

# MEETING MINUTES

## LAKE WILCOX PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL



DATE:

22 October 2024

TIME:

6:30 PM - 8:00 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 Ghaemmaghani	✓
Christina Gianopoulos	✓
Georgia Petinarelis	✓
Hamid Dehgham	
Maryam Rezvani	✓
Yalda Zameni (Gottlieb)	
Yong Cai	
Michael Cerullo	✓
Majid Habibi	
Bonnie Chen	
Andrea Welburn	✓
Sheza Naqi	✓
Naghmeh Mousavi	
Marjan Khostavi	
Cathy Proiakakis	✓

- 1 Land Acknowledgement
- 2 Meeting Norms:
  - Respect start and end time of meetings
  - Attend all council meetings regularly and promptly
  - Maintain a school-wide perspective
  - Consensus decision-making
  - Represent the diverse views of the school community
  - Respect and support one another; be succinct, courteous and non-judgemental in interactions with others
  - Act as a link between the council and the community
  - Maintain confidentiality at all times; refrain from discussing individual students, parents, teachers or any YRDSB staff member
  - Be enthusiastic leaders about school and council initiatives
  - Participate in information and training programs and subcommittees
- 3 Role of Council:
  - Advisory body, focused on improving student achievement and enhancing the accountability of the education system to parents.
- 4 Nikki introduced motion to adopt previous meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Julie Pesonen. Motion carried.
- 5 Chuan lead a workshop to determine areas of focus for School Council Subcommittees. School Council members were encouraged to answer the question "What are all the things that success at the school look like for your child/ren?". Answers on large scale post-its were grouped by subject. Once all the answers were sorted, School Council members were asked to name each category starting with a proactive verb; then add up to 3 dots (in total) to the most important categories. The three important areas that emerged were:
  - Fostering emotional well-being/Building relationships & community
  - Instilling confidence
  - Achieving growth & academic success |
  - Create a flexible learning environment

Those areas will become the focus of 2024/2025 School Council Subcommittees. School Council members who volunteered to get involved in each category are listed in minutes item #7.

6 Brainstorming session results:

Fostering emotional well-being (14 dots)

Smile=happy

Child has desire to attend school (happy)

Happy & thriving environment

Teach them to be happy and enjoy their life

Happy @ drop-off

To encourage student/parent engagement so parents feel a connection to their child's school & other parents (for support and participation)

Every student has a trusted adult at school to connect with

Building social emotional competence

Building relationships & community (8 dots)

Proper social interactions

Building friendships

Relationships with: peers & educators

Emotional & social well-being

Making memories

Instilling confidence (7 dots)

To feel seen, heard and empowered : )

Confidence to express themselves timely & correctly

Student believes in themselves/their ability to succeed

Child believes they can! Growth mindset + confidence

Improve self confidence

Get kids involved in various initiatives to better our community (ie. Food drive)

Child feels that mistakes are acceptable and GROWTH happens with we learn from mistakes

Create a flexible learning environment (3 dots)

To arrange positive, creative activities that encourage children to think outside the box: try new things

Understanding that children learn differently

Find children's ability/talent and support it

Understanding that every learning journey is different

Fun & creative learning

Student is able to learn/access the learning based on individual needs

Opportunity and ability to identify interests

Identity affirming spaces

Achieving growth & academic success (6 dots)

Academic success (reading/math)

Growth -> reaching the next step

Students are achieving at their highest level

Students are prepared to move from gr 8 to gr 9 (academic, social, etc) well-being

Further advancement

7 Subcommittee volunteers

Fostering Emotional Wellbeing & Building Relationships: Farivar, Julie, Nikki

Farivar,  
Julie, Nikki

8 Subcommittee volunteers

Instilling Confidence: Olga, Ms. Naqi, Chuan

Olga, Ms.  
Naqi,  
Chuan

- 9 Subcommittee volunteers  
Achieving Growth & Academic success (including flexible learning environment): Georgia, Cathy, Andrea, Nikki
- Georgia,  
Cathy,  
Andrea,  
Nikki
- 10 Christina presented Treasurer Report  
General Account: \$1 937.15  
Hot Lunch Account: \$ 4 153.48  
(does not include the fall lunch orders that were just placed)
- 11 Update from The Lake:  
Well-Being Team - school wide activities, meetings every Tuesday  
Orange Shirt Day - Sept 30  
Book Fair raised \$2500 for the school library  
Photo Day - Oct 1  
Terry Fox Run, Assembly and Team Building Activities - Oct 2  
Library Recess Lounge & Learn Opened - Oct 1  
Reader's & Writer's Club started - Friday in the library  
Inter. Med Boys & Girls Volleyball - several practices, games and mini tournaments before, during & after school  
LWPS Host School for Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournaments - Nov 12 & 13  
Running Club & Cross Country practices Tues Wed, and Thurs (Area Meet Oct 16, Regional Meet Oct 25)  
School Cross Country Run - October 9  
Grade 8 field trip to Cold Creek - October 11  
Grade 7 field trip to Treetop Trekking - October 18  
Grade 7 & 8 Ball Hockey League (October to Winter Break)  
Choir started on October 1st  
Intermediate Concert Band started  
IT Team (aka Tech Team) training and first gig  
School Wide Dance October 31  
Positive Space Club (formallu GSA) - meetings on Thursday  
New guided reading sets (decodable books) for teachers to use to support Language Curriculum  
Grade 8 transition planning for grade 9 and evening visits to high school regional programs  
Take Your Student to High School - Grade students visiting Richmond Green SS - Nov 6  
Caught Being Kind - school wide recognition of act of kindness (certificates, announcements, display)

12 Principal's Update:

The staff at LWPS are incredible

New Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Building Unity, Achieving Excellence

The student-centred plan focuses on three priorities:

Student Achievement. We promote and support high expectations for all.

Health and Well-Being. We build healthy environments and positive relationships.

Human Rights and Inclusive Education. We learn and grow together, and affirm our diverse identities.

Parent Teacher Interviews - November 14 (pm) and 15 (am)

Family Dashboard coming soon

13 Family Dashboard:

The week of October 21st, the school board is introducing a family portal, called the Family Dashboard. The dashboard is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education and to create one-stop access to important information and applications.

We are reminding parents and guardians to update their contact information, particularly email addresses, to ensure they can access the family dashboard.

The platform will provide a secure and accessible way for families to connect with tools and information, such as Report Cards. We look forward to continuing to add more features to the dashboard.

Parents and guardians are not required to use the family dashboard and can still request printed materials from the school.

More information will be shared with families soon.

14 2024-2025 School Council Meeting Dates

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Sept. 17 - initial meeting, elections

Oct. 22 - setting goals and priorities

Nov. 6 - Regional School Council Forum (Nikki & Chuan)

Nov. 26

Jan 14th

Feb 25th

May 6 - BBQ planning

Jun. 2 (Monday)

June 5 - possible date for BBQ and 25th Anniversary celebration

- 15 Principal Profile was reviewed, no additional changes were suggested

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cvHRyYZO1xVkjU436wlfC0pEpGg2DIsCab5vJlrOqeo/edit?tab=t.0>

Motion to adopt the profile was introduced by Nikki, seconded by Julie.  
Motion carried.

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| 16 June BBQ/25th Year Celebration:<br>June 5th is set a a tentative date for the BBQ.<br>June BBQ/25th Year Celebration subcommittee volunteers:<br>Julie, Chuan, Cathy, Alida, Georgia, Nikki | Julie,<br>Chuan,<br>Cathy,<br>Alida,<br>Georgia,<br>Nikki |
| 17 Julie updated the members on hot lunch parent volunteers. All 5 days are covered and an additional substitute volunteer has offered to help during the meeting.                             |   |
| 18 Chuan introduced motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Farivar. Motion carried.   |   |

#### NEXT MEETING

26 November 2024 | 6:00 p.m. | Library