

# MEETING MINUTES

## LAKE WILCOX PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL



DATE:

25 February 2025

TIME:

6:00 PM - 7:39 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Olga Rozin Proger

NAME	ATTENDANCE
Nikki Andar	✓
Julie Pesonen	✓
Nicole Louli	
Maryam Rahimi	
Alida Moreno	
Chuan Li	✓
Saghar Rasaei	
Olga Proger	✓
Farivar Ghaemmaghami	
Christina Gianopoulos	✓
Georgia Petinarelis	✓
Hamid Dehgham	
Maryam Rezvani	
Yalda Zamani (Gottlieb)	
Yong Cai	
Michael Cerullo	✓
Majid Habibi	
Bonnie Chen	
Jamie Bunbury	✓
Sheza Naqi	✓
Naghmeh Mousavi	
Marjan Khostavi	
Cathy Proiakakis	✓
Krista Clutchley	
Gilga	✓
Anne-Marie (virtual)	✓
Mona (virtual)	✓

- 1 Land Acknowledgement
- 2 African Ancestors Acknowledgement
- 3 Adopt last meeting minutes:  
Motion introduced by Olga, motion seconded by Julie. Motion carried.
- 4 Treasurer Report

**Lake Wilcox School Council****Treasurer's Report January'25**

	Opening Balance	\$	28,365.72
DEPOSITS			
Purdy's Chocolates	\$	826.46	
Hot Lunch	\$	39.00	
	\$	865.46	\$29,231.18
PAID EXPENSES			
Hot Lunch - partial Block 2 and remaing 1	\$	12,894.27	
SchoolCash Online Fee portion for Hot Lunches	\$	1,124.91	
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES	\$	14,019.18	
	Closing Balance	\$	15,212.00
COMMITTED/Voted Expenses (not paid)			
Block 2 Hot Lunches	\$	12,000.00	estimated amount
Graduation - \$20 x 67 students	\$	1,340.00	
TOTAL COMMITTED EXPENSES		\$13,340.00	
		\$	1,872.00

- 5 Update from the Lake
  - Library
    - 100+ early reader texts added to the collection
    - Lounge & Learn open for students every first recess—now open to Grade 8 students
    - Tutoring Tuesday: peer academic support
    - Positive Space Club meetings on Wednesday
    - Forest of Reading Program is open for book exchange and reading on Thursday
  - Athletics
    - Junior Boys & Girls Volleyball practices, games and Area Tournament concluded
    - Intermediate Boys & Girls Basketball practices, games and Mini Tournaments
      - Girls Area Tournament February on Wednesday, February 26th
      - Boys Area Tournament February on Monday, February 24th

6 Update from the Lake....continued

- The Arts
  - Band meet on Thursday
- Classroom Play Leaders Training for Grade 5 & 6 students: January 9th, 16th & 23rd
  - in partnership with our YR Public Health nurse
  - initiative aligns with our efforts to promote leadership opportunities
  - the initiative is an introduction to community involvement hours (a requirement for OSSD)
  - the training for both indoor and outdoor recess activities
- Richmond Green Secondary School Guidance Team visited Grade 8 students on January 16th
  - re: transition planning & course selection
    - From February 13 to 21, 2025.
    - Open Feb 13 at 9:00 AM, closed Feb 21 at 4:00 PM
- Tour for Humanity Workshops for Grades 6 Students—January 20th
  - Tour for Humanity is Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre's award-winning mobile human rights education centre
  - Grade 6 students participated in the workshop entitled "The Holocaust: Then and Now."
  - Grade 7 & 8 students learned about issues such as cyberbullying, hate crimes and intolerance through "The Canadian Experience" session
- Well-Being Team: school-wide activities, meetings every Tuesday
  - Lunar New Year Kindness Red Envelope Kindness or Good Luck Message
  - Shine Bright Day, January 30th
  - Black History Month Learning & School Wide Trivia Crossword Puzzle
  - Winter Walk Day House Event: outdoor team-building activities on February 5th
  - Valentine's Day Spirit Day: Show Your Love for Your Favourite Team/Activity
  - Valentine's Day Cookie Sale: February 14th
  - Pink Shirt Day: February 26th
  - Beach & Vacation Spirit Day, March 2025
  - Nowruz (marking the start of the Iranian/Persian, Afghani, Parsee, Tajiki, Azeri, Indian, and Turkish New Year) Kindness Activity, March 2025

- 7 Update from the Lake....continued
- Musician and storyteller Njacko Backo performance: February 4 for Grades 1 to 8
    - an interactive performance learning about the important role that music, dance, and storytelling play in everyday life in Cameroon, Central Africa
  - Brainable Workshop for Grades 5 & 6 Students—February 20th
    - an engaging and interactive session about the brain and brain health
  - Pink Shirt Day: February 26th
    - Pink Shirt Day is all about cultivating a community of kindness
  - Media Literacy Workshop for Grades 7 & 8 students, February 27th
    - A workshop that builds on Digital Citizenship to develop further understanding about how to identify misinformation and hate speech online and highlights ways that students can take action

- 8 Mr. Cerullo introduced a School Wish List of Council review.
- Wishlist Items: February 2025
1. Camp Green Acres Butterfly Kit: \$350  
Purchase two butterfly kits to support hands-on inquiry-based learning in kindergarten.
- Enhances science exploration during the spring months.
- Supports student well-being by fostering curiosity, connection to nature, and mindfulness.
2. Physical Education Equipment & Storage - \$2,500  
Mobile storage carts for basketballs and volleyballs.
- New volleyball and basketballs for junior and intermediate levels.
- Electric portable pump for efficient equipment inflation.
3. Interactive Classroom Technology: \$8,000  
Install Epson BrightLink projectors in two kindergarten classrooms.
- Supports play-based learning by enhancing interactive lessons.
- Includes both audio and visual components to create an immersive and engaging learning environment in a flexible space.
- Promotes engagement, collaboration, and student well-being through interactive, student-centred learning experience.
- Council is fairly certain it will be able to cover items 1 & 2 and will review possibilities for item 3. Item 1 is urgent, School Council to vote virtually ASAP.

Christina to send updated budget, School Council to vote via email

- 9 Literacy night update by Nikki: Nikki, Mr. Bunbury
- Date shifted to April 3rd
  - 6 parent volunteers are confirmed
  - Proposed station in the gym: free books, book mark craft, movement
  - Proposed stations in the library: 2 authors, information booths
  - Nikki to forward volunteer opportunities to Mr. Bunbury for teachers who may be interested. Mr. Bunbury to share with teachers.
- 10 PRO Grant Update (part 1 - Sara Westbrook option) Georgia
- Georgia and Nikki presented an option of collaborating with Bayview Glen PS on a PRO Grant Application and inviting Sara Westbrook.
  - Sara's UPower Presentation (on YRDSB approved speaker list) focuses on navigating social media along with practical advice for parents.
  - Both a parent and a student sessions are currently being considered.
  - Georgia to follow up on costs and potential cost sharing between Bayview Glen and Lake Wilcox.
  - May 8th currently booked for parent session at Bayview Glen.
- 11 PRO Grant Update (part 2 - Art Therapy option) Ms. Naqi
- Ms. Naqi shared feedback from parents suggesting Art Therapy workshop for parents and children.
  - Ms Naqi to share additional information with council on specific topics covered.
  - This option is most likely pricier, but may be a worthwhile consideration for the following school year.
- 12 School Safety Zone Georgia  
Nikki
- It was identified that the office of Carol Davidson Richmond Hill Councillor Ward 1 | Oak Ridges has in the past provided signage for school zones through their Active Travel initiative. Georgia and Nikki to reach out to Carol Davidson's office and connect them to Ms. Naqi.
  - Additionally it was confirmed by LWPS that no cars are allowed in the bus loop during drop off or pick up.
- 13 June BBQ: Nikki
- Previously selected date conflicts with a holiday a lot of LWPS families observe and a date change was proposed by LWPS. Dates from June 10-12 are being considered and a date will be confirmed based on vendor availability. BBQ Gourmet and Fire It Up are being considered as a catering vendor. Nikki to follow up with vendors and conform date.

14 Spirit Wear

- LWPS is collaborating with a former student, now a graphic designer, on a new logo.
- Designs will be available soon and will be able to be applied to various merchandise (i.e. t-shirts and hoodies, as well as mugs, tumblers, stickers, etc).
- Council will consider purchasing stock of each option to sell at the June BBQ.

15 New Chair Election

Mr. Bunbury

- Chuan would like to step down from the School Council Chair position.
- A new election will be held. Mr. Bunbury to send notice to all parents.

16 Council meeting dates

- Previously agreed upon May School Council meeting will be moved to April 7th to give council additional time to prepare for the June BBQ event and provide updates.

17 New Business

Mr. Bunbury

- Olga inquired if year books can be initiated for the 2024-2025 school year. Recognizing that this far into the school year it may not be possible and may need to be revisited in the 2025-2026 school year; Mr. Bunbury will reach out to teachers to gauge availability.
- School Council expressed interest in volunteering as well.

18 Motion to adjourn introduced by Olga, motion seconded by Chuan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

## NEXT MEETING

7 April 2025 | 6:00 p.m. | Library