

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting

Thursday October 27, 2022 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Rosanne Robison, Katie Bender, Cassandra Pommeroy, Sheila Fraser

Regrets Brian Beany

September Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Mel Quint, Seconded: Melissa Turner

WRAPSC Update

- First in-person meeting; very well attended
- They want to try and have more guest speakers and encourage that in individual school councils as well
- WRAPSC is looking at this year as a year to re-build councils
- Representatives from the Board were there - big discussion re: Halloween (see minutes that Lisa sent for further information). Goal this year was to clear up messaging around Halloween
- October best practice topic: How to run a meeting (November's topic will be filling out forms for grants)
- At the November meeting (Tues. Nov. 1): 2 guest speakers will be in attendance from Coalition for Muslim Women & Volunteer Waterloo Region
- A reminder that WRAPSC meeting minutes are sent out by Lisa

Speakers & Presentations

- Nith Valley Eco Boosters are interested in coming to present at a meeting; we will invite them to our November meeting
- We will look at future guests/presentations as well

Fundraising

- Herrele's fundraiser went well; we sold 199 boxes this year (more than last time)
- Grade 8's were very excited to help with unloading
- We could reduce the number of volunteers for next year
- \$903.84 raised
- Next year we could inquire about donating boxes to the local food bank
- Lisa will send our School Council email address to Herrele's so that we can be on top of it for sure next year

Other Ideas to Explore

- See chart for details on others ideas: [2022-2023 Fundraising Ideas](#)
- How many do we want to do in total?
- We will decide for sure our plan at the November meeting. B
 - Action Items: **BRING IDEAS**; reach out to businesses to get details - add to the chart (link above)

Amazon Teacher Wish Lists

- Brian/Anne looked into it. You “can” do it, but there are limited ideas to put on there; materials used by the teacher NOT the kids (e.g., professional resources, bulletin board displays etc.)
- The Ministry directive restricts us from providing other consumables
 - School Council use of funds:
 - Items not permitted would include regular program learning materials, textbooks and consumable supplies (i.e., pens, paper), classroom furniture and equipment, computer software, library books (those entering circulation) and supplies. These items must be purchased from School Operating funds.
 - Monetary payments to employees for services; Gifts to employees; Staff professional development, travel, meal and hospitality; Investments other than those permitted by the WRDSB and Regulation 471/97 of the Education Act (eligible investments); Capital infrastructure improvements and maintenance or upgrades; Support for political activities, groups or candidates.
 - Items permitted (not limited to): supplementing costs of field trips and extracurricular opportunities, guest speakers/assemblies, additional books not entering library circulation such as home reading books and other reading program books, year-end celebrations, playground improvements, subscription services such as Razkids

Teacher Appreciation

- Teachers really appreciated the cards last year
- We will do cards and chocolate/coffee in February (Lisa will send out an email regarding sign up for this)

International Pronoun Day

- Rosanne has noticed that there are several emails from the board weekly about “days” - she is feeling ill equipped to discuss these days of significance with her own children
- How can this be managed?
- Many messages get ‘pushed’ to the WPS website by the Board
- If it is Wellesley specific a message will come through School Day
- The “Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools” committee is talking through how, as a school community, we can be acknowledging these days while also taking into account cultural norms (e.g., in Wellesley - our mennonite population can’t wear orange shirt days) - One idea they have is to have ribbon available in a variety of colours to support these days

School Council Bylaws

- Do we want to have bylaws for our council; it is not mandatory
- WRAPSC will be answering some more questions about bylaws - we will wait until after Lisa attends the next WRAPSC meeting and confirm details
- We have a few examples to use
- Our council is support of this idea and we will create a sub committee to look at it

Treasurer’s Report/Budget

- Available balance \$3,236.55

- See handout for further details
 - Wishlist items - Grade 1-4 looking for Scientists in the School in spring (in addition, grade 2 Clay & Glass), Grade 6 - Science North E-Workshops in spring
 - We will allocate \$540 for Grade 8 grad again
 - Ask from our Council to ensure teachers share their wish lists for the upcoming Book Fair
 - QUESTION: do the new directives/rules apply to community donations

Principal/Vice Principal Update

- 2 new staff members: grade 3 (here permanently) & grade 6 (in until beginning of December)
- Terry Fox raised \$5200 - THANK YOU!
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped with Herrele's
- The mural is complete; theme was "We are participating" - more specific info will be shared shortly
- ESNS lunch program is back (subs & pizza) - see School Day message from today
- Spiritwear - school has talked with Pegasus; they are open to school creating our own logo - not recommended as a fundraiser due to price point (could be delivered to school or home)
- EQAO Results - have been released to media, but not school yet. Anne & Brian will share at our next meeting
- New: A 'blurb' will be sent out about what's going on monthly (November's message will come home tomorrow or Monday) from November until June.
- Looking to set up a School Involvement Committee that could have a voice in spirit days etc. (grade 5 - 8, every class sending a representative to they all had voice/choice)
- Fall Colours Day - Monday October 31st
- On PD Day the morning was School Improvement Plan, teachers did training in the afternoon. Nov. 18th is the next PD Day and the format will be the same
- Progress reports will be sent home November 21st
- Grade 7 Immunization Day is Monday October 31st
- Photo re-take day Nov. 8 or 9 (stay tuned for clarification)

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 24 @ 7:00 p.m

(hybrid option will be offered again)

Motion to Adjourn: Mel Quint **Second:** Jamie Enns