

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
For Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7pm in the School Library**

Attendance: Joyce, Juliann, Jerrica, Elisa, Diana, Sufia, Dorothy Tang, Jeff Jin, Kathy Jin, Peter Wang, Ruth Hong, Ada Shing

Staff: Deborah Joyce, Kathryn Gravill

Items	Minute Notes
Welcome and Introduction	Jerrica opened meeting with call to order and there were round table introductions.
Business Arising from Previous Meeting	Jerrica asked if there were any outstanding issues from the last meeting to be resolved. Deborah confirmed that pinneys will be washed, coat hooks will be fixed, and washroom signs to remind to flush were addressed in both girls and boys washrooms.
Updates from School Administration	<p>Deborah mentioned that a lunchtime STEM club has been confirmed to move forward and piano will also be coming.</p> <p>Kathryn provided a foyer update. The school has recently ordered some furniture – café table, wavy bench in school colours for students to congregate and to bring in idea of modern learning and collaboration. The old mural in the foyer has been painted over and the administration is working with students to paint the school logo on the wall. The plan is to put a whiteboard where the current display case is located. Current furniture will be moved to in front of office. Kathryn passed around images and colours will be in Pacific Blue and Steel.</p> <p>21 days of kindness campaign is coming up and each class will track acts of kindness. There will be a celebration assembly at the end of the 21 days on June 8th. The reason why it is 21 days long is because it takes 21 days to form a new habit.</p> <p>Requests for change of date for next School Council meeting originally scheduled for May 7th. Parent council voted for change of date and set for May 9th at 7pm. There will be a yoga event on the 9th at 6pm and 6:45pm so parents can still attend the 6pm yoga (if they want to) and make it to the School Council meeting.</p>
Treasurer Report	<p>The price increase from the new provider of the pizza lunch has not been passed along to parents.</p> <p>Joyce asked if anyone has given any thoughts to new providers for lunch programs for the upcoming school year. One parent asked if anyone has considered sushi as an alternative lunch. Some sushi restaurants have partnered with schools. If people are interested, Parent Council can explore it further. Another parent asked if School Council can look into Subway as a provider. Joyce replied that she will look into new food options.</p>
School Violence	There was a March 9 th symposium about school violence hosted by the Elementary

<p>Symposium Update</p>	<p>Teachers’ Federation of Ontario.</p> <p>Elisa attended and shared pictures about what was discussed.</p> <p>First symposium to cover school violence as a topic. There were examples of trashed classrooms. School violence was primarily about students being violent against teachers and the school, not against other students. E.g. student was asked to return iPad after recess and student refused and threw a chair at the window.</p> <p>Schools are not allowed to discuss other students’ behaviours except with their own parents, but it should be recognized that often these occurrences are due to other issues beyond the classroom. Deborah mentioned that we are talking predominantly about students somewhere along the special education spectrum. This is not about students purposely harming teachers. More about special needs – trying to shine a spotlight in an area that needs more funding from the government with students needs that are not met.</p> <p>Jerrica mentioned that it was an eye-opener for the need for training and protection. This violence in schools is on the rise and current Canadian school system doesn’t have data to measure the incidence. Only US data is available. A parent asked if the school keeps reports. Deborah replied that it is school policy to keep reports. There are safety procedures in place.</p> <p>Deborah confirmed that teachers and students who have special needs kids in their class know what to do because they have been trained.</p>
<p>Committee update</p>	<p>PRO GRANT</p> <p>So far 180 students have signed up for STEM night workshop on Thursday night. STEM kids rock coming with 7 tables with displays. Elisa’s kids did the posters for STEM night. Need to think about Pro Grant for next year. Application deadline is June 7th. Elisa is asking if someone else wants to take over, since she’s been doing the applications since 2014.</p> <p>Started in 2014. First grant she applied for was financial literacy and fitness for kids then, social media security, math night, and now STEM night. With help of Joyce, invited community members – goal of one stop shop of anything math related. Nine STEM workshops are robotic and coding related. Suggestions of mental health and fitness for next year. Discussed at last meeting to have option to have food. Joyce put together price list to help parents out who will not have time to prepare dinner that night due to timing. Other topics for Pro Grant – suggestion box for Pro Grant like it was done for movie night? Can give a list of potential options. Can have a box at registration and form with a few choices and a line for “other”. Suggestions of mental health and fitness for next year. Experts at social media, cyber security among other options.</p> <p>FUN FAIR</p> <p>Joyce distributed pictures of possible options. She spoke with Checkers and got an amount and order would include more activities and the company is providing</p>

some free bonus activities. More items but each activity doesn't take as long to minimize line waits. Carnival games not popular last year and so they are being replaced with double limbo, big shoe race, cactus ring toss. With the food trucks, school may get a small proceed. At last meeting, charging for admission was discussed with an option to use wrist bands to keep track of who has paid. We can add the school name on the wrist bands so they can be used for other purposes if we have leftovers. Last year was made bigger because of Canada 150. Trying to find balance between charging and managing budget with funds that remain. In previous years, there was a form to ask for silent auction items. The amount of effort going into silent auction didn't pay off. Joyce updated the form for whomever wants to solicit donations for silent auction if anyone would be interested to still try. Jerrica suggested we vote for whether or not we should proceed with silent auction. Parent Council voted to not proceed.

Diana had question – if there was a family who didn't want to buy a wristband, can they still come? Answer is yes because there will be games in the field, buying food and drinks, a DJ and food for purchase. Will put DJ more centred under tent.

Another parent asked if there will there be chairs set up in front of DJ so parents and grandparents can have a place to sit? Suggestion to remind families to bring portable camping/foldable chairs before the event.

Tried to have a bouncer in the gym for the younger kids but older kids used it. But this year, will have a toddler version for 5 and under.

Wednesday June 20th is fun fair date. 4:30pm to 7:30pm. NO rain date this year.

Sufia asked if we can have 2 photo booths due to high demand last year and long line ups.

Joyce investigating options such as cookies with logo for 10 year anniversary.

Joyce shared info about an artist that does a paint by numbers picture. Every student can have the opportunity to paint on the canvas to hang in the foyer and after they are done, she creates postcards with the painting in the front and the back can have a message. Cards can be available as take-aways. There will be two canvases.

Provided 5 inspirational ideas and students asked to vote and artist will come up with something unique using that theme. Inclusivity, diversity, welcoming theme.

Price suggestions: \$10 wristband, \$1 twisties, \$1 photo, \$1 henna, \$1 airbrush tattoos.

Family discount - \$10 for first child, \$5 for each extra sibling.

One parent suggested selling Spiritwear sale before the fun fair – t-shirts being an option so students can wear it to Fun Fair. Can have year the school is built on t-

	<p>shirt.</p> <p>Jerrica will manage Spiritwear order. Most expensive is \$9. Will get uploaded to cash online.</p> <p>Fun Fair will have a separate subcommittee.</p> <p>TENTS Last meeting Jerrica presented quotes for a tent for the school and this was approved. Created mock up and now we have to match colour of navy blue to tent for colour. Once they produce tent, they will produce a Pantone colour code for all other items going forward. Logo has not been consistent in the past. Will send out two different logos to vote. Tent company created a high resolution vector file for logo – so that we can use going forward for other purposes.</p> <p>Every year the grade 8’s do gradwear and every year the logo is different because they do their own interpretation.</p> <p>SWL ONLINE SURVEY To get feedback on what parents would like to see parent council doing and get more involvement from parents going forward. Want to get more attendance and participation.</p> <p>However, we don’t want to pressure families to think that parents have to come to school council to be involved.</p> <p>Sufia suggested that maybe we can talk to parents at STEM night. Can have a table for Parent Council.</p> <p>184 parents responded to school survey last year about day-to-day running of the school.</p>
<p>Open Forum</p>	<p>Jerrica wants to appreciate everyone who is part of council to get together – to expand for volunteers?</p> <p>Deborah mentioned that there is volunteer appreciation event – will be in May. A token of appreciation will go home with students.</p> <p>Formed a subcommittee for Fun Fair to continue planning.</p>