

School Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Executive Attendees for 2017-2018 year

Chair: Lisa Vandermeer

Secretary: Sarah Futterer

Communications: Jen St-Pierre

Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Nicol

Movie Night Coordinator: Nicole Duguay

Multicultural Arts Coordinator: Sarah Futterer

Spring Fling Coordinators: Daniela Humeniuk and
Nicole Duguay

Director at Large (Outreach): Pam Cameron

Director at Large (Active Kids): Julie Findlay

Director at Large (Student Well Being): Tricia Ross

Director at Large (School Garden): Carley Schelck

Principal: Megan Egerton

School Board Trustee: Theresa Cavanagh

Total number of persons present (including above): 15 parents and 1 staff/1 trustee

1. Welcome and introductions (Lisa Vandermeer)

2. Reminders

- Complete the school climate survey – by May 11th.
 - Responses are school specific
 - Important for school to know how parents are feeling to direct changes, etc..
 - Place for you to have your say
 - Currently only 5% of school families have completed
- Dance A thon – Monday May 14th with Hot 89.9
 - Kinders will go first 1:00-1:30 and we will work around recess for grade 1-6
- Free workshop highlighting safe and age appropriate technology for parents to support child's learning
 - Including coding, age-appropriate and safe tech for kids
 - Lisa Watkins from Imagine that will be attending
 - Connie and Angie will be parent leaders

3. Principal and VP update

- Welcome to Natasha (yellow class) and Elizabeth (filling in for Mrs. Timbers)! In the middle of hiring at the moment. We have hired Jennifer Lee from Math Curriculum Services from the school board to join our intermediate team next year.
- Construction update – Still do not have any information from contractor around timelines
 - the school will be closed over the summer for construction – it is currently out for tender and this is all we know. The structure has been cleared by structural engineers so that is positive. Tentatively two portables will be used in September and the other two available if there are any constructions
 - plans for a small conference/meeting room where the old shower stalls used to be (boys change room)

- updating change rooms and adding a gender neutral bathroom that is also wheelchair accessible
 - storage room at the back of the library will be used to extend the art/science room
 - adding a full body break room, music room with a sound proof practice room and storage
 - disposal units have been added to all the girls bathrooms (these were on back order for months)
 - have ordered music stands, textbooks, library books, picnic tables, etc.
- Grade 7 Updates
 - Mr. Millen will be leading over the Intermediate music program
 - board funding to help support the cost of instruments. We will use a rental program for take home instruments.
 - there will be no leaving the property for intermediate students (like all other schools offering 7/8 including area high schools) and there will be a dedicated space for 7/8's in the yard (this was requested by students)
 - grade 7/8s also on the Balanced Day nutrition break schedule
 - already plans for some new clubs (this is dependent on interested and willing staff and keen students): drama club, art club, debate club
- Questions:
 - How do we replicate the middle school concept? Rooms, spaces? We will be giving different options instead of trying to replicate. We will see similar activities that come up from the desire of teachers and the students
 - Will there be morning or afterschool activities? Maybe morning but access is hard since over 50% of our students come on the bus making it inequitable.
 - What will the class sizes be? Right now it looks like 3 groups of 25/26
 - Any external changes to the building/yard/school footprint? No, everything will be internal.
 - Do they still have a Home Ec program? Not in the curriculum for grade 7/8 (this is a high school course). But perhaps a club or something could be put together.
- Kinder Lemonade Day is next Tuesday, May 15th. We are looking forward to meeting our new junior and senior kindergarten students. Was introduced last year and was very well received. Is happening from 9-10:30. Our SK's will go into grade1 classes to see what that is like as well.
- This week is Education Week – We are celebrating with our Photography Art gallery in Gym 2 (theme is What our learning means to us at Woodroffe). We also have our Pinball Arcade on Friday in Gym 1. We are having our Lorax performances at 9:15am and 11:30am on Thurs May 10th. Unfortunately, too many students in the play were unable to attend for the evening performance.
- We have ordered mini tennis nets and they will be arriving in June
- We have built our second gaga ball pit from funds received for lunches, etc...
- Putting forth suggestion to consider pairing up with Pinecrest School in order to aid them in their ability to access different events, suggesting we use a yellow school bus to get to sports tournaments and pick up their team on the way.

- Grandparents Reading day will be December 7th, 2018 and the fall Craft Sale will be the 8th.
- Megan and Pascale will both be staying on next year in their roles. Pascale will be 50% VP, 25% ISST roll for intermediate and 25% LT. Jenny Brown will be full time LRT
- Financial presentation – showing what lunches and milk purchases have gone towards. Will be included in the final budget in June from council.

4. Committee Reports

- Cultivating Cooks – in Grade 3 this year (two classes) with 8 workshops planned.
 - Partnering with the senior's home chef and he will be filling up our two donated rain barrels for the summer, so watering will be much easier for the volunteer families
 - Will be looking for volunteer families again to tend the gardens for a week
 - Pass it on Event between grade 5 and grade 1 classes on June 22nd.

5. Trustee report

- Volunteer appreciation night is 6:30-8:30 on May 24th at Confed Education Centre).
- Board budget is on target
- Wants to make sure that all 7/8 changes will be equitable across the board
- Advisory committee in the arts
 - i. Only two instructional coaches for 120 elementary students. She hopes to add one more.
- Lots of feedback on IB program at Merivale with boundary issues. She is confident that a reasonable boundary will be selected that includes Bay Ward students attending Merivale HS IB program.

6. Spring Fling Update

- Books are rolling in fast! More at this time than in years past! Great for sorting. Keep them coming!
- Open the book sale to the public on Friday morning (June 1st) if we can arrange some parents volunteers
- Blog update going out this week
- Gift basket auction info going home this week with designated baskets and explanations for kinder parents
- Friday June 1st 4:30-8pm. Everything will be cash only with food trucks, buy tickets for carnival games, bubble soccer, balloon guy and bouncies
- Council will have a Canteen selling drinks and treats and will be looking for baked good donations from families
- Picnic dinners are welcome (no nuts as always).

7. Healthy Active Kids

- Hoop-a-thon coming up May 14th – donations are important to help renew the school yard! Many ways to donate through School Cash Online, donation to school council (over \$20 get a tax receipt), pledge sheet. Council will ask students, parents and staff for feedback on the yard priorities and after the 4 square and targets have been

painted, vote on how to spend any remaining funds (planning to carry over to September).

- School purchased tennis nets this year as they were able to get access.
- Council purchased Recess bags for classes (contains a basketball, soccer ball, disc, skipping rope, soft football, etc). Still losing lots of balls on the yard. EDP is going to try at end of day to do a yard collection so they aren't left out overnight. Staff are still problem solving on ways to keep track of the equipment.
- Fitness week coming up week of June 18-22. New sports offered at recess and/or gym class.

8. Chalk it up

- Nothing brought up

Chair adjourned the meeting

Note that final budget and school budget of parent generated funds (from food program) will be posted to the WAPS Council website mid/late June once we have finalized all our expenses and fundraisers.