



William Berczy Public School School Council Meeting

Date and Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm, Thursday, December 8, 2022

Feedback or questions? Email william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

ATTENDEES	
<p style="text-align: center;">2022 – 2023's Executive members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Penny Lam (Principal) ● Joyce Vickers (Vice Principal) ● Anna Shao (Co-Chair) ● Tina Lee (Co-Chair) ● Seena Jayachandran (Co-Treasurer) ● Keith Maharaj (Co-Secretary) ● Thomas Wu (Co-Treasurer) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Parents</p> <p>Sue Zwarich, Grace Zhang, Shuang Liu, Toni Shi</p>

MINUTES		
6:30 p.m.	Opening & Welcome	<p>Presented by: Ms. Tina Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quick recap of accomplishments this school year ● Overview of Agenda
6:35 p.m.	Minutes Review & Approvals	<p>Presented by: Mr. Keith Maharaj</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 2021 meeting minutes approved by Shuang Li & Seena Jayachandran
6:35 p.m.	Principal Update	<p>Presented by: Ms. Penny Lam & Ms. Joyce Vickers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Skating trip</u> (Grade 4-6) @ Crosby Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skating trips begin on December 12, 2022 ○ Students will walk to the Community Centre ○ @Parents - please donate / loan skates for 11 students without skates of their own <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Boy size 2 – 5 ■ Girl size ○ Opportunity to begin “skate exchange” at WBPS ○ Email sent to parents in Dec. 9th Family Update ○ @Thomas Wu to send ask to WeChat

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ @Sue Zwarich contact <i>Once Upon a Child</i> to see if there are used skates for sell ○ @Keith Maharaj contact <i>Markham Civic Centre Skating Rink</i> to investigate short term rental opportunity ● <u>Primary Holiday Concert</u> - "Bring on the Snow" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students in kindergarten to grade 3 will be performing on December 15th from 6-7pm in the WBPS gym ○ All parents are welcome ○ School Council hosting snack sale ○ Ms. Talwar will also host a silent auction of student art for the arts program at WBPS ○ Non-perishable food donation also appreciated for Markham Food Bank food drive ● <u>Appropriate play</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase incidents of students hitting and pushing during recess - Staff are doing their best to support and coach students ○ Parents please speak with their children about not play fighting and appropriate play at school ● <u>Dress for the Weather</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reminder to dress your child appropriately for the cold. Kids will play outside throughout the winter. ○ @Parents please please dress your child for the weather including sending winter boots, winter jacket, snow/ski pants, warm hat waterproof mittens, extra socks, extra mittens/gloves and long sleeved sweater or fleece jacket. ● <u>Morning Drop-Off Etiquette</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There have been more than a few dangerous moments and poor drop-offs in the morning this year. And things become more difficult in the winter weather. @Parents please watch your speed, wait your turn and follow the instructions of volunteers wearing bright vests ○ @Parents a call for volunteers! We need volunteers to help manage morning traffic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Volunteers required from 8:45-9:10am ■ Volunteering does not require daily commitment, can be flexible ■ Training will be provided ○ @School Council Execs to commit to time in January (and beyond)
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7:00 p.m.	Fundraising Plan	<p>Presented by: Anna Shao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Fundraising year to date</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ T-shirt sale ○ October Fund Day ○ Pizza Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ @Shunag to provide feedback to volunteers about inconsistent pizza slice sizes ● <u>Fundraising ideas for the remainder of the school year</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask for Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email will be sent to parents to donate to the initiatives in the School Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● @School Council to craft letter and distribute the week of December 12th ▪ Some Parents are looking for causes to donate to at the end of the year, with the potential of Employer matching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● @Keith to find WBPS' charity number ▪ Some families will find it difficult to donate at this expensive time of year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● @School Council find wording that is not pushy, and reminds parents that they can contribute at later times ▪ <u>Learning</u>: next year fundraising activities should start earlier in the school year to inform activity planning ○ WBPS Apparel sale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating WBPS apparel for sale ▪ Need to be cognizant of different family budgets – ensure everyone can be included ▪ School Council to honor School Board rules ○ Movie Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Would like to host movie night at WBPS gym ▪ Event is not a drop off – each student must be accompanied by at least one parent ▪ @School Council to review Licensing rules ▪ @School Council plan to ensure safety and safe drop off

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cultural Fest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General idea to host various cultural events or tables for the rest of the year – opportunity to sell relevant items and/or food ▪ @School Council to develop detailed plan ○ Environment Week ○ Spring/Summer season Pizza Lunch ○ End of School Year / Summer Event
6:50 p.m.	Treasurer's Report	<p>Presented by: Sheena Jayachandran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of funds raised to date
	Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: when will use of wind and brass instruments resume? • A: once School Board instrument sanitizing policy is feasible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID precautions require extensive cleaning for all wind/brass instruments, to the extent of requiring the end of year's rigorous cleaning after every use – there is insufficient time and staff to achieve this • Q: can we start a Badminton Club for students? • A: yes, any private organization can form an <u>external</u> organization, rent WBPS facilities and host a club privately • Note: Thursday evening are blocked off for school sponsored events (i.e. Winter Concert). External groups can get a paid permit for private events • Q: what is the process to collect feedback on WBPS' food programs from students? When might we reconsider vendors? • A: @School Council can arrange to collect student feedback towards the end of the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Today we offer Pizza Lunch, Tasty Ya! (exclusive on TUES & THURS) and Kids Kitchen ○ Based on the absence of complaints and the ~100 orders per vendor per lunch, we estimate the feedback will be positive ○ @School Council opportunity to use Cultural Events to offer a greater variety of food options. Should be scheduled to not conflict with existing food programs.
<p>Next School Council meeting will be a virtual call on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023.</p>		