

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

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

Regrets Tina Gerber

January Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Mel Quint

Seconded: Rosanne Robinson

WRAPSC Update

Last meeting was Tuesday Feb. 7th

- First speaker was a reporter from the KW Record
 - He talked about the data he has been collecting for many years based on school board performance on Provincial Testing (EQAO); see minutes for details (sent in an email from Lisa earlier this week) - His ask is for the trustees and employees to focus on achievement.
 - He also talked about French Immersion and the damaging inequities it can have
 - He talked about high school and the increased number of “victory laps” for students
- Brain Gym was 2nd speaker; they are starting a scholarship program
- Discussion around spending school council funds and best practices around that (one suggestion - use google form for teachers to add wish list items)
- Next Meeting: Tuesday April 4th/2023 (Guest Speakers: OK2BMe, OSSTF, Topics of Discussion: “Working with Principals”, Transitional Celebrations)

Fundraising

WEFI Fundraiser

December 1 - January 31st time frame \$727.02 was raised

Read-A-Thon

- School tracking is showing \$670 raised so far
- Important for donation forms to be filled in accurately so we can track the reward levels
- We will send out an update via Twitter/Facebook & School Day as a last ‘push’ for the weekend

Big Box of Cards

- Launch date April 14th
- Virtual only
- \$35/box = \$11 for the school
- Rewards from company per milestones in sales
- We will run our campaign for 2 weeks (April 14 - 28)
- Next meeting: decision will be made next meeting

Staff Appreciation Cards

- Mel received 4 volunteers from the community; cards are due to her by next Tuesday and then will be delivered to the school.

School Council Bylaws

- On hold until next month; Lisa will post a message on Ladies of Wellesley to see if there are any community members interested in helping to write them

Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Bank account \$6088.56
- Available balance \$1088.56
- \$5000 is being used for: grade 4 art mats, grade 8 grade, spring class events & home reading books)

Principal/Vice Principal Update

- February is Black Brilliance month - lots of learning and focus on black people of significance/brilliance, collaborative work between classes, daily announcements, keynote speaker (high school student from our region) presentation was shared
- February is also Psychology month - There have been weekly "lunch and learn" sessions. As well, there are many resources available and great 3-5 min videos around mental health (check them out via Board & WPS website)
- Safe Caring & Inclusive School survey results: Brian & Anne shared the slideshow with details which include:
 - The MDI (middle years development instrument) is used to collect data and what is collected in a snapshot in time in a students life
 - Questions include those about: social/emtional well being, physical health, connectedness, use of after school time, school experiences
 - 72% of grade 4-8 students completed the survey (last data set was collected in 2017) and results will become a benchmark moving forward
 - Data collected is used to help focus goals on School Improvement Plan
 - Well Being area: 61% scored between thriving - med/high well being (39% negative responses towards well being)
 - Overall Brian felt connectedness with adults at home was positive as well as the high score in peer relationships. Scores went up (from last time) around sleep & eating habits)

PRO Grant/PIC Funding

- We will submit application for PRO and ask for \$500
- Options: Kathryn Hayes (structured literacy), Rosanne Robison (nutrition in kids)
 - We have voted to apply for the PRO grant to use in conjunction with the PIC funding to book Kathryn Hayes this spring for a session + take away package
 - We will book Rosanne in the fall and talk about a few different sessions throughout the year
 - THANK YOU to Lisa for submitting the application!!

Motion to Adjourn: Mel Quint

Second: Cassandra Pomeroy

Next Meeting: Thursday March 23 @ 7:00 p.m (virtual option will be offered)