

# WTT School Council Minutes - February 18, 2016

6:30 p.m. in the school library

All are welcome!

**Present:** Rita Givlin, Natalie Breau, Danielle Reynolds, Erin Labour, Kristy Dryland, Pam Law, Tina Landry, Sharon Dunlop, Karen Madsen, Erin Cleasby, Susan Morgan, Sarah Nakamura

**Regrets:** Barb Brown, Maya El Baltaji, Ali Hasan, Meredythe Hertz

## Pegasus Photography Representative

- choices for families, work to keep costs low, support school community through participation in Fun Fest
- unable to attend tonight
- Will be at the Family Fun Fest doing free family photos.

## Admin Report

Around the School:

- Staff Learning is Collaborative Focused Inquiry; staff have selected their passion or an area where they want to improve student learning; great range of topics (Kindergarten Number Strings; Kindergarten Increasing Use of Math Vocabulary; Enriching Outdoor Play; Sesame; Inquiry Through Technology; Whole Body Listening, Anxiety in Children, Mindfulness in the Classroom, Media Literacy, Dealing With Children with Behavioural Concerns, E-Portfolios, Digital Literacy, Inquiry in Social Studies); using experts within the school (e.g., Mme Desjardins and Mr Mendes led session on Sesame and Ms McIntyre will be leading one on mindfulness) and beyond (e.g., staff participated in evening webinar with Gini Garfield-Newman through OTF, DLST working with groups, some junior teachers will be learning at a series of sessions offered by WRDSB, book study based on Dr. Ross Greene's book, Lost At School); admin are leaders and learners
- Potato Blitz - Leaders In Action
- Recent meeting with our facility supervisor to select our "top 5" facility needs
- Staff - we have welcomed back Judi Armitage to kindergarten; we celebrate that Mrs. Bahkru will be presenting at the ESL conference; Ms McIntyre recently hosted teachers from another school interested in learning about mindfulness in schools
- Pleased to welcome Kodaly singers from other schools to WTT today
- Higher numbers of students off sick this week - call made to Waterloo Region Health - we are reinforcing proactive hand washing routines as usual
- Staff are very excited about the addition of 10 new Chromebooks - there has been a huge reduction in photocopying costs (use of School Day, website and Twitter to communicate; fewer worksheets, on-line registration etc)
- EQAO Dates: Primary, May 25-27, May 30; Junior - May 31-June 2, June 6
- Culture Club - rule blitz continues with a very positive impact on behaviour noted

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- Term 1 Report Cards go home February 19, 2016

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- Mrs. Brown is working with a group of administrators to interview to replenish our OT list - 5 full days
- PD Day on February 26, 2016 - site based learning in the morning and Health and Safety focus in the afternoon
- WRAPSC/PIC Strengthening Family School Relationships Event, Sat. April 16 - see attached flyer

## PRO Grant - Cat Coode Parent Presentation

- Re-scheduled to April 6/16 at 6:30pm

## February Fun Fest Updates

- Sign in front of school will be changed.
- Signs should arrive tomorrow (Friday) or Monday at latest. If you have a prime house location, see the Facebook page to get a sign for your lawn.
- Fully booked with 25 vendors.
- Pegasus Family Photos, Kitchener Festival of Neighborhoods, Kanga Bouncy Boots, Williamsburg Community Center, School of Rock (Drums), Oxford Learning - Face Painting, U of W "Let's Talk Science", Crumbly the Balloon Clown, Police and Fire trucks.
- Bake Sale - Draw prize if you donate a baked good, book or silent auction item. Letter will be sent home to parents to request donations.
  - Mrs. Madsen to put sign-up in the staff room for teachers.
  - Drop off for baked goods will be between 5:30 to 9:30pm on the Friday (PD Day) and Thursday all day. Will be stored in the Staff Room.
- Silent Auction - we have several items that have been donated but we are still looking for more donations.
- Pizza will be for sale (from Pizza Roma) and water bottles.
- We still need volunteers for the day. A request will be going home to the parents.

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## Any Other Business

- Agendas - Council feedback is requested on how to improve our agenda pages to make it a more useful resource for students and parents
- Fundraiser: Move-A-Thon - March 11, 2016 - volunteers are needed
- Feedback requested: School-day, webpage and pages at the front of the Planner. Danielle will send an email or post a Facebook update asking for feedback.

## **March Agenda - Next Meeting March Thursday 10/16 (2nd week of month due to March Break)**

1. Admin Report
2. Parent Feedback - Agenda Pages, Rules
3. Fun Fest Update

Approved: Danielle

Seconded: Erin

Carried

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Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and  
Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School  
Councils (WRAPSC) PRESENTS

## STRENGTHENING FAMILY-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS: Achieving excellence and well-being for all students

**SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2016**

**8:45 AM – 3:00 PM**

Registration opens at 8:15 am

Keynote speaker at 9:00 am

BLUEVALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

80 Bluevale St N, Waterloo

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Monique Howat**

*National Keynote Speaker*

*Employee Motivation Expert since 1998*



### **How to Raise Confident and Motivated Kids**

(includes strategies and tools)

### CONFERENCE SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Student whole body wellness
- Literacy/Reading, Science, Math
- Navigating the school system

*And More...full list on the website*



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