

School Council Meeting minutes February 21, 2024, 6:30pm

Welcome to those attending –

Name	Present	Name	Present
Mary Sue Meredith	X	Tamara DeCraemer	X
Marisa Moser	X	Shannon Vanderlip	
Tonya Veltman	X	Syed M. Umagr	
Stephanie Evans	X	Zunaira Kafeel	
Rick Foucault		Bradley O'Neil	
Christine Glidden	X	Naeem Mohammed	X
Bobbie Joe Seitz	X	Brydon Rayner	
Doerte Shulze	X	Matthew Theis	
Sarah Steinert	X	Sheena Kinghorn	
Jillian Penney		Mandy Ballentine	
Kathleen Siegrist	X		

Welcome Message – Tonya/Steph

Territorial Acknowledgment - Mary Sue

Principal's Report – Mary Sue

- The K1 teacher is back from leave.
- In February, Macourt Puppeteers are doing fairy tales with primary and kindergarten students.
- It should be noted that while vaccine reminders go out via the school, it is between families and public health. If the vaccinations are not satisfied per public health then public health issues the suspension. The principal cannot override this, however you can talk to public health. For more information please see www.regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccines
- Pink shirt day is Feb 28th and is for being kind and to support anti-bullying. On pink shirt day, we will also be running a fundraiser for nutrition for learning and will be selling friendship bracelets at a cost of \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
- There is a multi year plan for literacy (<https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2024/02/12/announcing-the-wrdsb-structured-literacy-multi-year-plan/>)
 - The new curriculum teaches phonetic awareness and decoding vs 3-cueing method
 - We are currently in year 2, and this applies across all grade levels for students (at a grade-appropriate level)
- Community report card is available on the Board website, which includes the progress of all board initiatives.
 - This report card is available in multiple languages.
 - Shows the graduation rate out of high school, which is the main goal.

- Centering students is another goal (involving students in the processes and checking on how safe they feel, etc.)
- Equitable outcomes is another goal (e.g. making sure grade 9-12 have one to one chrome book access, and that there are accessibility upgrades in schools)
- There are also goals for connection, collaboration, and support for well being
- Allison Yeung (thesmartphoneeffect) would like to come speak to council or do an information night for parents on her recommendations on Smart Phone usage for kids
 - Impact of social media on children is main topic
 - Objectives:
 - Describe the scope of the problem with social media and video games, as it relates to the mental health of children and teens
 - Understand the factors that have contributed to screentime overuse
 - Understand the role of dopamine in causing addiction, and specifically how levels of dopamine are influenced by social media
 - Understand how to approach a child asking for a smart phone
 - Understand when a child is ready for a smart phone/social media
 - Understand boundaries to help reduce harm from screens
- Jacob Hespler will no longer be running before and after school care as of next school year; it will be offered instead by board employees (e.g. ECEs).

Teacher's Report- Marisa Moser

- Report cards went home last week
- Term 2 is underway
- 3/4A, 4AFI, 5/6A, ISP, 5/6BFI & 6A went to Centre in the Square to see Shaun Boothe today (presentation was about famous black people and their contribution to the world and was very well received).
- Friday was Carnival - it was a great success. Bonhomme visited for the day, we had snow and were able to spend time outside and the students had a blast at a glow in the dark dance party!
- A big thank you to School Council and the hot chocolate volunteers for serving and providing the hot chocolate
- 2A and 4A FI are participating in Taming the Dragon, sessions offered by Porchlight Counseling Services to provide students with practical coping strategies for anxiety. This is provided through WRDSB Wellness.
- Basketball intramurals for junior students ended last week with the teachers defeating the students!
- Quite a few field trips happening (i.e.: 4A FI Outdoor Ed Centre next week, 5/6A is going to Laurel Creek)
- Shawn Booth presentation happened today at Centre in the Square, famous black people and their contribution to the world, very well received
- Porchlight Counselling offers a program called Taming the Dragon, for coping with anxiety
- IEP revised for term 2 and will be coming home soon

Treasurer's Report – Rick

- We opened the month with an opening balance of \$8,740
- There is \$3,800 in commitments

- There was \$923 in expenses (\$768 was from last school year - \$155 this year for popcorn)
- There was \$2,883 in revenue this month - \$100 from 2 WEFI donations, \$309 from Dominoes nights last school year, \$2,011 from the Family Fun Night at the end of June, \$55 from Mabel's Labels, and \$408 in revenue from a combination of Food Trucks and Movie Night
- This leaves us with a final account balance of \$10,700, and available funds of \$6,900
- As always, the actual account balance has yet to be confirmed in the school financial records system
- Mary Sue will try to get us a list of items for the gym refresh so we can determine how much of the available funds we will contribute to that project

WRAPSC – Naeem

- This month's meeting was focused on literacy curriculum, but it went into a lot of detail.
- Talked about the research and how the curriculum was created and the importance of the changes.
- Talked about the Covid cohort; kids who need extra support.
- Survey results about council's funding home reading or literacy programs; 70/30 do not do any funding of these programs. Ones who responded yes suggested – strong start or home reading programs, decodable texts, offering literacy info nights.

Movie Night – Sheena and Bobbie Joe

- March 5th will be our next movie night.
- We will pick up the popcorn for the event from Thunderstorm productions.
- 6:45 start, doors open at 6:15, setup 5:45.
- We need volunteers to help with the event (supervising, setting up, tearing down, and distributing popcorn).
- Steph motioned for \$146.90 for popcorn, Bobbie Jo seconded, majority voted in favour, motion passed.

Fun fair

- Lots of plans are under way for the fun fair.
- June 20th is the date!
- There will be 4 face painters.
- We will have 4 food trucks (Berlin wants to donate all proceeds, los rolling tacos, ice cream, kono pizza).
- We have some confirmed donations for the raffle baskets (gift cards, massage, photo session, etc.). So far this is 6 baskets for the raffle. If you have anything to donate or know of any businesses who could contribute, please reach out to Bobbie Joe.
- We have reached out to Michelle about dance/DJ, but haven't heard back yet. We would run this in the gym again, if she is available and would need to rent speakers.
- For balloon animals, we have 2 twisters, but volunteers are still needed. Anyone interested should speak to Tonya.
- Cotton candy machine could be rented from Thunderstruck or similar, Bobbie Joe to investigate cost and logistics.

- We will get popcorn from Thunderstruck (4 bags at \$20 a bag), this will be given for free, we will have small paper bags which will be leftover from movie night to use.
- Steph motioned \$500 for fun fair, Naeem seconded, majority voted in favour, motion passed.

Gym Refresh

- The following equipment has been selected by Mary Sue as being most-needed for the gym refresh. Prices are quantities can be seen below.

VENDOR	PRODUCT	PRODUCT #	COST	STATUS/COMMENT	QUANTITY NEEDED	OVERALL
Apple Athletic Products	Blue Folding Wall Gym Mat	AAP-FOLDING-442-V4S	\$1,988.80	8 mats including shipping and tax		\$1,988.80
Gym Equipment:						
Marchants	Tennis Balls	T305 (12 pack)	\$15.84	Plus tax (package of 12)	3	\$47.52
Marchants	Gator Skin Ball - Small	FX35IFX35Y	\$7.45	Manager will match price if we want FX35Y	12	\$89.40
Marchants	Gator Skin Ball - Large 6"	RS6ST	\$112.18	Plus tax (package of 6)	2	\$224.36
Marchants	Hula Hoop	H24NB	\$8.58	Plus tax (each)	12	\$102.96
Marchants	Pool Noodle	WW1	\$3.11	Plus tax (each)	12	\$37.32
Marchants	Floor Hockey Stick	F1032-RE	\$10.53	Plus tax (each)	12	\$126.36
Marchants	Floor Hockey Ball	FH1	\$3.78	Plus tax (each)	12	\$45.36
Marchants	Soccer Ball	S150Z (5" Baden)	\$17.46	Plus tax (each)	12	\$209.52
Marchants	Beach Ball	MS16B	\$4.01	Plus tax (each)	12	\$48.12
Marchants	Pinnie	PSYYL (12 pack)	\$46.08	Plus tax (package of 12)	2	\$92.16
Marchants	Flag Belt & Flags	SFLAG42YL	\$108.95	Plus tax (each)	1	\$108.95
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Marchants	Mesh Bags - ball storage	L40X	\$12.49	Plus tax	3	\$37.47
Marchants	Ball Locker (storage cart)	Ball Locker LBCxx	\$435.14	Plus tax	1	\$435.14
Marchants	Lacrosse stick/head	1568551	\$166.31	Plus tax (each) (12 sticks/6 balls)	1	\$166.31
School Specially	Scoops and balls	SBS1SET	\$57.95	Plus tax (set of 12 scoops/6 balls)	1	\$57.95
			\$1,118.81			\$1,937.85 (plus tax, possibly shipping)
			\$1,988.80 (mats)			\$1,988.80 (including tax and shipping)
			\$3,107.61	TOTAL - plus tax (shipping?)		\$3,926.65

- Steph motioned for \$4500 for the gym refresh, Naeem seconded, majority voted in favour, motion passed.

Four All Ice Cream - Tonya/Steph

- Coming up after March break, no date yet (March 19th or 22nd are possible dates from Mary Sue).
- PDF file will be sent as a worksheet, then each class submits one flavour per class. Four All will then narrow it down to 4 and they prototype those four flavours. The kids will then get to sample and select the winning flavour.
- We would be selling around the end of May or early June, and delivery would be in mid-June.

Science Fair – Kathleen

- Science Fair will be happening on April 25th, with setup the day before on April 24.
- Will send registration via School Day on Feb 26th; forms are ready to go.
- The registration deadline is March 8th, but we will allow registrations until March 15th.
- We are looking at the standard board size this year (48"x36"). These come in packs, and we are estimating we will need 96 boards at a cost of \$538. These are trifold (normal size, not the larger one from last year).
- We can also get the littler ones boards; last year we got these at Dollarama, however it may be simpler if all students have the same board size. After discussion it was decided that we will offer a standard size to all students.
- On April 4th there will be an info meetings for the kids (Mary Sue to check if this date works for the school)
- On April 16th we will host another help night in the library (with volunteers available, and access to the school's printers for students who need it).
- Christine motioned \$550, Tonya seconded, majority voted in favour, motion passed.

Next Meeting Date – March 20th, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Future Meeting Dates – March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19