



Westvale Public School

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## School Council Meeting minutes May 3, 2023, 6:30pm

### Welcome to those attending –

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

### Welcome Message – Tonya/Steph

### Territorial Acknowledgement – Mary Sue Meredith

### Principal's Report – Mary Sue

- EQAO
  - EQAO is coming up very soon; letters have gone out to parents of grade 3 and grade 6 students
  - Grade 6s will be taking the test from May 30-June 1, and grade 3s will be taking the test from June 6-8
  - The test is online again this year, and students will all be doing practise tests
  - If students have modified IEPs, those same modifications will be allowed (e.g. Google Read and Write). There is also a built-in read aloud feature. Google translate is also available for multilingual students.

- Grade 6 Camp
  - Grade 6 teachers have been working on grade 6 camp; costs will be about \$60 per person. Council will pay for buses and will provide funds for any students who need it.
  - Camp is on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 7:30pm
- The library clerk is planning to do a celebration for the class in June who returns all their books first. She would like to have a pizza party for the class that returns all of their books first.
- Grade 6 Celebration
  - Will be taking place June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Teachers are planning it and it will be located in the outdoor learning area
  - Parents are to bring lawn chairs and blankets and sit outside, but the gym will be available as a rain backup
  - The celebration will be honouring FI and core grade 6 as well as ISP students
- On June 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be the final school assembly
- There will not be a SK year-end celebration this year
- The school did not lose any teachers for next year. Enrollment is slightly up and we will be gaining a class.
- Our Pro Grant was approved!
- There will be a kindergarten information night on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm in the library.

#### **Teacher's Report – Marisa Moser**

- Earth week was a success. Lots of garbage was picked up and students really enjoyed writing messages to the earth.
- Jump Rope for Heart is happening on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Intramural hockey is underway
- Track & Field Day is May 23. Regionals will be in June some time (junior students only; grades 4-6).

#### **Year-End – Bobbie-Joe**

- Volunteers
  - We already have volunteers for the cake walk (8 cakes to be made, would like 12); please reach out if you are able to donate a cake
  - We already have some other volunteers for ticket sales, bubbles, etc. If you would like to volunteer, email Bobbie Joe with times you are available and which event/station you would like to help with.
  - There are two volunteer time slots: 6-7 and 7-8
  - Stations/events that need volunteers: ticket sales, cake walk, bubbles and chalk, photo booth
  - Please let Bobbie Joe know by June 1<sup>st</sup> if you are available to volunteer for any of these items during these times.

- Raffle baskets
  - Each class gets a theme (e.g. baking, beach, bbq, spa, camping, Crayola, starbucks).
  - Bobbie Joe to email the list of themes to Mary Sue, who will distribute to teachers.
  - It should be noted that donating to raffle baskets is entirely voluntary.
  - We need donations by June 9<sup>th</sup>, Mary Sue will send out a message around May 12<sup>th</sup> regarding the event and asking for donations.
- We have face painters, but need to buy the face paint
- We have a balloon twister, need to purchase balloons
- We will need \$60 for the speaker rental for the DJ (Michelle)
- Bobbie Joe is asking for \$500 for the event. Stephanie motioned, Christine seconded. Majority voted in favour, motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Rick Foucault**

- Balance was just under \$8600 from last month
- After tonight's meeting we have \$6175 in commitments, including \$150 for fleece, \$100 craft, \$300 for recess, \$500 year end, \$700 for gr 6 camping trip, \$525 for Ms. Morley, \$400 for the chicks
- We had an expenditure of \$100
- There was no revenue this month; but we should have seen Domino's revenue
- Rick to reach out for the K-12 report to confirm total amount in the account
- \$2323 in available funds

### **WRAPSC Update – Richard**

- Talked about how to improve WRAPSC for next year
  - Will do 1 speaker per session
  - Will split out the surveys they send out
  - WRAPSC member sits on PIC
- Literacy has switched to "Right to Read" – came out a year and a half ago; it's science of reading based (25 years old)
  - We had been teaching them to teach them to read cues (like the pictures), going forward it will be graphemes and phonics
  - Podcast "Sold a Story" explains this
- Recommended to vote on council bylaws; recommended to do this during the first meeting vs the last to encourage attendance.
- Two surveys are supposed to come to the principal, but they haven't done this since 2017; will be coming out this year
- Will need a new WRAPSC rep for next year, as Richard is moving to another province; Richard is willing to mentor the next WRAPSC rep

### **Science Fair Update – Kathleen**

- Science fair is finished and it was a success!
- If anyone has any feedback, please reach out to Kathleen; she's collecting feedback for when it's run again next year.
- Thanks to everyone who helped to make the event successful!

### **Chicks – Stephanie Evans**

- The eggs will be picked up on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and will hatch about June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- We will have them for 2 weeks in the library.
- Steph found a new brooder for \$140, and Kathleen has food to donate.
- Steph to inventory all equipment to make sure we're good for this year, and will see if we need anything else.
- We have \$400 allocated from a previous meeting/vote.

### **Fundraising for 2023/2024 – Stephanie Evans**

- The only sources of income from this year were the used book sale, Mabel's Labels, and Domino's Pizza nights.
- We are looking to add some additional fundraising events next year to support the gym equipment refresh.
- Some fundraising ideas are:
  - Used book sale, October in conjunction with a literacy night
  - Fresh from the Farm
  - Frozen Meats
  - World's best chocolates
  - First Aid Kits

### **Year End for Grade 6s**

- We discussed whether or not council should purchase a gift for the grade 6s, and the consensus is that we should! Combination locks for grade 7 lockers were discussed as an option.
- Mary Sue would be able to get pricing for locks; these have to be purchased through the board.
- Teachers will also need about \$200 to fund the cupcakes.
- We have about 48-50 grade 6s.
- Emily motioned \$500 for locks and cupcakes, Aziz seconded. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Date – June 7, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm**