

Sir Wilfred Laurier Public School Council meeting

Date: December 16, 2020, 6:30pm -7:30 pm

Format: Virtual via GotoMeeting

Attendances: 16 participants in total. (Elisa Lau, Karen Q, Karen Lau, Karyanne, Linda, Sara B, Wayne Spencer, Dionne Wu, Deborah Joyce, Amy Yau, Consuelo Aponte, Dorothy Tong)

Update from the school - Given by Vice Principal Wayne Spencer and Principal Deborah Joyce

Health and safety - Wayne Spencer and Deborah Joyce

- SWL continues to follow guidelines recommended by public health. Students are doing well in term of wearing mask and etc.
- Because some students are studying online, there are more space available for in school students to use. There are even extra classrooms available for students to store their winter accessories.
- YRDSB sent out blast email to families. Following the new year, Public health require students to wear 2 layers masks and 3m social distance between students during physical education. Students must wear mask if 3m cannot be kept.
- Students must be prepared that there could be an extension after Christmas holiday. Students must bring all of their school materials home. Should extension happen, teachers will be ready to switch to virtual teaching as a get go. Synchronize online teaching will be available through google classroom, hangout and etc. Students will be thoroughly informed on how to log onto the online class before holiday break begin.
- For families that want to change learning model from F2F to EVS, there will be another opportunity in Jan. A request form will be sent home in Jan. Deadline to submit will also be in Jan. Detail will come in Jan. The form will only be available for those families who request the change. This will be the last chance to change for this school year.
- Gifted screening, over 100 students took the assessment including both F2F and EVS students.
- Grade 8 graduation: A virtual program was organized for those grade 8 students who graduated in 2020. The program was uploaded to the board site as well.
- Assemblies: SWL will start planning some virtual assemblies combined with spirit days starting Jan 2021. Thinking of having 3 classes, may be younger classes combine with older classes. Students may be able to share some of their talents with the rest of the school during the assemblies. Other ideas for spirit day include PJ days, stuffed animal day and etc.
- Virtual assemblies will only be available to those F2F students. A parent wanted to know how to engage online students to incorporate school spirit. Good idea, and administrators will explore on how to engage and collaborate F2F students with EVS students.

- So far, SWL had 3 fire drills and 1 lock down drill and 1 hold and secure drill.
- Food drive: SWL received great participation. Wayne and Deborah will deliver the collected items to Markham food bank.
- YRDSB school board are now thinking about the kind of activities that can be done to recognize their grade 8 students. Topics such as Grad photo, yearbook, graduation have been discussed but no decision made yet.
- PRO Grant: Last year, school council booked Paul Davis, but because COVID, we paused the reservation. So far, there are no communication about PRO grant from the board. We are not sure if there is still PRO grant available for SWL. Deborah will let parents know when more information come in future.
- Inclement weather policy: YRDSB board implement a new policy that school will be closed on inclement weather when school bus are not in service. When that happen, teachers will post work online and be available for assistant during the school hours. It will be supplemental learning, not new learning. This is to protect those students without technology access.
- Virtual holiday concert: Some classes recorded a class performance to be put together for a virtual holiday concert.
- SWL twitter remain an useful social medium for parents to find immediate school information.

Treasurer's report- presented by Karen Q

- This year opening balance is \$18 587 = last year closing balance
- Karen Q shared a detailed treasurer report for last school year. Two main sources of revenue from last year came from lunch programs and online investment program. Fund raised have been used to cover school activities such as Mathletes, supply teacher payments, computer cost sharing, mega hoops basketball, supplies for lunch program, tent repair, investment in education online donation fees and etc. Only one movie night was organized in 2019 because of the school closure during COVID, and the event resulted in a loss in profit because of the licence fee. Movie night was organized as a community outreach event, instead of fund raising event.
- Among the different lunch vendors, Pizza Hut made the most profit.

Possibilities for spending - Deborah Joyce

- Allocate funds to teacher
- Grad - \$500
- Donation to local food bank
- Virtual events (for families and students)
- Virtual field trips
- Board are not doing cost sharing program this year, but we can still buy technology
 - o School just received 23 chrome book

- School purchased 20+ ukulele because students are not allowed to use woodwind instruments for music class
- Game painting on tarmac - a parent suggested putting a hold on it.
- Online mentoring program
- Virtual movie night.

None of these activities are confirmed yet. Administrative welcome ideas

Council ideas for spending

- Virtual guest speaker (evening for kids and parents) for face to face students and EVS students during after hour
- Guest speaker about mental health, social medias, gaming addiction, cyber safety
- Events to integrate EVS students and keep them part of school community
- Something fun and engaging once a month will be good
- A mentoring platform
- Online music lesson
- Since only half of the student population is F2F, suggest to use 50% of the fund available to be fair

Next meeting date

- Thursday Feb 25, 2021, 6:30-7:30 pm

Other questions raised:

- Will there be photo day this year? No. The board do not allow one this year for COVID reason
- School council meeting link is intentionally not shared through blast email for cyber safety reason, and also as a way to track the attendance.
- Do we know the start date for EVS switch to F2F? Sometime in Feb 2021.
- Do you have any insight on possible changes if the vaccine administration is effective?
No