



MEETING MINUTES

WOODROFFE AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

6:30-9:00 PM in the school library, main business concluded by 8PM.

1. Welcome and introductions, including Committee Reports

20 people present, including Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.

Plus 1 administrator/Principal, no teacher representatives

Committee Reports

1.1 OCASC - Representatives from elementary and secondary to come in and discuss once a month about issues. Next meeting is on Thursday, January 16th and discussion around how the labour disputes are impacting the schools is on the agenda.

Zone Meeting for the 2019-2020 school year – Delayed due to strike action

Survey about the next year's School Calendar, Aug 31 start date and survey on December dates.

(<https://ocdsb.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=31248712>)

Changes to the funding from Province. WAPS Council funding reduced and it is a different application process, and no guaranteed grant anymore.

Special education advisory committee

Ontario Human Right Commission looking at the fundamental human rights of reading and how it is handled in our schools. OCDSB is one of the eight school boards selected by the OHRC to assess compliance with their obligation to provide equal treatment to students with reading disabilities.

<http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-read-public-inquiry-on-reading-disabilities>

Link to survey:

https://ontariotbs.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4TwifRctQYohRoV?SG=01

Meeting on March 10 at Nepean Sportsplex. Public hearing from 6 to 9. You can complete the survey and share your story. The survey is very comprehensive. It takes about 30 mins.

If you have children in multiple school you can go through it multiple times about the different schools.

Principal Megan encourages parents to take the survey. Very important to voice your story.

1.2 Safe Travel Planning Representative

Meeting with City Councillor Kavanagh took place to discuss how to improve safety on Lockhart, in particular with people parking within the crossing zone. Lines painting on street is being considered. **Call 311 every time to report, social media reporting not recorded in same way.** WAPS on the list of locations where speed radar cameras might be installed.

1.3 Multicultural and Arts Committee

Kinders and Autism classes had programming in November from singer Yaki.

Grade 1 will have Chinese celebration on Feb. 4, later than Chinese New Year.

Grade 2 will have a new presentation – Afro-Caribbean dancing. – March 6

Grade 3 programming to be confirmed.

1.4 Healthy Active Kids Committee

Tchoukball will be brought to WAPS (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tchoukball>)

Grade 6, 7, 8 tournaments TBC with strike actions.

1.7 Outreach Committee

Outreach to Pinecrest to help out with 10% of the funds raised this year. Advised that it would be beneficial for them to have funds to buy equipment. Pinecrest may require volunteers to help support the Scientist in the School program. Parents from WAPS can volunteer, however because we are not parents in that school a criminal check is needed. We need volunteers who are willing to do the criminal check.

Ideas:

- Could we put that proposal to the Scientists in the School? Can they do a call out to their teachers to bring in volunteers?
- Proposed to officer SiS to Pinecrest grade 3 this year and use the rest of the budget for equipment or books to support their library. Principal is going to liase with Pinecrest to confirm next steps.
- Discussed feasibility of washing WAPS lost and found and sharing with Pinecrest.

2. Fundraising Events

Movie nights – additional volunteer support needed

Detective Pikachu will be shown at the WAPS Movie Night on January 31st from 6:30-8:00pm.

Movie titles area based upon OCDSB licences with Criterion for selection. Students now voting on title options after each movie.

Ski club is coincides with movie night. Parking Cones needed to prevent parking in front of the school.

Book Sale – Feb 26-29

Call out for donated books in coming weeks, sorting will take place in February. Main office will be drop off point and Principal and Vice Principal will work with students for counting.

Sale will be open to students Thursday and Friday, and to the public on Saturday.

Refreshments will be coordinated by Grade 8s as a fund raiser for graduation trip.

More advertising would help with book sale and other events. Need to decide if WAPS Council wants to purchase a sign for future use. Social media event on Facebook and other platforms will be posted and people are encouraged to share. Advertising at Senior Centre another option.

Logistical help is needed outside of the office in the morning to collect books.

Families are encouraged to specify how many books are in each box or bundle to help with counting.

Spring Fling

Should be all booked by the end of January and reach out to sponsors in February.

It will be smaller this year – bouncy castle, kids games, dunk tank, band, bake sale, more food options, photo booth, loonie market where people can bring in gently used things

Craft Sale – Future Event Possibility requiring volunteers

This is a profitable event currently organized by the school and it is recommended it be transitioned over to the School Council. Additional discussion at the February meeting and seeking to see if anyone is interested in volunteering to look after this in the Fall.

A few hours of work in September and October is needed, followed by about 20 hours in November.

Principal is suggesting School Council buddy up with the school administration for a year, and then we transition to taking it on fulltime.

An email needs to be sent out in September. Crafters book early for Christmas. There is a lot of traffic and good money. With good advertising it will be OK.

Post mortem from the food sold at the craft sale by School Council - Food sales of hot dogs as opposed to soup went well. Unused hotdogs were donated. Food revenue \$1002 less \$382 expenses. Last year it was almost the same.

Cake Walk – March 12 – to be discussed at February meeting

Plant Sale – Sat, May 23 – to be discussed at future meeting

3. Budget 2019-2020

Not much to update at this time of the year. Only a few fundraising events have taken place

- movie night averaged \$560 each - \$1680 profit
- Silent action didn't happen this year due to lack of volunteers. Craft sale possible offset.
- Welcome picnic – raised \$730. Not as well attended as last year and pizza purchasing needs to be better managed to reduce surplus.
- Plant night raised \$485
- Ski club subsidies are being paid for by School Council.
- Carry over funds \$3100 from ski club. Used \$1073 for subsidies and bought bibs.
- No donations received this year and no significant expenses yet.

Sun Shade in the Yard as part of an Outdoor education center – ideas for older kids to go to be sun protected.

If the council is not interested in raising funds for this, (\$20,000 to \$35,000 depending on the type of structure) then the \$5K being held from school funds needs to be returned to school administration.

Permanent structures would come with additional risks like climbing them outside of the school hours. Whereas a temporary structure doesn't withstand snow so it would need volunteers to fold it up and store it and install it again in the spring. This could be done at same time as the Kinder shade is taken in/put up each season.

Possible grant of up to \$18,000 available if School Council decides to support this initiative. The structure would have to be installed by October. Information can be found here: <https://dermatology.ca/public-patients/sun-protection/shade-structure-grant-program/>

Principal is waiting to hear if they the school is getting another portable and if yes, where this new structure can go. There are other options instead of the concrete slab, such as gravel. The school board will take a look and explore options.

This discussion will continue at the next council meeting in February.

Concern: It is not easy to put up and remove and to hire someone is thousands of dollars.

Megan: Volunteers and parents can set up and take down. Storage is not an issue.

4. Updates from Principal

The update from the Principal focused on school activities and answering several questions related to ongoing labour action.

5. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 11 – evening meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM

NEW

- Tuesday, March 10 – morning meeting, 7:15 AM coffee and 7:30-9:00 meeting. Children welcome, breakfast club and light breakfast in library are options for children.
 - (Note: 20 were at the January 14 meeting and 11 people voted in favour of the morning meeting)