



WHAT IS IT FOR?

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

The **2019-2020 Budget** for the WAPS School Council was presented at the September 10, 2019 meeting and includes proposed spending of about \$20K on programs that benefit a cross section of the WAPS community. In support of this there are several fundraising activities that are needed to generate these funds. Traditionally the following fundraisers are used to provide the funds for the programs detailed below: Back to School Picnic, Plant Nite, Movie Nights, Craft Sale Canteen in December, Cake Walk, Yearbooks, Spring Plant Sale, End of School Spring Fling, Logo Wear sales, and potentially this year the Ski Club. Should volunteer support for the fundraisers not be possible, then the WAPS School Council would have to reconsider what programs may require adjustment in the level of financial support provided.

The following is a summary of the program support WAPS School Council proposes to support in 2019-2020. Additional ideas for programming and fundraising are always welcome.

Multicultural and Arts Programming

A variety of in school programming has been coordinated with WAPS School Council funding in past years. It has included things such as a school-wide art project based on the book *Only One You* which celebrates how we are all unique, cultural programming such as the Chinese New Year dragon dance for grade 1 students, a cultural dance for grade 2, and class workshops. Programming is based upon ideas brought forward by the council and teachers and is focused on K-3 due to schedule conflicts with upper grades and programs being coordinated by Mme. Halia. Therefore, due to programming planned by the school it is proposed to slightly reduce funding this year from WAPS School Council.

Cost: \$2,500 (all grade levels, main focus K-3)

STEM workshop

It is proposed that **Scientists in School** be supported by WAPS School Council for all classes with the exception of grade 3 students.

The **Scientists in School** program is a non-profit offering experiential science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and environmental workshops with a mission to ignite scientific curiosity in children so that they question intelligently; learn through discovery; connect scientific knowledge to their world; are excited about science, technology, engineering and math; and have their interest in careers in those fields pique. The program aligns with curriculum, student and educator needs.

https://www.scientistsinschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Ottawa_2019-Catalogue_Sci-in-School.pdf

Cost: \$5,070 (26 classes)

Emotional Well Being

One or two workshops have been coordinated in the past with WAPS School Council funding for programs in the evenings targeted at parents and caregivers. It is proposed to slightly reduce funding this year from WAPS School Council for this type of programming due past participation levels and other available programs that have been planned by the school such as the Internet Safety Workshop held on October 1. The feasibility of coordinating speakers and therefore sharing costs with other areas schools is also being explored.

Cost: \$1,000 (WAPS adult community)

Cultivating Cooks

It is proposed that this program be supported by WAPS School Council for the Grade 3 students. As it is slightly more expensive than STEM programming, it was recommended that funds be directed towards this specialized program that aligns well with grade 3 curriculum.

Workshops run from 60-90 minutes and allow the students to get a greater understanding of the whole food system and get significant hands on cooking and gardening experience.

The **Cultivating Cooks program** will allow students to understand more about where our food comes from, identify a wide variety of produce through taste testing and cooking, learn why local food is important, and how to make healthy food choices. <http://www.cultivatingcooks.com/>

Cost: \$2,085 (all grade 3 classes)

Garden and Outdoor Yard

This funding is proposed to be allocated towards the school's gardens and play yard improvements. It includes supplies for the front gardens, the vegetable gardens as well as yard improvements such as painting (targets, four square, hopscotch etc). WAPS School Council would support supplies such as soil, seeds, and soaker hoses, as well as other items as identified by the school.

Cost: \$2,000 (all grade levels)

Drama and Music Equipment

In past years the WAPS School Council has supported the enrichment of the school drama and music programming with the purchase of microphones, a drum set, and other items needed to help round out the options available to our students. Support for the school play has also been provided from council fundraising activities. It is proposed to continue allocating funds towards similar programming.

Cost: \$2,500 (all grade levels)

Sports Activities and Equipment

In past years the WAPS School Council has supported the purchase of items related to sports, specialized programs, WAPS t-shirts, and outdoor activities with things like a portable sunshade for teams that travel. Due to the schools no-cost participation in the Gaelic Athletic Association – Five Star Program which includes staff training, equipment, and activities it was proposed to slightly reduce funding this year from WAPS School Council for sports activities. NOTE: Separate from this support, the WAPS School Council has also played a coordinating role for the after-school ski club for grade 4 and up. The ski club service is changing this year and a discussion on the way forward is needed. The ski club currently has a carry-over of \$3,108.65 that could potentially be used to help provide subsidies if the club is going to continue under a new service provider.

Cost: \$1,000 (all grade levels)

Staff Grant Program

Each year the WAPS School Council has provided teachers with the opportunity to apply for a \$500 grant in support of programming that would benefit all classes at a certain grade level. Grants have previously helped to offset the cost of field trips, special guests, and other creative ideas brought forward by WAPS teachers. It is proposed that half of the grant funding be allocated in the first half of the school year, and the remaining funds by March 2020. The aim is to allow for more balanced program options for teachers if the funds are allocated earlier in the school year.

Cost: \$2,500 (all grade levels)

Outreach

As mentioned at the September WAPS School Council meeting it has been proposed that we support another community school with ten percent of the fundraising from all activities held this school year. The idea would be to provide another school the opportunity to fully fund or offset the cost of specialized programs or equipment purchases that meet their school needs. The use of the funds would be at their discretion and in keeping with the same regulations for OCDSB school councils.

Cost: 10% of all funds raised during school year