix)

Parent Engagement/Food Truck Night

The 10% we received was \$800 - positive feedback all around - families loved coming together, music playing and getting together. Some other feedback related to time of the year, expensive for large families.

Food truck owners are very happy to come back - for sure we will do this late May/early June (Lisa will connect with Brian & Ann re: dates both for spring AND Meet the Teacher night in September. For this event we will just reach out to MegaCone).

Encouraging More Involvement Next Year

- How can we increase our membership on Council? Is there a way we can reach our Mennonite population?
- Word of mouth is so important - talk to your friends/neighbours and spread the word. Targeted ads to 'dads' on Men of Wellesley.
- Video from Brian/Ann explaining what School Council is; video can be sent out on School Day/ Facebook etc.

Thank you to Lisa for filling out the Parent Council survey on our behalf!

Treasurer's Report/Budget

We are all caught up with money earned; still waiting for a few expenditures (art mats, grad)

\$1998.71 = current available balance

Motion for Council to approve \$501 for Forest of Reading Books. Chantel put forth the motion; Rosanne seconded - no objections.

Principal's Update

- Around this time each year there is a discussion about the school dress code. However, there have been some significant changes to how this will be done. It will now be a central (Board) decision; not school specific. Currently it has gone to the Board of Trustees. Brian will share more information when he has it (in the fall).
- School Photos - Lifetouch was trying to get back into things after Covid. The school has been quite disappointed with the photographers (professionalism), quality, and customer service. The communication has been quite poor from Lifetouch (this is from an admin perspective and from some parent feedback). The school has now cut their ties with Lifetouch and will be moving to a new company: Pegasus. Pegasus has some new, fresh options for photos. They will also be offering Spiritwear so we can look at them as an option for spiritwear.
- Grade 8 Celebration was last night; really great turnout. A really nice social event for our kids and families. Thank you to school council for the contribution; it bought customized donuts, cake & refreshments for the kids and families.
- Thank you from Brian and Anne to the School Council for the time and work members have put into this commitment during the year. It's been a challenging year and we are very grateful for your time and energy.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22nd @ 7:00 p.m