

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday October 24, 2024 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Brett Dubrick, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Andrea Mathieu, Cassandra Pomeroy, Chantel Franklin, Jasveen Kienitz, Tina Gerber, Jamie Enns, Erin Thaler

Regrets: Elke Whitmore, Melissa Turner, Chelsey Jeffray

September Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Mel Quint

Seconded: Chantel Franklin

WRAPSC Update

- PIC is looking for volunteers; if you are interested you can respond the email that will be sent by Lisa
- A few schools in the city are experiencing high numbers of incidents of violence and parents are currently not officially notified - WRAPSC is asking for feedback on a generic letter that they would like to send to trustees requesting that the Board consider having a letter sent - lots of considerations and more information to come
 - Our group voted to support the letter being sent to the trustees
- We are looking for a representative to attend in person or virtually on November 5th - Chelsey Jeffray, Chantel Franklin or Mel Quint

Fundraising

- Kicked in the Candies
 - 2 weeks from order to delivery
 - 4 different flavours (\$3.00/bag - \$1.00 will go back to the school)
 - Launch Nov. 11th, Delivery Dec. 4th
 - We will offer the option to have kids bring home orders OR parents can pick up
 - We will communicate that we are raising money for field trip/in school visit support
- Read-a-Thon
 - Supports Literacy - still a WRDSB initiative so a read-a-thon aligns well - it's inclusive and fosters what the school & board direction for literacy
 - February 3 - 14th
 - 'Celebration' will be the Friday before the Family Day Long Weekend
 - Tina & Lisa will work together to organize and Cassandra will make graphics/home communication
- Fun Fair/Arts Night
 - May 21, 2025
 - Continue with Lions BBQ (if they are willing)
 - Tina & Jasveen will work to begin planning this event
- Movie Night
 - Brett will look into the approved movie list
 - Mel & Lisa to connect
- Schmidtsville
 - Mel waiting to hear from back from Mariam & will update Lisa via email when connection/decision has been made

- Popcorn
 - Mel is happy to organize this for late winter/early spring (Easter?) and run it as we did 2 years ago (pre-order/sale)
 - Another option - order a set number of bags and sell it at Arts Night
 - Mel to reach out to Kernals contact

Goals/Plans for the Year

1. Event Ideas

- Lisa reached out Sandra re: needs in the school community and will reach out to us via email after she hears back from Sandra
- Jamie reminded us that there has been winter clothing drives (mitts/hats) and food drives to support the Wellesley Food Cupboard
- SWAP Meet (donated games/toys/clothing)?
- Supporting Sandra in the office with the extras she provides students (e.g., granola and juice etc.)?

2. Presentations

- Social Media/Mental Health Presentation - Lisa will follow up with Magda re: information on this
- We have funds available through PIC (\$500 for each school from the Ontario Government) and PRO Grant (we would likely qualify for around \$500; an application needs to be submitted and there are criteria that need to be followed)
 - ❖ Ideas: puzzle piece/tiles for all families, fabric piece that can be sewn into a quilt to hang up in the school etc.
- ★ PRO Grant - Bring ideas to November meeting - we will need to act quickly!

3. Staff Appreciation Ideas - Bring ideas in November and we will decide how to proceed

Treasurer's Report

- Outstanding payments have all gone through
- Available balance \$12,445.73
- 2023-2024 School Report was shared - includes all funds raised and all funds spent

Principal/Vice Principal Updates

- Brett has shared that it has been a pleasure to join the Wellesley community; he will be in the Vice-Principal role part time until the Christmas Break
- Reorganization has happened - the reorganization was not school driven; it was part of a system wide plan that affected 50-55 schools across the board

Motion to Adjourn: Jasveen Kienitz

Second: Chantel Franklin

Next Meeting: Thursday November 21, 2024 7:00PM

Tentative Dates for This Year: November 21 (*third Thursday), January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 19 (*third Thursday)