

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School
School Council Meeting
December 2, 2019
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Principal Deborah Joyce, Vice Principal Wayne Spencer, Bin Chang, Sara Bataghva,, Karyanne Wong, Karen Quang, Christina Wong, Amy Huang, Diana Yau, Dorothy Tong, Bruno DesRosiers, Joyce Allimonos, Nitya Krishnan, Ali Tieghadum Pedram Tieghadum (student representative)

Co chair Karen Quang welcomed everyone and briefly introduced this year school council executive members.

Co-Chairs: Karen Quang and Sara Bataghva

Treasurer: Bruno DesRosiers

Co-Secretaries: Diana Yau and Bin Chang

1) Fundraising update

a. School lunch program

The School lunch program was given by Joyce Allimonos. Second session of the lunch program began on November 18. A new vendor called Little Duck has replaced Asian Legend. Currently Little Duck offered two lunch options (Taiwanese breaded chicken with rice, and Pork & cabbage dumplings with vegetables). Orders were placed via cash online for this session, but they are working on their online system, and once it is up and running, parents can order their lunches similarly to The Lunch Lady.

This will reduce the amount of work for office staff and council.

For this term, we have 86 orders of Little Duck per week. Number of orders was about the same as Asian Legend, but the profit margin was less because the cost increased. So far, Little Duck seem to be well received by parents, and no complaint heard. There were no other issues with other lunch providers.

b. The potential profit from 2nd session of the lunch program is \$6129.63. Bruno DesRosiers mentioned that the profit from this year lunch programs dropped a little compared to last year possibly because of less students this year (approximately 100). Other fundraising activities or events may be needed to compensate this difference. Milk program and Snack program are two other activities that are happening at SWL, but these programs are organized and maintained by school office, therefore not counted as school council fund raising programs. School council contributes \$1000 to support the Snack program.

c. Principal Joyce said that this year the school board has capped the maximum cost sharing amount to \$2500, last year was \$6000. Therefore some fund that was previously allocated to the cost sharing program will become available for other usage. Other usage will be discussed with council co chairs and treasurer at other time.

2) Evening Guest speakers and Workshops for Parents & Students: (school grant \$500)

Karen and Sara have presented possible topics for the school Pro-grant events. Possible topics for parents included mental health, electronics addiction/problematic gaming, vaping and positive parenting.

Possible topics for students included Mental health, electronics addiction/problematic gaming, Vaping, Anti-bullying – magic show – already done, Yoga, Coding, Fencing, Character Matters, Art, Music, financial literacy and etc.

Principal Joyce said that the school can support school council for workshops if needed. There are funds planned in the budget to support teachers for such purpose.

Attendees expressed interest in mental health and character matters. Sara wondered if we could combine character matter with the spirit day. Principal Joyce asked the student representative to relate back to student council on ways to embed the concept of character matter in student activities. Since the deadline for the Pro Grant application is due on Dec 18, 2019, therefore, Karen and Sara will submit the application with the interest on mental health first. Details will be discussed in subcommittee. In the mean time, Sara will reach out an ex-cop who used to give presentation on character matter. Christina will reach out to a YOGA certified instructor for mental health and yoga. Principal Joyce wanted Christina to propose to the instructor for one week time frame, each student will be exposed to yoga during their normal physical education class.

3) Student Council Report

A student representative named Pedram reported on what the student council have done so far. Other planned activities included the holiday hero, Fun Fund day, school dance, literacy day and etc. The infrastructure of the student council this year changed dramatically. There are no more auditions, no more roles such as president or vice president and etc. – making sure no one student will left out.

. The student council is branched into the following 4 categories:

1. Art such as decoration
2. Wellness
3. Social community (currently have 35 students involved)
4. Social justice

There are no formal or routine student council meetings, most communication will be done through google classroom. Currently 2 grade 8 teachers are overlooking at the student council.

4) Fun activities for students:

The co chairs wanted to know if the school council will be doing other fun activities for students such as winter carnival / bonhomme carnaval, skating at the Angus Glen, Toronto team Mascots visit and etc.

For the Toronto team mascots, Amy Huang will reach out to a coach and report back for next meeting. For talent show, Joyce A was approached by Jerrica Lin (a parent) who expressed interest in helping out with the talent show. A teacher volunteer is needed to make it possible.

At last school council meeting, attendees expressed an interest in organizing a movie night for the school. Joyce A researched and reported back at this meeting that the cost for movie night is based on number of students in the school. They can eliminate streaming cost of \$175. The student cost is \$0.75 per student + HST, or minimum \$375 + HST for a one-year movie license. This come up to be \$566.98 for SWL. Previous feedback suggested organizing separate movie nights for higher grades and lower grades. SWL has their own projector now, so no need to rent. Attendees were asked if school council should proceed to purchase the license and received a unanimous support to proceed. Therefore Joyce will go ahead and purchase the license.

5) School Council Banner

A unanimous support from administration and attendees to purchase a school council banner. The cost is \$128 + tax. Karen and Christina will go ahead with the order and purchase.

6) End of year fun fair

Karen wanted to start a vision for what we want to do for the end of the school year event. It may not necessary be a “fun fair”. YRDSB has restricted the use of any inflatables. Sign up sheet for end of school year event subcommittee was circulated and a subcommittee will be formed and report back on what to do at next meeting.

7) Principal's report

a. This year SWL got selected for the swim to survive program through the board for all grade 3 students

b. Lunch time vendor program – Vice Principal Spencer reported back after last meeting. Survey was sent to parents for their preference on lunch time activities. Outcome showed that music and visual art are two popular choices. The cost range for art is \$14-20 per session, material included. Music include guitar and the vendor can provide the guitars for students. Some provide actual keyboards, some don't. Administrators wanted school council input on which program to offer. School council picked Music IQ and Little Jammerz (Guitar) and vice principal Spencer will follow up.

c. Gauss Math contest for grade 7 & 8. Administrator will do it as an invitational and not mandatory.

d. Junior Achievement programs connecting the idea of financial stewardship, literacy and being responsible too. This is for students and vice principal Spencer will follow up on it.

e. Administration had previously said they would research assisting another school with the help of the schools Superintendent. After much research, administrators decided to support Waabgon Gamig school on Georgina Island. It is a first nation school. They want us to help them preserve their native language by providing funds to help them digitize their language from CD. The social justice group from school council will connect with the administrators for this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.