

Westvale School Council Agenda
January 24, 2018 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library
** Babysitting available for duration of meeting **

Welcome

Krista Luft and Tonya Veltman - 3 min

Principal's Report

Jodie Meyer

- 10 min

1. We will be partnering with the Westvale community association to do a Potato drive in support of the house of Friendship.
2. The WRDSB has published a report with respect to class sizes. The board is in compliance with ministry of education with respect to class sizes. Further details can be accessed through the board website.
3. We are in the process of registering new JK students for next year (and any new SK students). These are students born in 2013 and 2014. Students currently in attendance in our JK program do not need to re-register for SK. Doing the registration process early like this allows us to have the best sense possible of our numbers for next year so that we can staff and organize to the best of our ability. We will be hosting a Kindergarten Family Open House on May 16th from 6 – 7 p.m. for all of our new families.
4. Grade 1 French Immersion registration is currently open for families of SK students who are interested in having their child in the immersion program. We don't get to see the registration numbers at the school level, but are instead informed by the Board later on how many grade 1 FI classes we are being allocated (some years it is one, some it is two) and who the students are (the students are picked by lottery from the families who registered).
5. The students are continuing to really love and buy into our Westvale Wow coupons that recognize our character education themes that we focus on each month. There seems to be a steady stream of students who come to the office to deposit their coupons into the bins and they love our monthly assemblies where we do our draw for small prizes. Our last theme was Hope and Social Responsibility and we introduced our new theme at yesterday's assembly: Cooperation.
6. At our Westvale Way assembly yesterday, we had our Science Fair and Invention Convention kick off. The kids seemed very enthused about it and we're excited to see how many chose to participate. The actual "fair" takes place on Wednesday, April 11th and there will be additional

information forthcoming for students who are interested and participating in the event. A hard copy information sheet (green paper) was sent home with all students yesterday/today.

7. Family Science Night is booked for Thursday, March 29th and more information will be sent to families about this event closer to then. There is no charge for this event. Everyone is welcome.
8. There is a lot of enthusiasm on staff for doing some sort of school-wide type of activity or activities to celebrate the upcoming Winter Olympics.... Stay tuned! Our Wilfrid Laurier Teacher Education Candidates may be taking some leadership with the organization of a series of events, but we're not sure what this will look like yet. At this point, each classroom has drawn a country as their "identity" (at our assembly yesterday). More planning is happening and we're pretty excited.
9. Friday, January 26th is an upcoming Professional Activity day and there will be no school for students. Our teaching staff will be working on a variety of assessment and evaluation activities and our support staff will be participating in workshops offered through the Education Centre.
10. All Kindergarten through Grade 6 students will receive a term 1 report card on Friday, February 16th.
11. Thank you to School Council for your continued support with helping us achieve a ratio of 1 Chromebook to every 2 students across the school. Staff and students alike truly appreciate the number of devices we'll be able to place permanently into classrooms. We are having some ongoing discussion as a staff about where to shift our focus in terms of next steps. Unfortunately, this is not completely crystallized for us yet. We are discussing our ongoing issues with regards to printing challenges (despite a real move to Google classrooms and an effort to dramatically reduce the amount of paper we use for printing purposes). We still have a very real need to print student work at times and for specific purposes. Currently, we are only able to print from our photocopiers in the staff workroom. We thought we might like to look into the purchase of 2 new Lexmark printers for the primary and junior pods through the WRDSB ITS but recently discovered that they are no longer supporting the purchase of printers. Apparently, we are very close to being able to buy a 3-D printer through ITS and staff are quite excited about this possibility. So, in a nutshell, we haven't quite nailed down where we would like to shift a fundraising focus, but it will be somewhere in the "technology" category, we think.

Teacher's Report

Steve Alhberg

- 10 min

Dec. 8 – Westvale Way Assembly – Hope and Social Responsibility

Dec. 8/9/15/16 -- Schoolhouse Play at Waterloo Park

Dec. 12 – Junior classes went to watch the movie Wonder

Dec. 13 -- Kindergarten Holiday Concert

Dec. 19/20 -- Holiday Concert (Gr. 1-6)
Jan. 15 -- WPL visits Westvale
Jan. 17 – Caribou Math Contest #3
Jan. 19 – Hockey Club #1
Jan. 23 -- Westvale Way Assembly
Feb. 5 – Kindergarten Dance Workshop
Feb. 7 -- Hockey Club #2
Feb. 9 -- Westvale Way Assembly
Feb. 14 -- Caribou Math Contest #4
Feb. 15 -- Teachers vs, Students Basketball Game
Feb. 16 -- Hockey Club # 3

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Flynn-Dastoor - 5 min

Account balance is \$744.66. We raised \$775.00 which will reflect on our next statement.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TP6eBtc23YIib_s6ATdK9xHQbQXFBdz5DI3Bxm6pmUg/edit?ts=5a6a2154#gid=620157991

Facebook Account for school alumni (25th anniversary)

The page will remain open if there is an admin who would like to take the responsibility of being an admin. This will be independent of Westvale School and Westvale School Council. If an admin isn't appointed the page may need to shut down.

Westvale Frenzy – volunteers needed –book meeting date Tonya Veltman and Krista Luft - 5 min

- Due to the success of our fundraising program this year we were able to meet our goal of purchasing Chromebooks to meet a 1 book to two students ratio in our school. We will not be pursuing the Westvale frenzy this year, but will in stead plan another family fundraiser based on participant feedback. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and participation.

School DANCE

- We have had overwhelming positive feedback from our snowball dance this year and many requests to another family event. As such we will be planning a spring fling dance with food trucks and outdoor activities.
- Thursday May 31st will be the date for a spring fling.
- Tonya will plan the dance
- Bobbie-Jo will book food trucks
- Samir will organize outdoor games
- Kathleen will book some outdoor entertainment

Fundraising Brainstorming/Allotment for next year

Tonya Veltman and Krista Luft - 60 min

- **We will continue with Mabel's Label's on an ongoing basis**
- **We will continue with Fundscript on an ongoing basis**
- **We will continue with fun family events**
- **Boston Pizza night**

Next Meeting February 28th, 2018, Doerte and Liz will bring snacks

**** Then April 25th, 2018 ** Bobbie-Jo will bring snacks**

Any questions or concerns please email Tonya or Krista - Tonya.veltman@gmail.com or kluffy@rogers.com