



Westvale Public School

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School Council Meeting minutes December 7, 2022, 6:30pm

Welcome to those attending –

Name	Present	Name	Present
Mary Sue Meredith	X	Liz Kristensen	
Marisa Moser	X	Anita van Raalte	X
Tonya Veltman	X	Amber Fitzgerald	
Stephanie Evans	X	Lynda Morris	X
Rick Foucault	X	Tamara DeCraemer	X
Christine Glidden	X	Richard Haighway	X
Bobbie Joe Seitz	X	Doerte Schulze	
Tammy Hauser		Meredith Perez	X
Matthew Theis	X	Kathleen Merritt	
Emily Cho	X	Jennifer Benninger	
Zunaira Kafeel		Jagdeep Kaur	
Kathleen Siegrist	X	Aziz Dhamani	X
Doerte Shulze	X	Kristy Gall	X

Welcome Message – Tonya Veltman

Territorial Acknowledgement – Mary Sue Meredith

Principal's Report – Mary Sue

- Our head secretary, Jacquie Jones on leave
- Pat is filling in, but she only works part time. We will have temporary secretaries in, but please be patient with the office.
- In addition, Mme Thwaites is on leave; LTO Karen Johannsen filling in
- Westvale is running a food drive from December 12th-16th. We are collecting non-perishable food goods. This event is organized by teachers and the goal is to exceed what we collected last year. You can bring non-perishables to the school to the Gym Doors before or after school (8:45 - 9:00 am or 3:20 - 3:30 pm). You can also donate at <https://www.thefoodbank.ca/westvaleps/>
- Nutrition for Learning is a program that provides healthy snacks for children who are hungry throughout the school day. Giving food to a hungry child helps with behaviour and focus in the classroom and supports our students who may not have had enough to eat in their lunches. We

will be sending home post cards to collect donations. You can support this program by taping a toonie tape to post card and returning it to the school.

- Families and caregivers will be able to come to the school to look for lost and found items after school (3:20 to 3:35 pm) from Dec. 19th to 21st to double check for their children's belongings.
- There is currently an issue with parking in front of the Westvale childcare, that parking (the angled spots right in front of the childcare) is only for parents with children in the toddler and preschool childcare program. In addition, some parents are parking in staff parking lot before school and it is making it difficult for staff to get to work on time. Please do not use the staff parking lot; there is ample street parking available on side streets. Make sure you watch for no-stopping and no-parking signs.
- EQAO Results
 - There is a public view for the EQAO results (<https://www.eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-dashboards/>)
 - We cannot compare these results to any previous results; they changed the test. This test was an online test with multiple choice, for reading and math, as well as short answers which can have google read and write, and allow students to use their voice to enter their answers.
 - The questions that each student received were based on how they answered the first few questions. **No two students took the exact same test.**
 - Grade 3s
 - 47 out of 55 eligible completed the test
 - There are gaps because of missed instruction time due to Covid, but even outside of that, we have lots of room to improve
 - Westvale grade 3s were below provincial and WRDSB averages in several categories
 - Reminder that Mathify supports are available for grade 4+; free online tutors from 5-9 on weeknights (each student has an account set up, with help from their teachers, if you do not know the login information, please reach out to your child's teacher for support).

Achievement Results

Questionnaire Results

Primary and Junior

Grade 9

OSSLT

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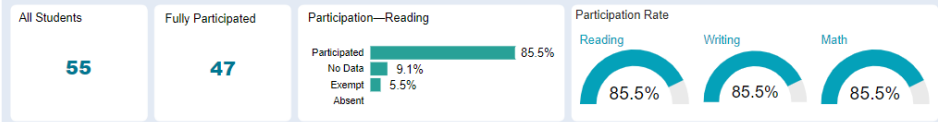
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Primary Division: Contextual Student Information

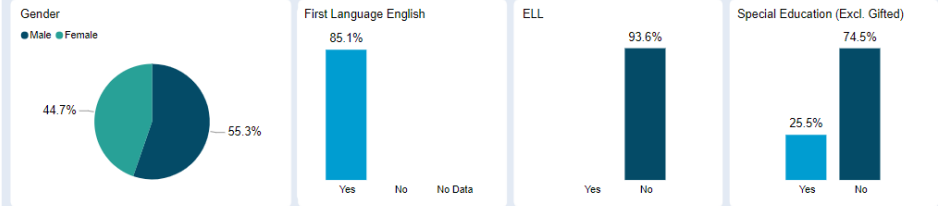
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Reading | Writing | Mathematics



School-Level Information About Fully Participating (FP) Students



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- Contextual Student Information
- Student Achievement
- Achievement in Reading, Writing and Math
- Comparison: Gender
- Comparison: Language Learners

Primary Division: Student Achievement

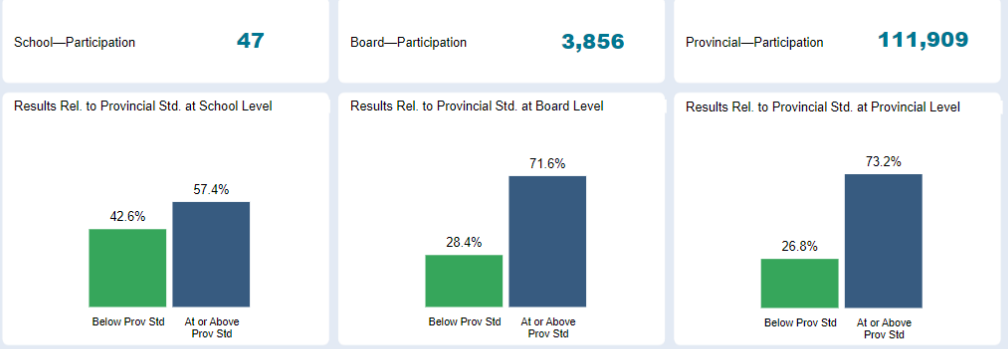
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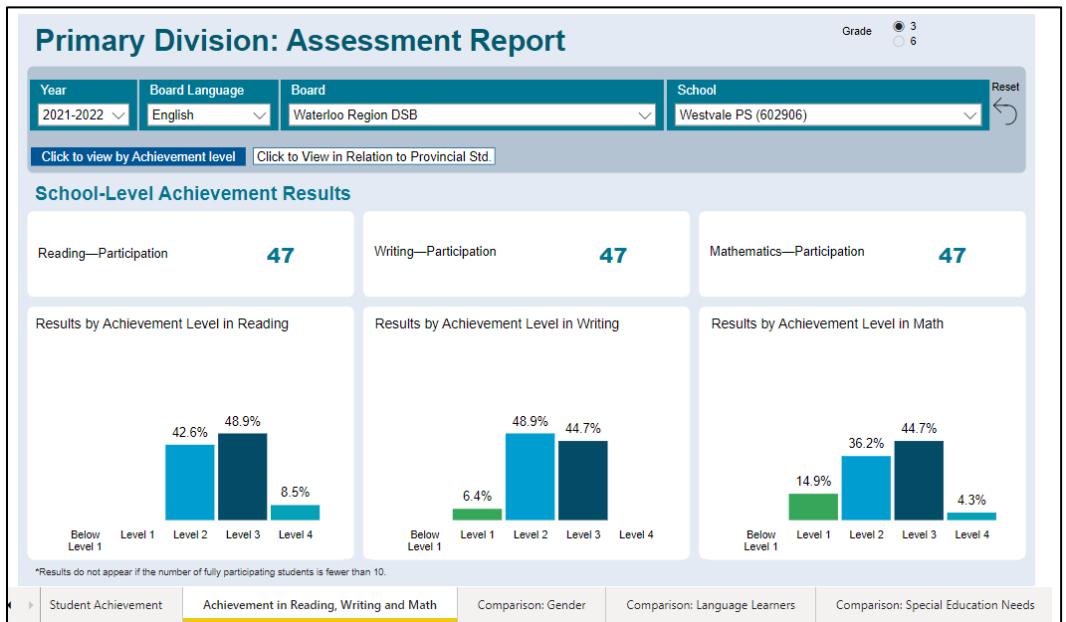
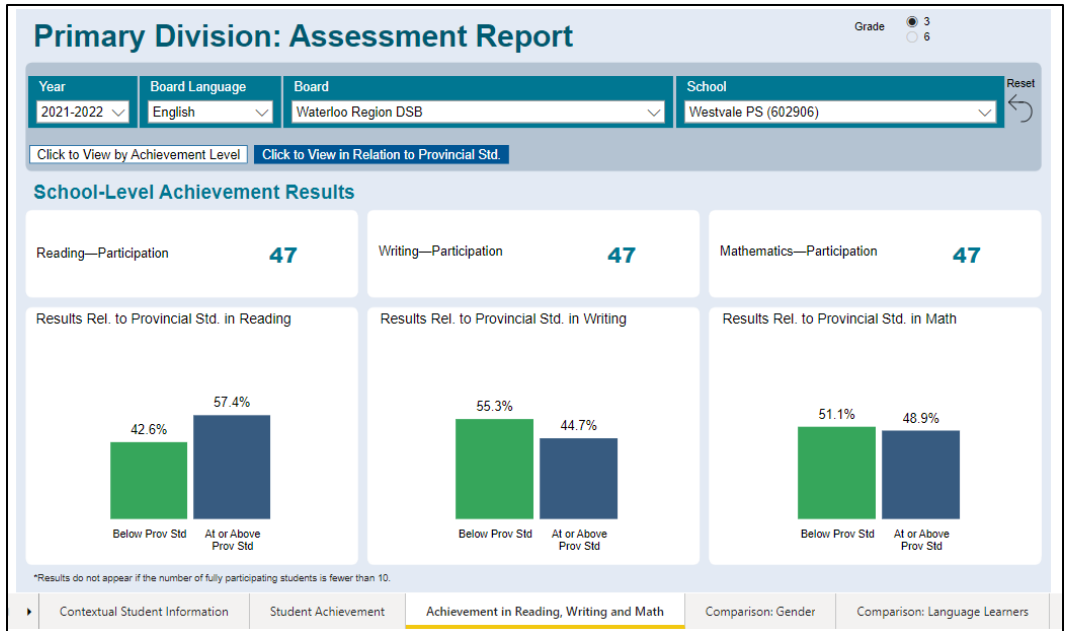
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School-, Board- and Provincial-Level Achievement Results

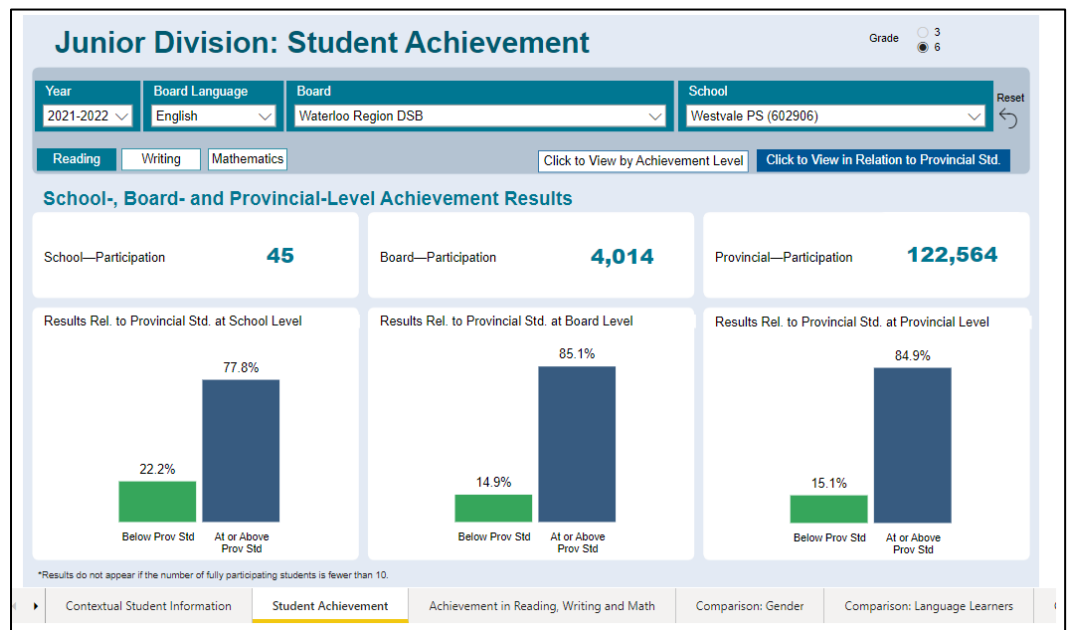
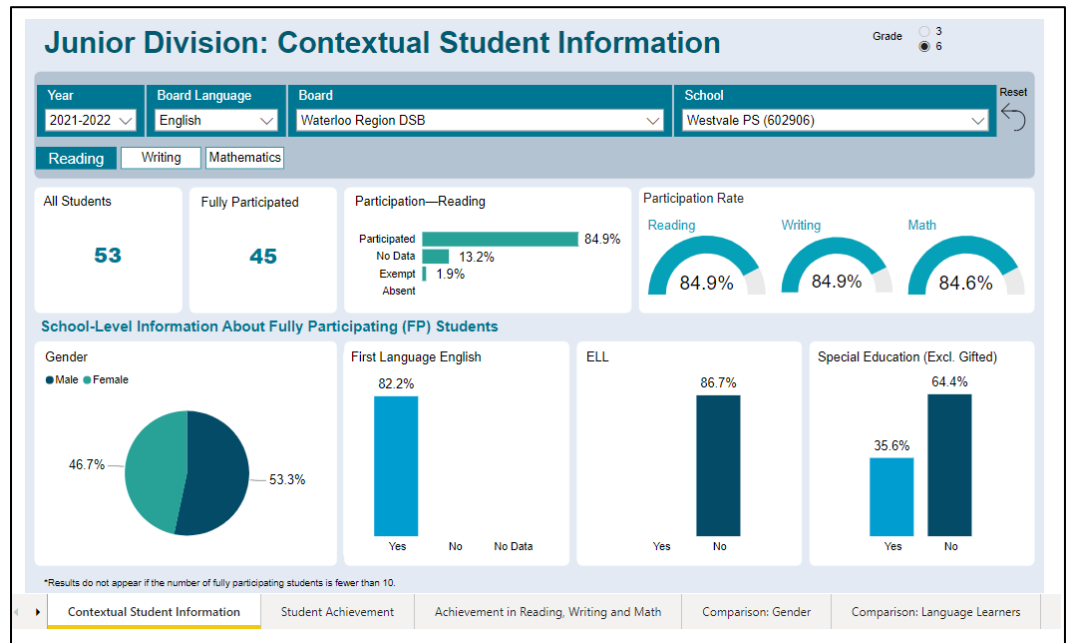


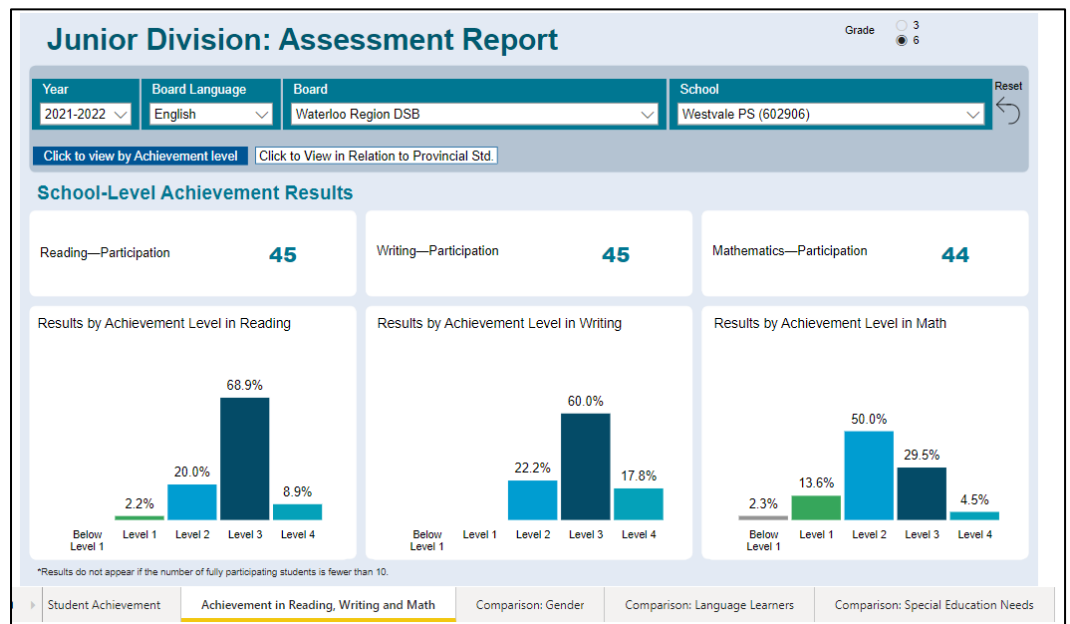
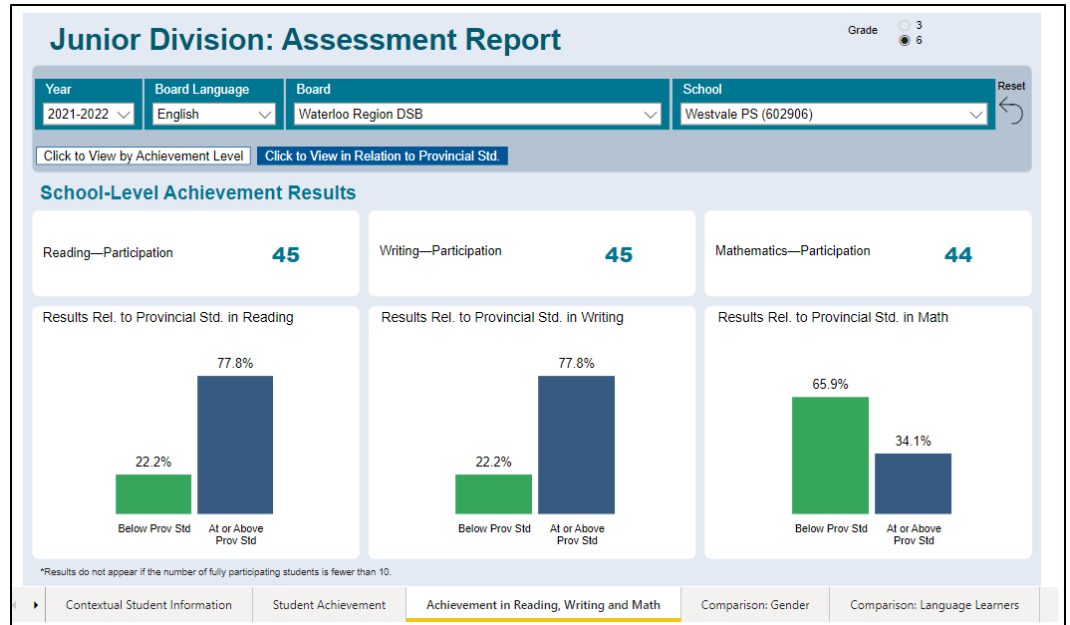
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- Grade 6s, 45 students of 53 eligible participated





Teacher's Report – Marisa Moser

- The Humane Society came and did a presentation for classes. The presenter brought her dog in as well, so students got to pet her.
- Week of giving is December 12-16 so we encourage our Westvale community to participate in that so that we can give back to the Food Bank. Last year we donated 635 dollars and 1100 pounds of food, we are hoping to do the same or exceed this year!
- Classes participated in school bus safety training, so everyone knows how to safely evacuate a bus in case of an emergency.
- On December 21, there will be a school winter assembly and classes will sing along together!

- This is a sing along event for Winter songs.
- Parents will be invited, but photographs and videos are not permitted.
- IEPs got sent home electronically on Wednesday November 30th for those students who this pertains to.
- Vermicomposters have been started by some classes, check out Twitter for some pictures and updates.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Foucault

- Started this month just under \$8800
- Received \$85 in revenue from the Mabel's labels fundraiser
- We still have commitments to Mrs. Morely for musical instruments in the amount of \$525, and to purchase gaga balls in the amount of \$60.
- No new WEFI donations were received in the last month
- A donation of \$250 was made to the humane society for their visit
- The closing balance is 8553, with available funds (after the 3k hold back) is just under 5k
- Fundscrip is still open and running as a fundraiser, if you are gifting with gift cards, you can order through Fundscrip and the school receives a portion of the sales from the cards. You can use the Group Invitation Code B96PEC (enter Westvale as the name).
<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group>

Garden Update – Emily

- Brian Burke who owns Weed Stoppers donated mulch for the gardens and the vermicomposters
- Emily is looking for volunteers to help spread the mulch. She's available Tuesday mornings or some Fridays. Please reach out if you are interested in helping.
- Vermicompost creates compost using worms. Right now we have 2 classrooms participating. Worms are kept in a Rubbermaid tote. The worms are doing well and the kids are thrilled!
- Emily did some education about it. Kids feel ownership for their new pets. Some are inspired to be entrepreneurs for wormcastings.
- Meredith donated the bins for the bins (thank you, Meredith!)
- Kathleen donated the worms (thank you, Kathleen!)
- Emily has used the commitment of \$200 for garden supplies, and she is still in need of watering cans
- We would qualify for a seed grant for next year and Emily has found several that we could apply for. Emily wants some help to apply for the grants. Team diversity helps to secure the grants (teachers, admin, parents, etc.). Please reach out to Emily if you would be able to help.
- Mary Sue will be asking teachers what garden programming they are interested in; some other classes want to do their growing activities in the spring.
- Emily is asking for \$10 a classroom, or \$200 for this education program.
- Stephanie has motioned for \$200 for the program, Meredith seconded. The majority voted in favour and the motion was passed.

Science Fair Update – Kathleen

- There is currently approximately a 1 month lead-time to order the science fair boards
- Information about the science fair will be coming out with the newsletter
- Right now it is expected that registration will be at the end of Feb
- We are going to apply for the PRO grant to pay for the boards for any student who would like to participate
- Science Fair will be in the evening on April 19th

WRAPSC Update – Richard

- No updates this month; there was no WRASPC meeting

Domino's Pizza Fundraiser – Tonya

- Fundraiser was December 7th, and we received \$3 per pizza ordered
- In total we raised \$210 for school council. Thanks to everyone for the support!

Movie Night – Tonya

- Movie night was December 8th
- Kids chose Ron Gone Wrong
- The event started at 6:30 and caregivers stayed with their children
- There was popcorn for the kids, Bobbie Joe and Doerte help distribute the popcorn
- There was a craft area in second half of the gym
- We had several volunteers for clean up and set up. Thank you to everyone who made this evening happen!!

School Inclusivity and Equity Talk Night – Lynda

- KW Counseling services has ready made presentations around gender identity, racism, inclusion, LGBTQ+
- They offer presentations for both parents and students
- There are OK2BME programs for 2SLGBTQIA+ education
- They request 2 months notice, but it's free of charge for the schools
- The presentation can also be tailored to what we are looking for, and they can provide resources (e.g. community questionnaire)
- Lynda suggested that a presentation on unconscious bias might be a good place to start for the community and for the school
- Lynda also found that Wellbeing Waterloo Region has a 30 day challenge, for adults and juniors that may be of interest
- Kira would like to help organize this event
- Lynda proposes that this is not just one day or one evening; that this needs to be an ongoing initiative (cadence and timing to be determined)

- It was suggested it might be helpful to have a session to help parents talk to their kids about these issues
- Mrs. Seerogobin is the equity rep and Mary Sue has encouraged Lynda to talk with her

Spirit Wear – Bobbie Joe

- Exploring the possibility of running a fundraiser for families to purchase sweatshirt, t-shirt, or other apparel with the school logo on it, and optionally also the student's name
- For most items, there is one logo on the front; for the zip hoodie the logo is on the corner left side
- There is an extra fee to put your name on the item, but this was very popular the last time we did spirit wear as a fundraiser
- We could offer a blue t-shirt, but the vendor also said it was no extra cost to offer more than one colour
- There is a discount based on the total number of items we order, but if we order at least 12 pieces of any type, youth t-shirts cost \$13.74 and hoodies are \$30.90
- Bobbie Joe proposes we could run this during the first two weeks of March, and has volunteered to be available for sizing (i.e. letting parents handle the items and see what will fit their child), taking the orders, compiling the orders, and sending it in
- Bobbie Joe to inquire about online ordering
- There is approx a one-month lead-time
- Some concerns were raised that a new logo is coming and we might want to wait for it to come out first. The timeline on when the new logo comes out is not known, but would be within the next year.

Next Meeting Date – February 1, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm