

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday September 22, 2022 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance Brian Beany, Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Rosanne Robison, Petra Martin, Tina Gerber, Katie Bender

Regrets Chantel Franklin

Elections - 2022/23 Executive

Chair - Lisa Windling

Treasurer - Chantel Franklin

Secretary - Mel Quint

Communications - open at this time

Teacher Rep - Jamie Enns

Purpose of School Council - a legislative advisory group of parents, teacher(s), school admin, community member (if you know of anyone, please invite them along) who represent the parent and school community at large (bring ideas, concerns & discussion topics to meetings).

WRAPSC Update

First Meeting - Tuesday October 4th

- Meetings are held the first Tuesday of most months (6 in total)
- Guest speakers are invited, discussions had, anyone is invited
- Oct. 4th will be hybrid model (Forest Heights in person, link will be provided for those who wish to attend virtually)
- First meeting will discuss goals for WRAPSC for this school year
- New this year: Best Practice Survey each month
- Lisa will send the agenda to us if we wish to attend (please email her for further information if interested)

Fundraising

- First fundraiser of the year is the Herrle's - it's going on right now (orders due Sept 27; produce arrives Oct. 5)
- Watch for an email about volunteering to help distribute orders

Other Fundraising Ideas to Explore

- Kernels (with some fine tuning)
- Spiritwear (including a 'refresh' of logos/images inline with what the school is doing)
- Little Caesars
- WEFI (Brian will bring a list of limitations are for this spending)
- TruLocal
- Local Pizza Shop
- MacMillans (cookie dough/muffin mix)
- Local Businesses (Schmidstville, Grammy's, etc)

*We will make some decisions about a plan for the year at our October meeting; Lisa will send out a document for us to add ideas to so we are ready for decision making at that time

Teacher Appreciation

Please think about how we can show our appreciation for the teachers. Cards? Snacks? Coffee? Bring your ideas to our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Money raised last year \$4,778.95

Money spent last year \$3,320.24

Available balance \$2,278.71

2022-2023 Food Truck Event Update

- First food truck event was last year; it was very successful and our community had a great time!
- This year's event has been booked for May 24, 2023 - Food trucks will be SWAT, Berlin 95, Megacone, Kona (spelling?) Pizza
- If you know of any groups/bands/performers, feel free to mention it so we can have entertainment booked for the evening

Amazon Teacher Wish Lists

- This topic was raised on the Ladies of Wellesley Facebook group. There is a lot of community interest in supporting our teachers!
- School Councils action on provided 'wish list items' to teachers: school council funds, book fair wish lists etc.
- Jamie will talk to staff about "dream lists"; items that they would ask for if could be anything (even consumable items) and we can communicate these ideas with community members
- Brian will have a list ready for us in October of things that can and cannot be purchased with school funds; this will help us know how to proceed with this

Principal/Vice Principal Update

- Enrollment is up this year; 677 students, 58 staff, 28 classes
- Open House was a fabulous success; it was so great to be "together"!
- Class averages: kindergarten = 26, primary = 20, Junior = 26, Grade 7 = 24, Grade 8 = 30
- School Day is the primary form of communication - online payment and permission forms are not available at this time, but Brian and Anne will still continue to send messages at this time (teachers are not able to utilize it the same way at this time)
- Lots of information is posted on the school website; sign up to receive updates from School Board & WPS if interested
- WPS has a Twitter account that is growing!
- EXCITING NEWS - Community Canvas Project (a Smart Waterloo Region Innovation Lab partnership) will be coming to plan & paint a huge mural on our school. Grade 8's will be getting involved to help show what they want. Our theme is "belonging". The mural will be posted on the exterior gym walls facing the front of the school and should be complete within a month or so
- Student Safety & Well Being - staff engages in mandatory training (e.g., concussion, anaphylaxis etc.) each September.
- Nutrition for Learning will be starting again; fruit, cheese, crackers etc will be available for student anytime throughout the day

- WPS & ESNS will be offering pizza and sub days again (details to come) - volunteers will be needed to help with this program
- There is a need for volunteers in many areas; have people contact their child's teacher or the school and Brian/Anne can help get volunteers connected depending on their areas of interest
- September 1st was the first PD Day - School focus at the start has been on building an inclusive school community - this focus will continue throughout the year. An additional focus is on increasing student achievement in reading.
- EQAO data from May/June 2022 will be coming out in the coming weeks; this information will be shared at the October meeting (individual student reports will be sent directly to students' home).
- Terry Fox Run next Thursday! Stay tuned for more information on this event.
- September 30th is Orange Shirt Day in honour of National Truth & Reconciliation

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

Future Meetings will be offered as a hybrid model

*Link would be shared after a specific request comes from email; Brian will set this up with interested parents

Motion to Adjourn: Jamie Enns, Second: Mel