

WTT School Council Minutes
Thursday October 18, 2018.

Attendees: Kristy Dryland, Robyn Gilbey, Diane Stephens, Meredythe Hertz, Sarah Nakamura, Robin Landry, Sandeep Kanlon, Sharon Dunlop, Pam Law

Administrative Report (Lori Briscoe)

- Around the School
 - October 22, election - the school is a polling station.
 - October 26 - PD Day. School is focussing on school improvement. Math focus in the morning.
 - October 31 - Halloween - Black and Orange day. Kids can wear costumes
 - Had a successful Franco-Ontario day.
 - Had a blue and yellow day and a jersey day this month.
 - Finished the third of the required fire drills today. Also finished the one intruder drill and tornado drill. The drills are done for the fall, will be repeated in the spring.
 - Tomorrow is the bus evacuation drill.
 - Math up - a copy is available for every class
 - Our school did not get any of the board funded Dreambox. The staff decided that Grade 2s and 3s would benefit most from the program and the school purchased licences for these classes. Teachers have committed to 60 minutes per week.
 - A lot of focus on professional development including reading records and math.
 - Doing Spirit Wear sales - t-shirts, sweat pants, etc. More information will be out soon.
 - Photo day was this Wednesday. It went quite well. Had inquiries about sibling photos. There is an opportunity to do sibling photos in the spring.
 - December 14th is a trail tones music concert - for those children who are in the choir.
 - Remembrance day is on a Sunday, but there will be a recognition service on the Friday.
 - Knitting club has been going over to the nearby retirement home to spend time with the residents.
 - Again this year residents will be coming to the classes to help carve pumpkins.
 - Progress reports come home November 12th
- Around the Board
 - Continued discussion around equity and wellness as part of the strategic focus. The equity continuum is looking at biases and how we can look past this to ensure equity and inclusion. The province also provided information on culturally responsive pedagogy.
 - Board has hired a company called Plasticity to do research on how we look at wellness and to provide resources. The school did an internal wellness survey for staff. There were 14 staff members that responded the last round,

will be trying to have more participation in the next round. We recognize the wellness of the staff impacts the children's ability to learn and be well.

- Math consultant and coach has been coming to the school to observe and provide feedback to the administration to assist the school in math improvement.
- Around the Province
 - The province has a guidance document on teaching the basics and fundamentals of math.
 - There is a lot of professional development opportunities that teachers are taking advantage of.

Fundraising

- Fresh from the farm update
 - Finished up last week. 148 bundles were sold.
 - Was probably not as successful because forms were somewhat lost because they were sent home with the initial school package.
- Bingemans
 - Looking at November 15th before the 16th PD day.
- Fun Fest - date is February 23rd - email will go out soon for interest in committees.
- Ideas - Treasures - no longer a book - is all online and \$16 out of \$20 goes back to the school.
- Communication and getting messaging out continues to be a challenge. 185 people are currently signed up through the

Jump2Math event review

- 117 kids attended. Everybody seemed to have a great time. Great participation from teachers and parent volunteers.
- PRO grants are currently on pause, so this year's funds have not been approved. The cost of the event was \$1,000. But parents agree it was a worthwhile event.

WRAPSC Meeting October 2 review

- Guest speaker discussed that studies have found that kids do better when personal devices are left at home.
- Discussion on PRO grant and current government's position
- Next meeting November 6

Municipal Elections October 22

<https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/list-of-candidates.aspx>

Submitted questions

Council Meetings for the year

November 8 (1 week early)	December 13 (celebratory) (1 week early)
January 17	February 21
March 21	April 18
May 16	June 20 (celebratory)

