

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2022 - Virtual

Attendees

Lori B
Michael S
Robyn G
Shannon A
Katie S
Summer B
Becky J
Parushothama R
Shama O
Meredythe H

Introduction and Welcome

Council Executive Elections

- No nominations were received
- Robyn agreed to serve an additional year
- (post meeting) Becky J agreed to join as co-chair

Administrative Report (Lori/Mike)

- See attached at end of minutes

Financial Update (balances as of September 2022)

- General Fund Carryover - \$16,568.99
- Greening Fund Carryover - \$22,291.05
- Paid Out YTD - \$0.00

Funds Disbursement Requests

- T-shirt for each student (spirit wear)
 - Cost is approx \$5-\$6 per student.
 - Motioned to approve by Robyn. Seconded by Meredythe/ Becky
 - Voted and passed
- Outdoor equipment
 - Request for equipment (balls, scoops, cones etc...) has been made for students to use outside on nutrition breaks.
 - Students would sign out and return when finished.
 - Grade 6s would assume some responsibility
 - Cost is approximately \$1,000.
 - Motioned by Robyn, seconded by Summer/Becky.
 - Voted and passed.
- Log Jam replacement

- Structure has been removed as it was becoming unsafe (vandalism & natural decomposition)
- Opportunity to replace with new learning area/play structure
- Can be paid for out of greening funds so long as it meets criteria
- Administration will ask teachers what they would like to see in that area
- Group of parent council volunteers will be formed to begin discussion
- Police Check fees
 - Robyn brought forward covering policy check fees now required for volunteering
 - Concerns raised about the effectiveness of requiring them and questioning if we should be covering
 - Robyn will further discussion with next interm principal and bring forward possibly compromise solutions to next meeting.

Fundraising Update

2022-2023 Fundraisers:

- Question raised, Do we need to fundraise more this year? What is the Goal amount for Fundraising? Future plans for use of money? Discussion to be continued.

Fresh from the Farm

- Communication going home this week
 - 2 bundles available -- 8lbs of Ambrosia apples or 5lbs potatoes/3lbs carrots/3lbs onions/3lbs sweet potatoes
 - Orders and money due back to school by October 11
 - Delivery will take place in November
 - Fundraiser aligns with messaging to students from school - healthy eating, local.
 - Will need volunteers to help sort & distribute produce

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

- Tentatively scheduled chocolate bar fundraiser for closer to winter break but can be moved with no consequence.
 - By far the most profitable fundraiser but also the most work.
 - Will require volunteer support to hold a campaign
 - work cannot fall on the office staff

Bingemans Funworx Night

- Reached out to contact at Bingemans Funworx to see if they are doing fundraiser nights again.
 - Fundraiser nights are pure profit for school and provides savings to families.
 - Robyn emailed (through website) to book a couple dates. Three Thursdays (before PD days) that should work are Nov 17, Jan 19, and Apr 20

Spring Safety Fair

- Council approved changing to a Safety theme in June.
- Will be held in the spring to allow for planning and permanent principal input.

- Request for sub-committee volunteers will be coming out shortly.

WRAPC Meetings

- Will need volunteers to attend (back up for when Robyn can't)
- First meeting of the year is being held Oct 4th @ Forest Heights S.S.

Pre-submitted Questions-Answered in Principal's Report

- Any plans to make Spirit Wear available?
- Any plans for Arts Night this year?
- Will rain bells be reinstated?

(see Principal's report)

Next meeting - Oct 18, 2022

W.T. Townshend Principal's Report-Sept. 27, 2022

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AROUND THE PROVINCE

-Minister of Education Welcomes Students Back to a Normal, Stable and Enjoyable School Year-[Ministry Of Education Welcomes Students; Plan to Catch Up](#)

1. Science of Reading- Lead Literacy Teacher at WTT being trained as well as staff and admin. There will be PD happening throughout the year for implementation.

AROUND THE BOARD

1. Stay Connected - Don't forget to subscribe to:
 - a) WRDSB Twitter feed
 - b) WRDSB Facebook page
 - c) School Day- Will get Secure Match Key for new families, other families login like they have previous years- once up and running
 - d) Subscribe to WRDSB get news and updates directly in your inbox- [STAY CONNECTED SIGN UP AT BOTTOM OF PAGE HERE](#)
 - e) Plan to attend -Virtual Board Meetings are live streamed
2. 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections: October 24, 2022- read Board website and keep informed. Trustee positions are very important! Do you know what the candidates background and profiles are? They are your voice. [Trustee Candidate Profiles](#)

AROUND THE SCHOOL

1. Staffing:
 - a) Interim Principal starting Monday, October 3 to November 25- Welcome to **Susan Schaffner**, a retired administrator who has supported the system as an interim principal for a few years. Hopefully by the end of November a permanent principal will be hired, interviewing process is ongoing to fill admin positions in schools.
 - b) Still hiring for 30 EA hours.
 - c) We are happy to announce that Vickie Thompson is the permanent second secretary at WTT, Ursula Riedl is still the amazing head secretary!
 - d) Looking for paid Parking Lot person to support safety at WTT.
 - e) Looking for Strong Start volunteers, commitment is a minimum of 60 minutes a week- must have training that is provided.
 - f) Hiring for SMACA (lunch supervisors) hours are now completed.
2. Reorganization-Board Directed- never ideal after first day of school, based on numbers once students actually attend in September, student movement kept as minimal as possible.
3. Events:
 - a) Photo Day-October 20 with Retakes October 22.
 - b) TSN Soccer- after schools, 50 students signed up.
 - c) Terry Fox Run- all day during school-Thursday, September 29- option to wear red.
 - d) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- Friday, September 30- option to wear orange-orange sticker provided for all students.
 - e) Arts Night- Booked for May 11th with Food Trucks lined up.
 - f) Fire Drill Week #1- 3 Fire Drills and Lockdown completed-out in about 3 minutes.
4. Nutrition For Learning- bins filled weekly to support all students.

5. Spirit Wear- asking that each student will be provided with a Trailblazer T-shirt so that all students can participate in Trailblazer Tuesdays, courtesy of School Council, if passed. There is no scheduled other student spiritwear sale at this time but we could see if there is interest after the T-shirts.
6. Fenced area- new-to support students with safety concerns.
7. Rainbell- didn't have enough staff to supervise to start the year. With SMACA hired we can now revisit.