

**Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting**  
**Thursday November 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

**In Attendance** Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Chantel Franklin, Cassandra Pommeroy, Sheila Fraser

**Regrets** Rosanne Robinson

**October Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Pass: Mel Quint Seconded: Jamie Enns

**Nith Valley Ecoboosters Youth Advocates Presentation**

Lindsay & Abby - Part of a subgroup of the Nith Valley Ecoboosters (an environmental group in Wilmot, Wellesley). The Youth Advocates work more with schools on their greening processes. Some of their behind the scenes roles are:

- finding grants, research, policies, connecting with the school board)
- Worked with Sir Adam Beck to get grants applied for and get their outdoor nature playground going
- They will come to classes and do a presentation about environmental issues, play games with classes (e.g., Headbanz, Jeopardy etc.) and show how youth can help the environment

How can they help at Wellesley - some interest would be looking at planting more trees, improving outdoor spaces. Ecoboosters will email some resources to the school council email address. Brian & Jamie will pole the staff about presentations and greening ideas.

**WRAPSC Update**

November 1st was the last meeting - a longer meeting (really good!)

First Speaker was from Coalition of Muslim Women KW (website linked in WRAPSC minutes). Their presentation was focused on hate crime, hate speech etc.

- Check out the slideshow from WRPS about these different crimes
- Services from Coalition can be accessed by *anyone* in the community (e.g., reporting, seeking counselling, presentations to students & student councils and/or WRAPSC)

Next Speaker: Volunteer KW

- If you are looking for family volunteer opportunities, check out their website

Best Practice Topic: Grants (focus was on the PRO Grant which is due mid January)

- They want the funds to be used to support the Boards Strategic Plan
- Annual Parent Involvement Funding (\$500) provided by the Ministry each year (we will discuss how we can use it)

By-Law

- Not required, but recommended for each Council

Next Meeting: January 10th

Indigenous Presentation

Best Practice Topic: Speakers & Presentations

**Speakers & Presentations**

Email your ideas to Lisa if you have one for future meetings.

## **Fundraising**

### WEFI Fundraiser

- Timing: Dec 1 launch
- This fundraiser is always open (no 'deadline')

### Future Fundraisers

- "A-Thon" - Read-a-thon/Buddy/Comfy-Cozy Day - end of February (Melissa T & Cassandra will help organize this event)
- Freezies - tie this in with Jr. Track & Field day(s)
- Food Truck - just waiting to confirm details
- Meadow Acres Spring option - Mel will reach out again to discuss possibility Easter Lilies/Mothers Day
- Big Box of Cards - easy to run, good profit (\$11/box) - target spring launch

\*\*May 2023 - have our list of contacts/research done for next year's fundraising choices

### Spending Funds

Policy for spending was shared with the meeting agenda (Board Policy 4017)

- Focus of discussion was on 1.1.5 - funds are to complement (and not replace) public funding; not support basic items (e.g., Home Reading books)
- We will communicate with the community that the WEFI fundraiser money will go towards Scientists in the School & Science North workshops
- Jamie will go back to staff and ask about other wishlist ideas
- Something to consider is greening projects - much of our fundraising money would go towards that if we choose to go that route

### Annual Parent Involvement Funding

It needs to be related to how we are involving parents

Mel will reach out to Board contacts re: reading

### **Staff Appreciation Cards**

Lisa will be reaching out for volunteers in January for February delivery; please put some thought into whether or not you can do this

### **School Council Bylaws**

Sub-committee Volunteers: Cassandra

- We will also put a School Day message about looking for volunteers to help with this

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

- No transactions in the account since the last report
- All grade 8 grad bills have been paid (total spent \$366.46)
- Only outstanding items now: \$720 for grade 4 art mats (we can not purchase these through Amazon, but if we can find another supplier it could work - Jamie will look into this) and Food Bank donation of \$54 (Saundra is going to look into making this happen)
- \$3356.09 is our available balance

## Volunteers

If volunteers are alone with a student or small group of students and are not under the 'supervision' of a teacher, a vulnerable sector check is required (Principal discretion).

- Should we be putting funds aside to support parents who are interested?
- We will discuss this in January

## Principal/Vice Principal Update

- Current & Upcoming Events: WO Music Department concert tomorrow (K-8), Book Fair is November 30 (9:00 - 8:00 pm), Grade 7/8 wrapping up volleyball and moving on to basketball, Jr. choir, hockey club, Mennonite girls singing group
- Student Leaders - the first Wellesley Involvement Committee (WIC) meeting was last week - ideas were brainstormed for Spirit Days - First 2 days: Wednesday November 30 - Moustache Day and Friday December 2nd "Anything But a Backpack Day"
  - Other actions: getting involved in announcements, creating buddies
- SCIS (Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools) Survey is back this year; done in classtime - information will be shared in January
- EQAO Results (publically available on the EQAO website: <https://www.eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-dashboards/>)

### Gr 3 Primary

68.6% Level 3 Reading

65.7% Level 3 Writing

45.7% Level 3 Math

### Gr 6 Junior

75.4% Level 3 Reading

60.0% Level 3 Writing

36.9% Level 3 Math

The data is going to be a new benchmark due to the fact that the test was written in a new format and it's the first time the test was written in a few years. The test this year was more accessible to many students.

- FYI - current WRDSB recommendations (not mandates) - personal hand hygiene, wear masks (strongly recommended), proper coughing and sneezing techniques
  - Recommended to keep sick children home!
- December holiday giving campaign as determined by students will be coming soon!

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mel Quint **Second:** Melissa Turner

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 26 @ 7:00 p.m**

(hybrid option will be offered again)