

Westvale School Council Agenda

January 27th, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. VIRTUAL

Welcome

Tonya Veltman

Territorial Acknowledgement

Jodie Meyer

Principal's Report

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Principal's Report for School Council January 27th, 2021

1. Because of the extension of the school closure and virtual learning, we had to postpone two presentations we had planned via Zoom for the Earth Rangers (grades 1 – 6) and Paul Davis (grades $\frac{3}{4}$ - 6). The logistics of continuing with all students learning in in their individual homes was just too complex. Both presentations will be re-booked when in-person learning resumes.
2. We are staying tuned for when in-person learning might resume - right now we know that distance learning will continue for all in-person learners until Feb 10th, with a potential return to school on Feb 11th.
3. The date by which parents can decide to switch their child's mode of learning was extended from Jan 11th to Jan 29th. To switch from in-person to DL (distance learning) or vice-versa, parents must call the main office and complete an electronic form. Whichever mode of learning is chosen, that will remain the mode for the rest of the school year. With each opportunity that families may decide to change modes of learning (like happened in October), there is a high probability that the school will have to re-organize and staff assignments and students' teachers may change. This occurs to keep classes numbers relatively balanced and also to abide by the primary hard cap of 20. Any impacted families will receive notice from the school about this as the dates for the new modes of learning get closer (March 4th for DL switching to in-person, March 8th for in-person to DL).
4. Term 1 report cards are due to go home on February 17th. For our distance learners, I'm assuming that reports will be mailed. Hopefully our in-person learners will be back at that point and reports will be send home directly with students. If not, then we'll likely be looking at mailing them as well.
5. We received a \$1000 grant from President's Choice to support our Westvale NFL program - these funds have been forwarded directly to NFL to support the purchase of healthy snacks for our classroom nutrition bins.

6. Despite the school closure and some pandemic-induced logistical challenges, we are slowly seeing some work being done on Kindergarten room 8. This room has been identified by facility services as needing some upgrades, including being painted (over the holiday break), and the planned installation of large whiteboards, along with moving the coat hooks and cubbies into the hallway outside the room to increase space for learning inside the room.

Staff Report

Marisa Moser

It is crazy to believe that it has been a month of online learning so far, and even longer since we have physically been in the school building. I can say for everyone that we are looking forward to the day when we can be back in our physical classrooms again, learning with our students. Online learning has brought lots of challenges to our teaching practice and has encouraged us to adopt different pedagogy and strategies. It has been interesting!! Overall teachers have been adapting well and are getting into the groove of teaching virtually. That is not to say that it's not stressful and hasn't been a lot more planning, but we're pushing through! Prior to the break in December, we hosted a whole school live Disney themed music bingo that classes participated in through google meet. It was a great way to start the holidays! We also had the Foodbank donations that raised \$359 and 1 176 pounds of food. We have some more theme days planned for once we are back at school, and some teachers have been doing online theme days as well to keep our class/school spirit alive!!

Treasurer's Report

Rick Foucault

Council has \$4463.27 in available funds, taking in consideration commitments and expenditures to date.

WRAPSC Update

Heidi Holmes

deferred to next meeting

Family Games Night Review

Heidi Holmes

Excellent turn out! Lots of participation and feedback. Two sets of games were played – first half was targeted to the younger grades/students, and the later half was targeted to the older students. Everyone really enjoyed the games, getting together with friends and the prizes.

Paul Davis Workshop Review

Tonya Veltman

Combined turnout from both schools was about 50 participants, though more were registered. Lots of valuable information and details on how to help our children become more safe, aware and protected. There will be a student session for grades ¾ -6 when in person learning resumes

and an update will be provided following this presentation within school council meeting/minutes.

Brainstorming for engagement of community and school

All Council Members

-Marisa M magician update, Kira B symphony update, any others

Update was provided on several options relating to both magician shows and concerts. Discussions surrounding the next event for our community led to setting a second games night to be held on February 11 in advance of the family day weekend. A small team was organized and this team will be responsible for obtaining prizes, organizing and advertising the event and leading the night on Feb 11 between 6:30 and 8 pm. More details to come on school day

Next Meeting Date: February 24th, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.