

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday September 28, 2023 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Brian Beney, Lindsay Kurt, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Mel Quint, Rosanne Robison, Jasveen Kienitz, Chantel Franklin, Tasha Day, Erin Thaler, Dia Munholland, Cassandra Arce, Alyssa Livingston, Amanda Schiller, Kim Koch, Tina Gerber

Regrets: N/A

June Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Mel Quint

Seconded: Melissa Turner

Elections

Chair/Co-Chair: Lisa (Nominated by: Mel Quint, Seconded by: Melissa Turner)

Treasurer: Chantel Franklin (Nominated by: Melissa Turner)

Secretary: Mel Quint (Nominated by: Rosanne Robinson)

WRAPSC: N/A at this time - perhaps we will look at a schedule and take turns?

WRAPSC Update

- Lisa will forward the agenda for the Tuesday October 3rd
 - Discussion: hopes/goals for WRAPSC for the year
 - Small group discussion re: council support
- If you have any questions about this committee, please see Lisa
- We will possibly create a sign-up and take turns going to these meetings
- Last year a 'best practice' survey; the spring one was on safety so the results will be shared Oct. 2/23

Fundraising

- Herrle's - we sold 118 boxes (down from last year); 30 boxes were donated to the Wellesley Food Cupboard - We will need volunteers for distribution on Wednesday Oct. 4th - stay tuned for email
- Big Box of Cards - 3 types of boxes will be offered (Holiday, All Occassion, Birthday). Each child will receive one free card to keep and show quality to the family. Our campaign will be November 2nd - 10th (*Remember to include a statement about just donating cash if they would rather not order the item and that money is going to the playground for the future)
- Other ideas: spring flowers (Tina will get info for our next meeting), read-a-thon, freezies (on track & field day), 'kicked in the candies', community event/fun fair (late May/early June) - Feel free to share other ideas via email or at future meetings

Playground Planning

- Update will happen at a future meeting
- A sub-committee will be formed

Packing Lunches Presentation

- Rosanne did an amazing job! Thank you!!
- 18 people attended; lower than we expected. It was paid via PRO Grant

Dates/Time of Future Meetings

- At this time we will keep the meetings on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 PM

Goals/Plans

- Brainstorming around speakers
- Events - lots of excitement around a fun fair/community event
- Staff Appreciation cards
 - Please think of other ideas for things to accomplish, things to work on

Treasurer's Report

- Available balance \$3,329.51
 - Grade 4 art mats was processed ✓
 - Spring class events were processed ✓
 - Home Reading - \$500 was returned to Council because books were purchased from the School A Literacy account ✓
 - Classroom library books were approved in March 2023 were process from WEFI
 - Still waiting for PRO Grant reimbursement ✓
 - Motion to approve an additional \$17.50 for the Grade 8 Open House (Motion to Approve: Chantel Franklin, Seconded by: Melissa Turner)

Principal/Vice Principal Update

School Start-up Overview

- 640 students (down a bit from last year)
- 60 staff
- 27 classes

Lindsay Kurt (New Vice Principal)- Introduction

- Vice Principal at Wellesley and Sir Adam Beck (Monday/Tuesday at Wellesley, Thursday/Friday at Beck and alternate Fridays)
- Previously a Spec Ed Resource Teacher, former grade 8 math teacher as well
- Lindsay has a passion for special education and is looking forward to her time in this new role

Class Size Averages

- **FDK** - 27, **Primary** - 20/class, **Junior** - 25/class, **Grade 7** - 25/class, **Grade 8** - 24/class

Open House - Sept. 7

- Very well attended - positive feedback - so great to see so many people from the community; the first Thursday is a good time from a school perspective

Terry Fox Event - Sept 22/2023

- \$5025 raised! Thank you to the community for your generosity!

PD Day - October 6 (*Notified 2 weeks prior to each date re: the date & content*)

- Structured literacy
- Unpacking the curriculum and curriculum implementation
- School Learning and Improvement Plans

October 'Lunch and Learns' for Caregivers/Parents

- Links to the sessions can be found on the Wellesley Public School website
 - How to Support Your Teen's Mental Health and Well-Being During the Transition to High School (Oct. 4)
 - Development of Self-Regulation and Co-Regulation of Emotions (Oct. 11)
 - When Your Child Doesn't Want to Go to School (Oct. 18)
 - Anxiety in Children and Teens (Oct. 25)

Woolwich Counselling Group Sessions (Oct/Nov)

- Variety of topics (some in person / some virtual) -
 - some are free; others have a small fee
- See 'Parent Resources' on our website

Nutrition for Learning / Lunch Program

- The NFL snack program (apples, cheese and crackers) is available for all students each day.
- Pizza/Pitas are available through ESNS.
- ESNS gives back some of the profits to the school (this money can be used to support field trips, end of year grade 8 open house etc.)

Volunteers

- Each day we have a number of volunteers in our school (library, classes and smaller groups)
- Contact your child's teacher or the office if you are interested in volunteering. In particular, we need a parent volunteers for pizza day
- A vulnerable sector check is required

Communication

- Questions, comments and concerns regarding your child(ren) at school should typically be directed to their teacher(s) first.
- SchoolDay
- wel.wrdsb.ca (website) (updated regularly by WRDSB and Wellesley) - signup to receive updates as they are posted.

Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Turner

Seconded: Jamie Enns

Next Meeting: Thursday October 26 @ 7:00 p.m