

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

In Attendance Brian Beany, Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Melissa Turner, Chantel Franklin, Cassandra Pommeroy, Rosanne Robinson

Regrets Tina Gerber

November Meeting Minutes Motion to Pass: Mel Quint Seconded: Cassandra Pomeroy

WRAPSC Update

- Healing of the Seven Generations representative came; they explained what the organization was, the work it does in the community. They offer numerous programs and like to come to talk to schools and Parent Councils. We can reach out if we are interested.
- Student Trustees spoke about their role; they are conducting round table discussions (virtually) around specific topics for students to voice opinions and discuss issues. The student trustees attend Board meetings as well. Current grade 7 & 8's are invited to attend and information is being put on the teacher's Google classrooms.
- Also discussed: best practices, speakers/presentations
- PIC transition continues - they are looking on how this will look
- PRO Grant update was provided (see notes below)
- Next Meeting: representative from OK2BMe, journalist and the best practice will be on WEFI spending *Meeting will be February 7th

Speakers & Presentations

- What are some topics we are interested in?
 - Rosanne would be happy to speak to us as a council around "food"; as a registered pediatric dietitian.

Fundraising

WEFI Fundraiser

- Not a great deal of donations were received (around \$100-120) Things to consider: maybe the community needed to know more about what we are using the money for? Was it bad timing?
- We will wait on a final number for a month or so (it can take time). New update will be provided next month

Read-A-Thon

- Initial meeting was last night - have a planned event day (March 3rd), but a lead up that would encourage kids to really get reading.
- Incentive to get donations is 'unlocking' rewards the school has access to (e.g., comfy cozy day, teachers dress up, extra outdoor time read with a pal/buddy,) *Pledges would not be tied to number of books/pages/minutes
- Aside from that - on the back of the pledge form they would have a tracker for kids to - class that reads the most (pages, minutes, books) would unlock another rewards specific to them
- Tracking forms out Feb. 10th - Due date for forms Feb. 27th - Event Day March 3rd
- The committee will work to create tiers for unlocking rewards

Big Box of Cards

- Timing will be end of March
- We can choose mixed box or all birthday
- \$35/box and school gets \$11 per box

Food Truck - May 24th

- Not a lot to do - mainly advertising, entertainment?
- We will combine it with an Arts Night - showcasing the students' talent in visual arts, performing art etc.
- Timing will be 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Staff Appreciation Cards

- Hoping to get them out at the end of February.
- Still looking for volunteers (Mel, Rosanne, Cassandra confirmed)
- Mel will put a message on Ladies of Wellesley to try and recruit more people.

School Council Bylaws

- No interest from the community yet, but Lisa will put another School Day message out and post something on Ladies of Wellesley (we will also put this on Men of Wellesley)

Grade 8 Celebration Update

- Question from parent - Has the date been set? Will the format be the same as last year?
- Date: Tuesday June 27th (final day of school June 28th)
- No discussions about details yet; more information will be coming when there has been some discussion with staff. Parents will be given lots of notice

PRO Grant

- Application available - Due date: February 24th
- Event needs to be 'done' by June 16
- Mel will put feelers out around the new literacy curriculum
- Rosanne is happy to have her/her team do a session on nutrition
- We will decide via email how to proceed

Treasurer's Report/Budget

- \$6088.56 in account
- Money still available for the art mats as an approved vendor has been found
- \$54 donation was sent to Wellesley Food Cupboard
- Available Balance \$3356.09

Wish List Items

- Idea is to share a sum of money and offer each class \$75 to put towards their classroom library - this could tie in nicely to the Read-A-Thon (Total would be \$2250)
- Also \$500 for Home Reading book collection
- Other wish list items: Scientists in the School (spring), Clay & Glass workshops, E-North workshops for grade 6 (total \$4311)
- Council voted to fund \$500 towards Home Reading (now), \$2000 towards spring events (see list above) and \$500 towards Grade 8 Celebration

Principal/Vice Principal Update

- Week of Giving was a huge success 1700+ items were brought in and delivered to New Hamburg!! THANK YOU to the community!
- Reminder about the parking lot (a message will be going home tomorrow via School Day); the parking lot is closed before and after school
- FDK registration has begun; a number of new children have already registered! Typically get 50-60 new JK
- Term 1 is quickly coming to an end (Term 2 begins Feb 1). Report cards go home February 15
- February is Black Brilliance month and activities will be happening in the classroom
- Currently looking into Grade 7 & 8 an awareness presentation around drug use
- CYW is on staff - Katherine - who is able to connect with students of all ages; we are so lucky to have her at the school
- Did you Know?!?! We have a sensory room! It's available to all students if they need some time for re-direction, a quiet place or a break from the classroom

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23 @ 7:00 p.m
(hybrid option will be offered)