

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School
School Council Meeting #04 Minutes
For Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 at 7pm in the School Library

Attendance: Deborah Joyce (Principal), Kathryn Gravill (Vice-Principal), Mymi Huynh (Chair), Joyce Alimonos (Treasurer), Sufia Khan-Hussaini (Secretary), Diana Yau, Charity Stappas, Juliann Ng, Nazish Hussain, Sadaf Siddiqui, Yang Yang, Jenine Lafayette, Syed Hussaini, Ada Shing, Dorothy Tong

Items	Minute Notes
<p>Update from Administration by Mme. Joyce & Mme. Gravill</p>	<p>Exciting purchases have been made for our classroom environments such as wobbly stools, bean bag chairs, desk cycles (i.e. students pedal under their desks) and standing desks (i.e. for students who work better when standing) these kinesthetic accommodations were purchased along with exercise resistance bands. Also microphones and a sound system, along with a score board and screen have also been purchased. Money is starting to be spent in purposeful ways from the school's government funding.</p> <p>As a follow up to starting up a chess club next year, Mme. Joyce contacted a chess provider, Chess with Mr.S who is offering a 1 hour session (20 minute lesson while eating and talking chess and about 40 minutes of play) at lunch time, once a week and for 10 sessions it would cost \$130. He's willing to offer repeated sessions and could accommodate multiple classes/levels and he's ready to start in the fall for all grades. His ratios range from 16:1 or 16:2 and sessions run from October to December, January to March and then April to May (i.e. lessons do not run into June).</p> <p>An exciting new venture for our school, the board has approved a partnership initiated by a parent at SWL, Sam Saif, between the school and Intel. The partnership involves hosting a Maker Fair with Intel and the concept is to give students different kits to choose from (e,g, programming robotics, etc) and have them build them and showcase them to the community at a "Maker Fair" . This is a mutually beneficial partnership where students and staff are learning about and creating these kits/ new technology, and from Intel's perspective they see our students as future employees/consumers of Intel products.</p> <p>Proposed changes for next year, (a) continuous snack where students eat when they are hungry (but not whatever, whenever) which will reinforce the learning skill of self regulation, knowing when you are hungry (b) a flipped lunch where recess is for 40 minutes and then lunch is for 20 minutes afterwards, teachers have been receptive (c) continuous entry</p>

	<p>where the bell rings and students come in as they please, this may make for a calm orderly, quick entry.</p>
<p>Treasurers Report & Annual Report Updates by Joyce Alimonos</p>	<p>No changes with respect to the last Treasures Report, only the adjustments for the monthly lunches, the numbers are expected.</p> <p>Joyce created a projected fundraising budget for the upcoming year based on this year's numbers for the school, drawing from projected profits and investment in education and projected expenditures that have been consistent. It's been discussed that if we are in an extreme credit, as we are now, we will not send out Investment in Education Letters to parents.</p> <p>The Healthy Snack Program, which was very well received, maxed out its funding, but will continue with school council funds. The program will be continued in September. \$1334.70 was received as a grant for the Healthy Snack program + \$100 additional grant meant that \$465 was left but each weekly order costs \$320. The school also had free vouchers for bags of apples. This year the application went in in March and was prorated. Applications are accepted in April of the previous school year. The funds also did not seem sufficient for our school size. Since there is more than 1 week of school remaining, there would not be any funds left to purchase snacks for the program. Council raised funds will provide the difference.</p> <p>The next newsletter should report back on Investment in Education and outlines where the \$5383.14 raised were/will be spent.</p> <p>Lunches next year will be 3 days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Pizza, Subs and Lunch Lady who will offer different lunches with more options. Kids Kitchen will also be offered on the other days, but it doesn't make us money. Lunches will start ASAP in September.</p>
<p>Fun Fair Status by Joyce Alimonos</p>	<p>The fun fair will be bigger and better than any of the previous years and will be themed Canada 150. There are 8 inflatables (i.e. 1 for ages 6 and under in the gym), \$1 for photo booth, 3 air brush artists, a magician, and 3 gourmet food trucks which would mean no long lines or pre-ordering of food this year, an ice cream truck, a police car and fire truck, a clown for face painting for younger ones who don't want air brush tattoos and carnival games there will also be live music, and silent auction tailored to Canada 150, a drawing competition, and related Canada 150 takeaways.</p> <p>Donations for silent auction include: Cineplex Theatres, Mathnasium, jewellery, private lessons with Northern Karate, a pottery plate, a Gift Certificate was used to purchase Canada 150 items.</p> <p>Looking for more about 30 more volunteers, time commitment is flexible.</p>

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant By Elisa Lau	Math Night was a great success with 300 parents in attendance plus their kids. The report back was submitted to Mme. Joyce and Mme. Gravill. June 15 th is the deadline for funding for next year. Different ideas have been discussed but there was consensus on applying for Robotics.
Student Council Update by Lena Sadaka	Mme. Sadaka could not attend tonight's meeting, but she sent a message read by Mme. Joyce where she recapped all the initiatives the Student Council has been taking part in such as mental health awareness, mindfulness activities, helping in a Term 2 Assembly for Canada 150 and assisting in the Graduation slideshow, they were also featured on Fairchild tv. who have also been invited to the Fun Fair.
Constitution Committee Update by Council and Administration	<p>The Committee is looking to make its constitution one that is open and inclusive and that honours parent engagement. It will be shared with the public in the first meeting in the Fall.</p> <p>Proposed School Council meetings for next year: 6 meetings on Mondays at 7pm. Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th, Jan. 15th, Feb. 5th, April 9th and May 7th.</p> <p>Considerations to offer child care and pizza are being made to try to create an open, inclusive and accessible school council as possible.</p>
Principal Profile by Council and Administration by Mymi Huynh	<p>The Board wants all School Councils to review their Principal Profiles at every school. Examples of other schools will be provided. Think about what we want, review the examples from other schools and come back with suggestions. Email anyone on executive team of school council.</p> <p>An email was sent out to council after the meeting on May 26th and the date that was given for everyone on council to respond by was: June 15th.</p>