

# MEETING MINUTES

## LAKE WILCOX PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL



DATE:

17 September 2024

TIME:

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Olga Rozin Proger

### IN ATTENDANCE

Hamid Dehghan

Nicole Louli

Yalda Zamani (Gottlieb)

Alida Morens

Julie Pesonen

Yomg Cai

Chuan Li

Nikki Andal

Saghar Rasaei

Olga Rozin Proger

Farivar Ghaemmegham

Majid Habibi

Christina Gianoopsulos

Georgia Petinarelis

Bonnie (Xiaoyuan) Chen

Andrea Welburn

Sheza Naqi

Maryam Rahimi

Michael Cerullo

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION BY
1 Land Acknowledgement	
2 Introductions	
3 Nikki Andal introduced motion to dissolve previous year's school council. Motion seconded by Julie Pesonen. Motion carried.	
4 Nikki Andal introduced motion to adopt previous meeting minutes and Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Julie Pesonen. Motion carried.	
5 Current School Council account balance: \$2,417.57 (plus \$2,041 undeposited)	
6 Current General account balance: \$1,939.15 (plus \$1,355.40 undeposited)	
<p>7 Role of School Council Review:</p> <p>School Councils play an important and valued role with a school's improvement and with student achievement, well-being and mental health.</p> <p>School Councils work collaboratively to build partnerships that encourage involvement of all members of the school community to provide input into relevant Board and school-level decisions.</p> <p>Partners work together to co-create and implement actions that meet the needs of students in diverse communities. YRDSBMedia has posted a YouTube video for an overview of school councils</p>	
<p>8 School Council Members Review:</p> <p>A majority of parents Principal or Vice-principal Teacher representative Community representative</p>	
<p>9 Proposed Meeting Dates (to be confirmed at a later date): School Councils are mandated to conduct a minimum of four meetings per year.</p> <p>Sept. 17 - initial meeting, elections Oct. 22 - setting goals and priorities Nov. 6 - Regional School Council Forum Nov. 26 Jan. 14 Mar. 18 May 6 - BBQ planning Jun. 2 (Monday) - budget allocation June 5 - possible date for BBQ ???</p>	

10 Roles and Responsibilities Review:

Chair/Co-Chairs:

Arrange for meetings  
Prepare agendas with school administration  
Chair council meetings  
Ensure minutes are recorded  
Facilitate the resolution of a conflict  
Communicate with school principal on behalf of council

Parent representatives:

Participate on any committees established by the School Council  
Contribute to the discussions of School Council  
Observe the Council's code of ethics and established by-laws

Secretary:

Take minutes at each meeting (brief, clear summary of what was discussed, at the meeting including decisions, future plans, reports, and who is responsible for what; the minutes should also include a list of those attending)  
Send minutes out to members of the School Council via email

Treasurer:

Obtain the Budget Report from the office prior to each Council meeting  
Share deposits and expenditures with Council at each meeting  
Count and organize money from fundraisers in the Principal's office and prepare the bank deposit (if applicable)

11 School Council Handbook:

Policy Procedure # 262 School Councils  
School Council Handbook

12 Elections for School Council:

Chair (Co-chairs), Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraiser (optional role), Voting Members must be selected.

15 voting members are suggested, 8 are minimum for quorum.

Chair / Co-chair - Chuan Li (second co-chair to be determined)

Secretary - Olga Rozin Proger

Treasurer: Christina Gianoopsulos

Fundraising coordinator - to be determined at a later date

Voting members (11): Julie Pesonen, Alida Morens, Georgia Petinarelis, Nikki Andal, Christina Gianoopsulos, Olga Rozin Proger, Chuan Li, Farivar Ghaemmegham, Saghar Rasaei, Nicole Louli, Maryam Rahimi (Staff Representative)

Looking for  
volunteer for  
Co-chair  
and  
fundraising  
coordinator

13 Co-chairs need to attend Regional School Council Forum on November 6th. Chuan Li will attend. Nikki Andal volunteered to attend as well.

Chuan Li &  
Nikki Andal

- 14 Update from the Lake:  
Welcome back!  
September 16-20 Book Fair  
September 19 Curriculum Night  
September 27 PA Day  
September 30 Orange Shirt Day  
October 1 - Photo Day  
October 2 - Terry Fox Run/Walk  
October Lounge & Learn Open  
October 11 - Gr. 8 Trip  
October 14 - Thanksgiving  
October 16 - Area Cross Country  
October 18 - Gr. 7 Trip  
Intermediate Volleyball  
Equity Team meetings, planning & events - Stay tuned!
- 15 Principal's Update:  
Fantastic start to the school year  
Wonderful, supportive staff team  
School enrolment has decreased  
Caring and Safe Schools presentations
- 16 Spirit wear: staff is discussing whether or not Spirit wear will be redesigned this year. Following calendar year is 25th anniversary of the school, there may be an opportunity for an anniversary release of Spirit wear.
- 17 Year books: due to privacy guidelines, year books must be put together by staff (not parent volunteers). If a staff members is able to take on this project, School Council will be informed.
- 18 Hot lunches are being organized for 5 days a week. Lunchbox platform will be up and running in a few weeks. Updates to follow.
- 19 Julie Pesonen volunteered to serve as a hot lunch volunteer coordinator. Additional parent volunteers are needed to fill 5 days a week plus at least one back up. Commitment is from 11:40am to 12:40pm. Additional volunteers needed, reach out to Julie
- 20 Profits from hot lunch go to School Council. Program typically generates \$500-\$700 monthly profit. School Council will vote on where funding will be directed. Staff surveys are conducted to identify school needs. Previously funds were directed towards classroom technology, gym equipment, music program, standing desks.
- 21 Paint lines in the school yard as well as basketball net may need to be repaired / replaced this year. Paving is not planned in the foreseeable future, this may be a good year to proceed with outdoor work.
- 22 Nikki Andal introduced motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Julie Pesonen. Motion carried.

#### NEXT MEETING

22 October 2024 | 6:00 p.m. | Library