

**Woodroffe Ave Public School
School Council Executive Meeting Minutes
(circulated to Executive by email due to Winter Storm and school being closed)
February 12, 2019**

1. Welcome and Reminders

Cake Raffle postponed to March 7, 2019. Still looking for more cakes and volunteers. Online ticket sales will continue until Thurs, Feb 28th (2 tickets/\$1, max \$10).

Feb 21 at 630pm: Free Parent Truths Workshop in Woodroffe library (see more info below. Please register!)

Feb 22 at 630pm: Movie night – Small Foot (volunteers and bake good donations needed!)

Volunteer sign up link for ALL Council events:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17kkqYUkSI2Qp_Fi25xTMhA3d07EFaCwWVdpYEC06UE/edit?usp=sharing

2. Committee Reports and Upcoming Events:

Used Book Sale (Sarah and Cindy): Thank you for the books that are coming in. Well done to class 4/5 A for their 540 books! Please remind teachers to count their class's books and add to the tally. Half of the classes have signed up for a time to browse and buy. Great to see volunteers for sorting books and helping in school. We need more help for the public sale on Sat, March 2nd.

We have flyers going up to advertise the sale in the community and offer volunteer opportunities to high school students looking for volunteer hours. Any other ideas for advertising the public sale?

Spring Fling Update (Katie and Jen):

1) Survey - we have had 52 respondents so far with some great feedback on where we can focus our attention to make spring fling 2019 great! The survey will inform the next set of decisions (food trucks, silent auction and sponsors)

2) Inflatables - Jen has done an awesome job getting Bouncies and Balloon guy booked. Deposit cheque has been sent to Runamok.

That's it for now - more to come in the next few weeks as we nail down food trucks and get the sponsorship letters out the door.

Emotional Wellbeing (Tricia):

We received our funding from the Parents Reaching Out grant program (PRO). This was not expected. We can use the \$1000 to cover the costs of our two parents workshop and then use the Council budgeted funds for other projects. Feedback welcome!

Feb 21st Rebecca Lira from Mindfulness Rocks is returning for her second workshop, Parenting Truths.

Healthy Active Kids (Julie):

Funded \$500 from budget to help purchase Intermediate jerseys for grades 7/8 students. Athletic Council students raised \$930 towards this purchase also! Well done! They bought two sets of 25 dry-fit jerseys (t-shirts and tanks) in sizes to fit junior students. Looking at tennis in the spring, also ultimate

Multiculture and Arts (Sarah):

Grade 1s had Dragon Dance troupe come to celebrate Chinese New Year (Feb 5th) and Grade 2 Gumboots Dancing workshop planned for April 9th for three classes.

Fundraising (Daniela):

WAPS Council is hosting a Plant Sale on Saturday May 18th. Stay tuned for more information!!

OCASC discussion:

The following are three motions that will be voted on at OCASC next week (Thurs Feb 21st). They were developed from the January OCASC meeting discussion. We are looking for feedback from WAPS parents to determine how our rep will vote on these motions.

1. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC reps ask Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) to write to the Minister of Education and state the following:

- a year is an excessive delay for a response to the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario; and
- the modern Health and Physical Education curriculum, as was taught in 2015, should be reinstated; or school boards should be given the option to reinstate the curriculum, for the interim period before the consultation response.

2. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC reps ask PIC to relay concerns, to the Board and the Ministry, about the practice of reporting teachers who answer students' questions around physical health and wellness. This practice creates a climate of distrust that is not conducive to open and equitable discussions amongst teachers, staff, and students.

3. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC ask PIC to clarify whether School Councils can engage parents and offer programming, during school hours, on the subjects from the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario."

3. Staff Grant Project Proposals

We received 9 applications and funded 6. Thanks to the committee of 6 parents who reviewed and provided scoring and comments. The following projects were accepted for funding:

- Bucket Brigade: purchase of a set of drumming buckets to be used for music teaching for all grades, whole school impact and long term purchase, \$490
- Breakout Bundle: can be used for math learning and yearly escape room activity, whole school impact and long term purchase (\$420.99)
- Peter Pan musical costume, props and set costs, grade 4-7 drama class impact, plus whole school watches the show (\$500)
- Grade 1 theater trip: French performance at the NAC, cost of busing for the field trip (\$500)
- Grade 2 sugar bush trip: cost of busing for the field trip (\$500)
- Grade 4 mobile maker workshop: entire cost covered (\$500)

Total funds is \$2910.90 (budget was \$2500 budget). We taking the remaining \$410.90 from our Drama/Arts/Music budget to cover the musical costs.

The following projects were rejected for funding:

5/6 Pinball Arcade - While this project is incredibly creative, it is not equitable to do this with only one class at such a large cost (\$500).

Green Hearts garden – The Green Hearts Club is approx 20 students and they currently have an existing Butterfly garden that Council funded last year. We encourage them to update/add to the existing garden instead of creating something new. WAPS families could donate butterfly friendly perennials instead of purchasing. Also, Council purchases soil and compost in bulk every year for the Vegetable garden and we would be happy to partner and upgrade the Green Hearts garden soil at the same time.

Kinder Robots - the workshop sounds very creative, interactive and exciting however the full cost of the workshop (\$500) was for purchasing cardboard boxes from Uline for Kinders to make their own robot craft to take home. This craft does not align with Council's environmental initiatives and seemed quite extensive for kinders to manage without significant staff/volunteer support. We would encourage the free interactive workshop to go ahead as planned but perhaps parents and EDP staff can be asked to collect tissue, cracker, cereal boxes etc and students can create this craft from recycled materials instead?

4. Chalk It Up

Traffic Calming update from Carlingwood Community Association (Tricia)

The Carlingwood Community Association has met with Councillor Kavanagh to advocate for raised intersection at Lockhart/Saville and Lockhart/Knightsbridge with some flex stakes along Lockhart. We are also strongly advocating for a PXO with flashing lights at Saville/Neepawa. There is also a possibility of getting a sidewalk on the west side of Sherbourne.

Next Meeting: Tues, April 9th, 6:30-8:30