

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday April 25, 2024 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Brian Beany, Lindsay Kurt, Jamie Enns, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Cassandra Pomeroy, Rosanne Robinson, Melissa Turner, Chantel Franklin, Tina Gerber, Jasveen Kienitz, Nilay Guler

Regrets: Alyssa Livingston

March Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Mel Quint

Seconded: Cassandra Pomeroy

WRAPSC Update (April 2 Meeting Update)

- Main focus was a presentation from Stephen McCrae, System Administrator from the board, and the topic was Individual Education Plans (slideshow was sent out with email from Lisa)
 - Provided an overview of the planning team within schools and the sources to support the development of an IEP.
 - Discussed components of the IEP: accommodations (instructional, environmental, assessment)
 - Mentioned programs and courses with alternative expectations which outline learning related to skill development in areas not represented in the Ontario curriculum (alternative continuing education)
 - IEPs are a working document, are initiated within 30 days of the new school year and formally reviewed again at the start of a new semester/term
 - What if your child's needs are not being met? What if the IEP is not being followed?
 - Contact the teacher, the special education teacher, the VP/Principal. Above that would be Stephen (speaker) and then the superintendent.
 - Encouraged parents/supporters to have the conversation and not be afraid to ask questions >> ask yourself if you are comfortable with not having the conversation if your child's needs are not being met.
 - A recommendation was to ask our Principal/VP or the school's special education teacher to explain the student support process model, the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), and the In School Support Team (ISST) to the School Council. >> perhaps this could be a future Principal update topic?
- Other topics/items:
 - A Safe Caring Inclusive Schools (SCIS) group is a mandatory group that should be at every school. Do we have one? Is there a parent on this group? If so, how were they selected? How can that parent liaise with School Council?
 - Raffles - WRDSB is not able to get one license for everyone to use, each school council you must get own
 - Baked goods - you can sell as a fundraiser but they must be individually packaged and have a full list of ingredients
 - Volunteers in the school need a vulnerable sector check as there is a chance they will be alone with a child on school property
- Next Meeting May 7th/2024 - Focus will be on facilities (playgrounds/vandalism etc.) - Any volunteers?

Fundraising

Freezies for Track & Field - Nilay will get the freezies

We will sell them on 3 separate days

Dates:

- Primary Play Day (Date: TBD)
- Junior T & F Day (Date: TBD)
- Intermediate T & F (May 15th)

Fun Fair/Arts Night Update

- Volunteer Schedule - when do council members want their shifts?
- Request to remove the "volunteers needed" from the sign at the front of the school; we are in the fortunate position to have enough volunteers
- Coolers - we need to borrow one from each member - please bring them the school a few days prior (labelled with your name); Mel will communicate when the school is ready to receive them
- Raffle/Silent auction items are in hand; we've got some great prizes!
- Communciation (Save the Date & Event Poster) are ready to go; still to come ½ page flyer to send home Friday May 17th - Mel will send these to Sandra when needed
- We are requesting \$1000 upfront to offset the financial burden of buying everything upfront? - Chantel will check with Sandra & get back to the committee members
- What time can we begin to set up? We will need all hands on deck and things will need to move quickly due to 4:30 start - 1:35 for in the gym - after 2:15 for outdoor things
- Contingency Plan for rain - some events (yard games, obstacle course etc.) will be cancelled; others will move inside to classrooms (Brian to book classrooms; Tina will confirm events and send accurate number to Brian)


Staff Appreciation Ideas

- The pricing from Grammy's is a bit too high for us (\$2-\$3/drink)
- Tim Horton's \$124 for 70 cups of coffee (too steep of a cost given we are paying out of pocket)
- Instead we will volunteer to bake muffins/cookies or purchase fruit - Lisa will send out a document where we can sign up - June 14th (drop off to Lisa June 13th)

School/Council Bylaws

- No update at this time - Lisa & Cassanra will review/present this at our May meeting

Principal Profile

- Please send ideas to Lisa if you want to offer input on this year's profile.
-  WEL_Principal Profile Form_ 2023 (see last year's form for ideas)

Playground Planning

- New Gaga Ball pit will be installed next week!!

Treasurer's Report

- Current available balance \$9695.08

- Outstanding: Read-a-Thon supplies (pizza, whip cream etc.) and School Day fees related to the cash deposits from Read-a-Thon
- We are still waiting for the \$500 from PIC to come through to cover the cost we paid for the Blueprint Nutrition seminar in the fall

Principal/Vice Principal Updates

Our Wellesley students are excited to be back playing in the gaga ball pit, and on the creative playgrounds during recess! Here is a quick update on some of the exciting things happening at Wellesley Public School.

School Activities:

- Our grade 4 students took a trip to the University of Waterloo. They were building on their knowledge of STEM and got to practice their coding skills.
- The Wellesley kindergarten students are running a Pet food drive from April 22nd until May 24th. This is in support of having the Humane Society visiting our Kindergarten classes over the next four weeks.
- Our Kodaly Choir has been working very hard in preparation for their final performance at Center in the Square on Tuesday, May 7th.
- On May 14th our grade 1's will be taking a walk in the Wellesley community.
- School clubs and intramurals continue to be a popular hit during our nutrition breaks.
- We continue to look for ways that all our students can participate in extracurricular activities both at school and off-campus.
 - Any questions or concerns about the associated costs of trips can be directed to myself or Lindsay and provisions will be made. No reason will need to be given.
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Important Upcoming Dates:

- May 2- Grade 7 Immunizations
- May 3- Grade 8 trip to Wonderland (Roller Coaster Competition)
- May 14- Grade 1 Community Walk
- May 15- Track and Field (Grade 7-8)
- May 16- Track and Field Rain Date (Grade 7-8)
- May 22 - Grade 7 Trip to KW GLEE
- May 22 - Junior T&F (TBD)
- May 21 - June 12 - EQAO Writing (More information to come for grades 3 and 6 parents)
- May 31 - PD Day

Motion to Adjourn: Jasveen

Seconded: Cassandra

Next Meeting: Thursday May 23, 2024 7:00PM