

LAKE WILCOX PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 20, 2024

	PRESENT	ABSENT	GUESTS:
<i>Principal:</i> Andrea Welburn	X		Cathy Proiakakis Mahsa Abdetedal Nazanin Zandieh Dilnaz Garda
<i>Vice Principal:</i> Afrouz Sarmadi	x		
<i>Teacher Representative:</i> Mike Cerullo	X		
<i>Co-Chairs:</i> Nikki Andal	X		
<i>Treasurer:</i> Anne Marie Kirkness		X	
<i>Secretary:</i> Jessica Ng	X		
<i>Fundraising Lead:</i> Anita Fancy	X		
<i>Members at Large (voting members):</i> Vanessa Comella Farivar Ghaemmaghami Christina Gianopoulos Cassandre Lennox Chuan Li Nicole Louli Julie Pesonen Georgia Petinarelis Zahra Rostamkhani	X X X X X X	 X X X	

MINUTES :

	AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS	TASKS/CONCLUSION
1	Meeting Brought to Order	6:35pm	
2	Adoption of Minutes	Nikki first Julie second; minutes adopted	
3	Treasurer's Report	Proposed Grade 8 Grad expense — passed by Council Treasurer's Report with Grade 8 Grad expense: Motion to pass: Nikki Second: Jessica	
4	Update from Principal (Ms Welburn) & Teacher Representative (Mr Cerullo)	<u>Mr Cerullo's Updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Well-Being Team - school wide activities – Black History Month - Celebrating Black Excellence – Nigerian Specialty Lunch – Lunar New Year classroom activities and celebrations – Valentine's Day Cookie Sales – Bell Let's Talk Presentations 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome to LPWS 'Meet & Greet' for newcomers - Grade 6s learning at the Toronto Holocaust Museum - Scientists in School Workshops for Grade 3 and Grade 4 classes - Youth Speak parent presentation - Youth Speak Workshops for students - Connecting with former students via Zoom & volunteers - GSA - together every Thursday - Intermediate Basketball - Junior Basketball started - Junior Volleyball concluded - Library Recess Lounge & Learn Open - RaW (Readers & Writers Club) Open to Junior students - Busy music room - Concert Band (6-8), Choir (3-8), Ukulele Club (5-8) - Grade 8 outdoor education and team building activities at Lake St. George Conservation - Graduation Photos - Pink Shirt Day activities - Grade 9 Course Selection <p><u>Ms Welburn's Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thankful for the staff appreciation breakfast, Hot Lunch Volunteers, and parking lot volunteers. - There was call to the community for Parking Lot volunteers in most recent newsletter. - Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support and promote positive student behaviour, students will attend the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentations during the month of February. These presentations underscore behaviour expectations as we create a caring, safe, and inclusive school environment. • Presentation topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YRDSB and School Code of Conduct (including items that are not to be brought to school) - Staying safe online - Progressive discipline, and - Standing up for each other, including methods of reporting incidents of racism, discrimination and bullying. - Professional Development for Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers at LWPS continue to be engaged in professional learning: • Math Network • Learning more about coding - March staff meeting • Implementing the new language curriculum being implemented this year. - Hot Lunch Update 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the last week of the winter session of hot lunch. We will be looking into using Healthy Hunger as a vendor for April - June as Lunchbox is still not approved for this year with YRDSB. For now, Kids Kitchen is open for ongoing orders on Tuesdays. 	
5	Teachers' Wishlist	<p>Top 3 items on Teachers' Wishlist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chromebooks (can participate in YRDSB cost share) 2. Phys Ed equipment 3. Music equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor Wishlist Item: support audio presentation for music 	Council decided to wait until hot lunch money comes in first to determine full balance before finalizing how to allocate funds.
6	Council Funds & School Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on how Council funds were allocated historically. Admin puts forth requests from teachers to the Council and items are then voted upon. Generally, parents do not bring forth ideas unless they participate in Council meetings. - Parental suggestion on Council funds to be spent on yearbooks, which can be impactful for some students and document their memories at LWPS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will not be a yearbook this year due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff does not have capacity to take this on, and - All extra-curricular activities are voluntary for staff - Privacy issue: need additional consent from parents to have students' pictures included. YRDSB Consent at beginning of the year is not sufficient. • Discussed alternatives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outsource to Edge Imaging, which may still require staff commitment, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Update after the meeting: Edge Imaging trains school staff on how to use their software; staff complete the yearbook and then Edge Imaging manages the printing. Edge Imaging does not offer a service where they create the yearbook pages for schools.</i> - Parent volunteers to coordinate yearbook, however it is a privacy issue; this was confirmed earlier in the year by the YRDSB Privacy Office, and - Look into how other YRDSB schools with yearbooks handle the privacy 	

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		<p>issue (already done).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently Grade 8 teachers are compiling pictures, quotes, etc. for the slide show at the Grade 8 graduation ceremony. The school will send out a PDF of the compilation at year end to Grade 8 families who have signed the consent. Additional permission form to be completed by parents. This slide deck is specific to the Grade 8 graduation this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Budget is based on number of students (400+ for 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023: school budget did fund Chromebooks, Phys. Ed equipment and music equipment but Council funds enhanced purchases via Cost Share program. 	
7	Fundraising / Events Update	<p><u>Loonie for the Lake</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: to begin March 1st Promote each student donating at least \$1 Friendly competition by class; winning class will win a prize (TBD) Potentially will use proceeds to fund Chromebooks <p><u>Parent Connection Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: April 18th Parents to meet in library to connect and students play in gym with preset activities (TBD) Chuan has 2 vendors lined up to assist with students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego class, and City of Richmond Hill will run obstacle course (for free). <p><u>June Year End BBQ</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: June 13th Will book and lock in vendor, Mr Corn, which offers variety of options including halal, Gluten Free, etc. 	<p>Anita to draft wording to promote Loonie for the Lake and send to Andrea, which will be included in "Update From The Lake".</p> <p>Parent Connection Event Subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chuan Julie Georgia Farivar Nikki <p>Chuan to advise vendors the date of event and confirm their attendance.</p> <p>June BBQ Subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Georgia Tina Nikki Cathy Christina Nazanin?
8	Next Session	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	

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9	Adjourn Meeting	Motion to adjourn: Nikki Seconded: Anita - Time: 8:06	

OUT OF MEETING UPDATES & APPROVALS:

N/A