

WTT School Council Minutes

June 16, 2016

Present: Rita Givlin, Barb Brown, Superintendent Laura Hodgins, Erin Cleasby, Nathalie Breau,, Erin Labour, Ali Hasan, Danny Lee, Sharon Dunlop, Tina Landry, Meredith Hertz, Kristy Dryland

Regrets: Karen Madsen, Pam Law

Admin Report

Around the School

- Volunteer breakfast - lightly attended, all volunteers are greatly appreciated
- Nutrition for Learning - donations for NFL welcome, donate through WEFI
- Send 'Em Off Smiling - applications have been sent out and returned
- Sports programs winding down - we are proud of our track and field results and appreciate the extra support of staff
- French plays / presentations /trips and events - parents are welcome for presentations, the learning continues
- Trips - Gr. 6 trip was fantastic, grade 5s going to Chicopee, grade 4s to Stratford
- Report cards process - first drafts have been handed in
- Lunch program for 2016-17 - booking again with ESNS, good fundraiser, our parents are awesome at ordering online
- Staffing ... / hellos and goodbyes, a new staff list will be posted by the end of the first week of July, on School Day and on our website
- Earthscapes have assessed the natural playground and will share the expenses with us

Around WRDSB

- Math Strategy / BIPSA Learning focus for 2016-17 - WTT is an "all" school and we will continue our focus on math learning; we look forward to receiving our EQAO scores
- Newcomers settling in - 450 students have transitioned into WRDSB, our new students are enjoying WTT, many supports in place
- Media attention / concern - please direct any concerns to Principal Barb Brown or Superintendent Laura Hodgins

School Council Budget Report

- Currently approximately \$11 600 in greening account and \$910 in school council account

Discussion Item: Fundraising Questions

- What are our fundraising goals? Greening, Annual Natural Playground Maintenance, Field Trips

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- Class trips are great opportunities to enhance the classroom learning program for students but can get expensive. What percentage of our annual fundraising do we feel should go to trips?
- Agendas are cheaper for next year, still valued by staff to foster sense of responsibility and record of communication, staff and parents support reading log in agenda; therefore we do not need council to subsidize agendas
- Barb, Danielle, Tina, Erin and Christy will create a pamphlet online to be sent home in first weeks; fundraising goals include greening project phase 2, annual greening project maintenance, Nutrition For Learning, field trips, technology,

Fundraising 2016-2017 Overview Proposal

- Meet-the-Teacher - (i.e., food trucks)
- Spiritwear - need staff reps
- WTT Appeal - no product/sales over Thanksgiving
- Pre Christmas fundraiser?
- FunFest - February
- Move-a-thon- Before March Break, ask staff to donate prizes again, can we run it without an outside provider?
- Jump-Rope-For-Heart - charity
- Art's Night - to support Nutrition-for-Learning (i.e., food trucks, Smencil sales, water sales)

School Council Annual Report

- Completed

Parent Engagement Brainstorming

How can we as a school and a school council committee further engage parents?

- Creation of school council video
- Continue to use social media, website and School Day in a positive way
- Fun Fest
- Arts Night
- Meet the Teacher
- Continuing to Involve parents in extra-curricular activities
- Multi-cultural Food FAirYoga in the Park or Zumba with kids
- Continue to share student learning
- Potluck get togethers
- Math nights

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- Games nights
- Encourage more parents to get involved with council

Council Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

Typically the 3rd Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the library

- Sept. 15
- Oct. 20
- Nov. 17
- Dec. 15
- Jan. 19
- Feb. 16
- Mar. 23 (4th week due to March Break)
- Apr. 20
- May 18
- June 15

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Erin C.

Seconded by: Erin L.

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Social Time at Williamsburg Arms

Thanks to all council members for your commitment to supporting and enhancing our school learning community. You make WTT a great place for kids and staff to learn and grow!