

**Woodroffe Ave Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019 6:30-8:30**

Total number of persons present (including above): 33

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Lisa Vandermeer
 - Called at 6:35pm.
 - Parents introduced themselves and told grade(s) of their child(ren).
2. **Elections for 2019-2020** – Committee leaders and Officers
 - Process for parents to fill out online form to nominate themselves or someone else
 - Form was circulated at the meeting for any last-minute nominations
 - The School Board requires names be submitted to them by end of September.

Committee Members for 2019-2020 year:

OCASC Representatives: Maggie Green

Safe Travel Planning Representative: Tricia Ross

Multicultural and Arts Committee: vacant

Healthy Active Kids Committee: Julie Findlay

Student Well Being Committee: vacant

Garden Committee: Carley Schelck

Outreach Committee: vacant

Fundraising Coordinator: Daniela Humeniuk

Communications Coordinator (including Volunteer Coordinator): Jen. St-Pierre

Approved – Vote of 33 in favour, 2 abstentions

Officers

Chair: Melanie Rushworth

Vice Chair: Sarah Lemay

Treasurer: Steph Duffey

Secretary: Erin Morrison (Laura Olac as backup)

Approved - Vote of 31 in favour, 2 abstentions

Other non-elected volunteer roles

Soccer Club Lead (Tues evenings, more details to come): Conrad Ronalds

Ski and snowboard Club: to be confirmed

Movie Night Coordinator: Cindy Rutley (interested in having another parent as backup)

Parent Night fundraiser: Sarah Futterer

Inside Out Spoken Word Poetry: Pam Cameron

Yearbook: Laura Olac and Lisa Vandermeer

Scientist in Schools: Connie Sutherland

Used Book Sale: Sarah Berglas and Cindy Rutley

Plant Sale: Daniela

Spring Fling: Jen Roger and Katie Alexander

HELP NEEDED: Projects without a lead organizer:

Christmas Craft Sale Canteen (Julie Demole is interested)

Online Silent Auction (Oct and Nov commitment)

Woodroffe Logowear (flexible commitment)

3. Review of 2018-2019 Financial Statement - Steph Duffey

- See attached.
- Fundraised \$21,341.25 last year and spent \$18,979.87
- Balance of \$12,972 going into this year
- Sarah motioned to approve the report and Melanie seconded.
- Vote was unanimous

4. Proposed Calendar of events – Melanie Rushworth

- Council Meetings will be 2nd Tuesday of every month: Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 (Holiday Social), Jan 14, Feb 11, Apr 14, May 14
- We are planning a breakfast meeting on Nov 12 in the hopes that this might be easier for some parents. We are also looking into having childcare available at every meeting (if requested a week in advance).
- School Council meetings are a resource for parents and we want them to be appealing and useful for parents to find out what is going on, engage with staff, contribute ideas and plan activities and events that enhance the learning day for our students. Please join us!!

- Back to School Picnic on Sept 17, 4-6pm
- 5 Movie Nights (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, April)
- Paint or Plant Night fundraiser (for parents) tentatively planned for November 21st
- Silent Auction – November fundraiser
- Canteen and Bake Sale at the School Craft Sale (Nov 30th)
- Used Book Sale in February
- Cake Raffle in March
- Plant Sale in May
- Spring Fling in June
- 2019-20 Draft Budget was presented and will be discussed at the October 8th Council meeting (see attached draft). Please note that we are proposing to set aside 10% from all our fundraisers to support outreach at another OCDSB school (suggestion of Pinecrest PS).

5. Principal's Report – Megan Egerton

Construction

- Finished year 1 of a three year plan
- Electrical panel updated to allow window AC units in the 2nd floor this spring
- Lowered ceiling in 2nd floor to allow duct work for AC install next summer

Student Numbers

- 624 students this year and 28 classes (564 students last year)
- 5 Kinder classes (22-23 in each class)
- 9 Grade 1-3 classes
- 6 Grade 4-6 classes (biggest classes are grade 6 at 31 students each)
- 5 Grade 7-8 classes
- 3 ASD classes

Operational Budget will be presented at the October Council meeting

Labour Action

- ETFO (teachers) and OSSTF (admin, EAs, ECEs, support staff, custodians) are both without an agreement. Any updates will come from the board.
- Work to Rule would be the first labour action and means staff only do what is in their job description (yard duty, teaching, supervision etc). No clubs, extracurriculars, sports, band, etc

Wellness Goal – Physical Health

- Gaelic Athletic Association – Five Star Program
- Work to achieve fitness goals (as staff and students)
- Includes staff training, equipment, activities such as fun runs etc).
- More info to come
- Hurling workshops in gym classes next week
- 815-830 will be called First Recess and students encouraged to arrive in time to get active before the 2 hour teaching block

Student Pickups during the day

- Office staff cannot have students ready for pickup at a specific time. Often the student is waiting, and teaching time is lost. We are now asking parents to alert teacher of an early departure (email, dojo etc) and they will have student ready. When parent arrives, the class will be called, and the student sent down immediately. If the class cannot be found, the student will be paged to the office.
- Last minute calls to get a student ready for a non-emergency departure is extremely time consuming for the office and disruptive to the class. Please try to avoid early pickups if not absolutely necessary.

Lice Services

- Coming Wed and Thursday next week
- \$3 per student and covered by student levy
- Will have them come again in the winter

Terry Fox Run on Sept 27th

Orange Shirt day on Sept 30th

Charities and Money Requests:

- All teachers will have a classroom discussion with students to identify important charities. As a school they will choose, a local charity, a national charity and an initiative that students are very passionate about. We will also support the OCDSB Education Foundation with Toonie Tuesday as this charity supports any student with specific financial need.

Question: Can we get an estimate per grade of how much \$\$ will be asked over the year.

Answer: this isn't feasible as it depends on number of students per grade, number of classes, the trip or activity that the teaching team chooses that year, availability and cost of busing etc.

Reminder to all families that all these requests are VOLUNTARY and parents can (and sometimes should) say no to \$\$ requests. Subsidies for all events and activities are available in the office.

Cyber Safety Talk:

- Paul Davis (speaker) presentation for parents only on Tues, Oct 1st in the evening. He will talk to students during the day.

Open House and Back to School Picnic Sept 17 from 4-6pm

- Staff will be giving two identical information sessions at 4-4:20, 4:30-4:50.
- Grade 7 and 8 staff will be in the library
- Mr Millen will be in the music room
- There will be a map in the foyer showing where all teachers will be
- At 5pm, staff will be handing out pizza. If you are pre-ordering pizza, please place ONE family order through School Cash Online and not an order for each child. This will make pickup much easier. Pizza and drinks will also be available to purchase (while supplies last).

School Yard:

- Open until 3:15 then locked for EDP. Once EDP goes inside (approx. 4:30), they will open the gates until the next morning at 8:30. Sometimes if EDP does not go outside after school (weather related) then the gates don't get unlocked. Please call the office to let us know.

Adjourned at 9pm

Next meeting is Tues Oct 8th, 6:30pm

Discussion will include the draft budget, activities and fundraising events for the year, parent learning workshops, and new initiatives suggested by parents.