

# LAKE WILCOX PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2023

**Attendees:**

Principal: Andrea Welburn	Regrets: Barb Kwolek Anne Marie Kirkness Chuan Li Georgia Petinarelis Farivar Ghaemmaghani Nicole Louli Zahra Rostamkhani
Vice Principal: Afrouz Samadi	
Teacher Representative: Mike Cerullo	
<i>Co-Chairs:</i> Nikki Andal & Julie Pesonen	
Treasurer: Anne Marie Kirkness	
Secretary: Barb Kwolek	
Fundraising Lead: Anita Fancy	
<i>Members at Large (Voting Members):</i> Vanessa Comella Christina Gianopoulos Cassandre Lennox Jessica Ng	
<i>Guests:</i> Saeid Nikbakht Krista Crutchley Shelly Khushal Nazanin Zandieh Tina Moradi-Haghighoo Arsalon Ramin Hesam Sabeti	

1.	<b>Meeting brought to order @ 1830h.</b>
2.	<b>Adoption of Minutes &amp; Treasurer’s Reports Minutes:</b> Minutes were shared via email ahead of the meeting. Motion to Pass: Christina, 2nd by Anita, Motion Carries.
3.	<b>Update from Principal (Ms Welburn) &amp; Teacher Representative (Mr Cerullo)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Book Fair success added \$1500+ of books to our library collection</li> <li>· Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night</li> <li>· Well-Being Team - school wide team building activities</li> <li>· Walking Club (1-4) &amp; Running Club (4-8) - October 11 Area Cross Country</li> <li>· Take Me Outside Day Activities                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will be on Oct 18, 2023. Students will be divided by Houses (teams), which will continue throughout the year. The intent is to provide leadership opportunities for intermediate students and for students across different classes to build communities and connections.</li> </ul> </li> <li>· Intermediate Boys &amp; Girls Volleyball</li> <li>· Richmond Hill Fire &amp; Emergency Services Visited</li> <li>· Scanlon Creek, Treetop Trekking Outdoor Education (5-8)</li> <li>· Library Recess Lounge &amp; Learn Open</li> <li>· RaW (Readers &amp; Writers Club)</li> <li>· Concert Band (6-8)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir (3-8)</li> <li>• Ukulele Club (5-8)</li> <li>• Inclusioneers continue to meet</li> <li>• Bridging Connections</li> </ul> <p><b>Principal Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 20 - Professional Learning for staff</li> <li>• Psychological barriers to disrupting racism, racial trauma and how to counteract it (all staff)</li> <li>• Curriculum Implementation:</li> </ul> <p>§ Kindergarten - Literacy - Cultivating Rich Communication          § Gr. 1 - 3: Social Studies Curriculum          § Gr. 4, 5, 7, 8: STEM and Skilled Trades          § Gr. 6 - Revised Social Studies Curriculum</p> <p><b>"Bridging Connections" Events at Lake Wilcox PS</b>  <b>Goal: Strengthening Community Support</b>          Event Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage and connect with diverse families</li> <li>• Access to YRDSB resources regardless of language proficiency</li> <li>• Access to Community Navigators for various language groups</li> <li>• Assistance with Edsby, CashOnline, Google Classroom and email setup</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Details:</b>          Chinese (with Jean Wang): Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 2:45-3:45 pm.          Turkish (with Han Soydemir): Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 2:45-3:45 pm.          Farsi &amp; Dari (with Lida Sarwar): Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 2:45-3:45 pm.  <b>Location: Library, Lake Wilcox PS</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Fundraising Ideas and Proposed Calendar of Council Events</b>          The following is a list of possible events. These have not yet been confirmed. Intent to have all engagement activities free to attend for the school community.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed Calendar:</u></b></p> <p><u>October</u>          School Council Family Survey - E          Student Logo Design Contest for new School Council Logo – E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will engage students to create a logo for the School Council and submit to the Office / Council. Hope to generate buzz and promote the School Council to families.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Donation – F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea will put together letter to be distributed to parents that donations can be made through School Cash Online</li> <li>• Nikki, et al, will create and launch PR to promote direct donation and tangible ways in which it helps the students at LWPS.</li> <li>• For Consideration: School Council set up a table on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> evening and Nov 17<sup>th</sup> morning during Parent - Teacher Interviews to meet and engage with parents and provide examples of what School Council fundraising does for the students.</li> </ul> <p><u>November</u>          Share the Warmth Clothing Drive (?) - C          Teacher / Student Basketball Game - E, (F snacks)          Well-Being Guest Speaker – S          For consideration:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will use Pro-grant</li> <li>● Arranged by Afrouz</li> <li>● Speaker will be from the YRDSB list of approved speakers; speaker will present at daytime assembly for students and evening for the community</li> <li>● Focus will be on equity, inclusion and diversity</li> </ul> <p>Purdys Chocolate – F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aim for early December delivery so that parents can use purchases for Holiday season</li> <li>● Andrea and Anita will start the process and engage Georgia</li> </ul> <p><u>December</u> Games Night - E, (F snacks) Food Drive (?) - E, C</p> <p><u>January</u> Skate Night at Richmond Green – E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider having alternatives to increase inclusiveness. Potentially have two activities on the same night</li> </ul> <p><u>February</u> Arts Night, Silent Auction - E, F</p> <p><u>March</u> Spring Dance - E, (F snacks)</p> <p><u>April</u> Neurodiversity - E, S Loonie for the Lake - F</p> <p><u>May</u> Mental Health Awareness Month - E, S</p> <p><u>June</u> Year-End BBQ (June 6) - E, F</p> <p>Legend: E - Engagement    F - Fundraising    C - Community    S - SIP Support</p>
5.	<p><b>Grade 8 Graduation</b></p> <p>Discussion on pros and cons to hosting Grade 8 graduation and party offsite versus on school property. Andrea confirmed the ceremony and party will be held at LWPS this year again due to convenience of set up, technological alignment, secure environment and cost efficiency.</p> <p>Discussed School Council is a safe and great forum to bring forth ideas and feedback for discussion.</p>
6.	<p><b>Family Community Survey</b></p> <p>Survey questions have been reviewed and revised by Andrea, Nikki and Julie. Google form coming soon, with the ability to select different languages, which helps with inclusiveness.</p>
7.	<p><b>Community Communication and Engagement</b></p> <p>Kindergarten Playground Meet and Grades 1-3 Playground Meet were a great success with families requesting Council to organize this type of activity at a regular frequency. Many parents in the community want to be engaged and connected with one another.</p> <p>Some parents have created WhatsApp groups to connect with one another; this could be a way for Council to inform them of initiatives. Council brainstormed ideas for fostering communication with</p>

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	<p>parents outside of formal channels, including using Whatsapp chat groups. Ultimately Council is an official school organization, and communication between council and parents needs to follow formal channels.</p> <p>Recommend future brainstorming innovative ways to communicate with LWPS families and formalize how the parent community can submit ideas and feedback for Council to review. This includes methods Council can use to inform and engage the parents and greater community.</p>
8.	<p><b>School Council Policy Review</b></p> <p>Andrea sent out a link and will send out a link again to parents who were not in the original distribution list. Survey results, bylaws and the constitution will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.</p>
9.	<p><b>Hot Lunch</b></p> <p>Last year's provider, Lunch Box, is still undergoing the accreditation process with YRDSB. For now, LWPS have decided to go with other hot lunch options administered by the school with the hopes that Lunch Box will be accredited by January 2024. Andrea is looking into adding Kids Kitchen for Mondays.</p>
10.	<p><b>School Website</b></p> <p>The School Council section of the website needs to be updated with current year information. Nikki will work with Andrea to update.</p>
11.	<p><b>Parking Lot Safety</b></p> <p>Morning drop offs in parking lot is dangerous and treacherous. In the past there were staff who would help direct traffic but staff is not permitted to do this. Council could consider organizing volunteers for traffic control.</p>
12.	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Motion was put forward to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at 2008h. Motion to Pass: Nikki, 2nd by Anita.</p>

### Action Items:

Meeting Date	Action Item Description	Owner	Status