

Blue Willow P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023

6pm-7pm

Attendance: Mr. Medina, Mrs. Abel, Nadia Mohamad, Elif Topyurek, Regina Teper, Lisa Lai, Maryam Mojlaaj, Jag Nebula, Tammesha Cox, Lori Son, Amanda Galati Hunte, Weronika Drab, Chanda Noreen, Amna Tauqueer

Welcome - (5 min)

- Introduction by Mr. Medina/Mrs. Abel
- Opportunity for each member in attendance to introduce themselves/share their connection to the school community.
- School Council serves as an advisory capacity to Administration; provides input into school improvement planning; supports school fundraising; give voice

Principal Report – Mr. Medina (20 min)

- Currently around 740 students
 - Transient community; change in neighborhood with condos being built.
 - We are currently in overflow - YRDSB Planning attended council last year to explain this process.
 - Overflow to Wilshire Public School and Charlton Public School
 - New schools will be built in the future.
 - Currently - 31 homeroom classes and 3 community classes – 6 homeroom classes are located in the portables.
 - School addition planned (2 additional kindergarten classroom and re-pavement of tarmac – estimated start date – summer 2024)
- School Council Policy Revised - [Video](#)
- Recent & Upcoming school events (curriculum night, Terry Fox Run, etc.)

New Business - Council Chair - Nadia (10 min)

- Core voting team ideally: Chair, co-chair, secretary, treasurer and as many volunteers as possible
- Last year, the biggest event was the funfair – huge success, pulled off in a very short period; this year, we need to begin planning early on; looking for volunteers specifically for the fun fair committee.
 - Fun fair is an opportunity to bring the community together with games, food, visits from fire department and paramedics.
- School council supports the organization of hot lunches (e.g., pizza lunches):

- in previous years multiple food choices have been offered
- We will visit additional vendors possibly in the new year.
 - Cognizant of school community and the needs of families regarding the costs of food programs
- Goal to keep the cost of food down for families.
- Request from council to ensure families are aware that pizza day is a school council fundraiser with proceeds supporting the school (e.g., guest speakers) and the purchasing of equipment/technology. Mrs. Abel to include this information on the weekly blast
- Organize/support theme nights such as Arts night.
- Looking to continue to build interaction with the community.
- Council has supported the cost of uniforms for sports teams.
- Council has supported the cost of grade 8 graduation.
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Election Process (Andre)

- Voting members have an opportunity to vote in order to pass a motion.
- Voting members are required to commit to attending council meetings
- 12 attendees interested in voting positions:
 - Nadia Mohamad (co-chair) – acclaimed
 - Regina Teper (co-chair) – acclaimed
 - Jag Nebula
 - Lisa Lai
 - Weronika Drab
 - Amanda Galati Hunte (Treasurer) – acclaimed
 - Lori Son
 - Tammesha Cox (Secretary) – acclaimed
 - Maryam Mojlaj
 - Elif Topyurek
 - Chandaa Noreen
 - Amna Tauqeer
- Additional parents/guardians expressed interest through start-up forms sent electronically via YRDSB
- School office to contact these parents/guardians regarding interest in voting positions
- Positions to be confirmed/elections to occur if necessary at November 23 council meeting

School Council Meeting Dates for the 2023-2024 school year

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Thursday, November 23rd, 2023

Thursday, January 18th, 2024

Thursday, March 7th, 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024

