

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday April 27, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Wellesley Public School Library/Virtual

In Attendance Brian Beney, Anne MacInnes, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Melissa Turner, Chantel Franklin, Rosanne Robinson, Cassandra Pomeroy, Christina Gerber

Regrets: Mel Quint

March Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Melissa Turner

Seconded: Jamie Enns

WRAPSC Update

- April 4th Update
 - OSSTF presented and discussed violence in the schools and how students are catching up
 - OK2BME presented - offer counseling and youth groups
 - Scott Miller from WRDSB presented - discussed transparent communications and inconsistencies in schools
 - Best Practices - working with school administration - a lot of new principals
- Next meeting is on May 2nd (agenda and link will follow)
 - Planning for next year
 - Best Practices - school year start up and elections
 - Trustees will be in attendance including small group discussions
 - Last one of the year

Fundraising

Freezies

- Junior track and field day is May 12, 2023
- Freezies will be provided on May 12, 2023 directly to classrooms towards the end of the day
- Freezies cost approximately \$14/70 jumbo from Costco
- Discussion of best way to cover costs/raise funds from freezies
- Plan is to purchase enough freezies for every student to have half of a jumbo freezies
 - We will ask for donations for freezies to be handed into teachers on the morning of May 12, 2023
 - Every student will get a freezie regardless of whether they donate
 - If extra fund are donated past the cost money will go back in to the school
 - Need 350 halves of freezies - Melissa T to purchase
 - Melissa T and Christina volunteered freezer space to freeze
 - Melissa T and Lisa to distribute on May 12, 2023
 - Jamie to connect with art club to get a sign made

Food Truck

- Tied in with Arts Night - parents will have the opportunity to walk through the school to see students art work
- Choirs to perform as well - Brian to provide Lisa with timing of those performances
- Brian will provide music outside during the event (similar to last year)
- Set up for event - Brian, Lisa, Rosanne and Mel Q.
- Clean up for event - Brian, Lisa, Cassandra and Mel Q.
- Flyers and school day posts to start going out end of next week

Planning for next year

- Options to be presented during May meeting to be decided on in advance of new school year
- Some options include
 - Herrles (September)
 - Big Box of Cards (end of October/Early November)
 - "A-thon" event
 - Food Truck
- Option of running a cruise fundraiser presented - unanimous vote to not move forward with the fundraiser

PRO Grant 2023/PIC Funding

- Received \$500.00 from PRO grant funding to help cover the costs
- Event was on April 20, 2023 in school library, lasting approximately 90 minutes
- Advertised on School Day, Facebook as well as paper copies to Inspiring Minds and Wellesley Cooperative Preschool
- Approximately 20 in person attendees and 8 online
- Lots of questions, take home kit was provided
- Still waiting to hear about final fee
- Extra take home kits - hoping for them to go to primary educators to share with interested parents
- Feedback
 - Very knowledgeable
 - Gave good background
 - Some explanations were complicated for those not in education
 - More time on "at home" activities
- Discussion on how to have more attendees for future events
 - Make sure the title of the event/school day posts is very informative - to include the "Start with Why" philosophy
 - Spring is probably not the best time of year for these events
 - Look at sending a link in a easier way for online participants

PRO Grant 2024/PIC Funding

- Rosanne is booked for September 21, 2023 for the packing lunches seminar
 - Flyers will need to be made ready prior to the end of this school year to be handed out during the September open house night

- Timing of second similar to be discussed at a later date

School Council Bylaws

- No update - Cassandra and Lisa will connect this month

Parent Questions

- Are there programs for empowering boys through Woolwich counselling
 - Brian to connect with them regarding this question as it would be great to see
- Urinals repair - school is aware and it is marked as a priority for plumbers to get fixed
- Window repair - should be happening anytime - just waiting for the glass
- Pre-K library visits cancelled - database update happening which meant they couldn't happen this year, they will have a chance to see the library and the rest of the school during the Kindergarten open house
- Brian and Anne to look into whether spirit days can be added to the calendar on school day

Treasurer's Report/Budget

- No transactions have happened since last month
- Available balance once all transactions have been processed is \$704.67
- Book Purchases for classrooms should be going through soon, just working through the logistics of ordering and reducing shipping costs

Principal/Vice Principal Update

- Grade 4 testing happened last week and is complete
- Track and Field is starting up
 - Wednesday May 10, 2023 Grade 7 and 8
 - Friday May 12, 2023 Grade 4-6
 - Divisional Track and Field - end of May to beginning of June
 - EQAO for Grade 3 and Grade 6 will be last week of May and first week of June, completed on computer
- Grade 8's had a presentation with a mental health focus, child and youth worker put bags together
- Staffing for next year is underway
- Hoping playground will be open next week
- May 31st the choir will be at W-O

Motion to Adjourn: Jamie Enns

Second: Cassandra Pomeroy

Next Meeting: Thursday May 25 @ 7:00 p.m (virtual option will be offered)