

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School

School Council Meeting

Monday, Feb 3, 2020

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Principal Deborah Joyce, Vice Principal Wayne Spencer, Bin Chang, Sara Bataghva, Karen Quang, Christina Wong, Diana Yau, Dorothy Tong, Bruno DesRosiers, Pylan Tucci (student), Pedram Tiegnadam (student)

Treasurer's Update

A detailed report was presented to attendees. There is an estimate of \$5700 remaining after taking off the projected expenses (\$28452.53) from the total projected funds (\$33845.78).

Guest Speakers and workshops for students:

- a. Pro Grant fund is approved for this school year. It will be used for mental health education. Mr. Spencer said that YRDSB school board do review and evaluation on mental health related workshops/presentations/programs to determine if their content is appropriate for elementary school students. Mr. Spencer provided a list of presentations/workshops that are currently approved by the board. Karen Q will look through the list and inform council on available topics that can be used for Pro Grant.
- b. Yoga as a strategy to motivate student's mental health awareness: Christine contacted Jen (a yoga instructor) to see if we can arrange an evening event (1 hour Yoga combined with mental health workshop) in May 2020 during mental health awareness week. Detail to be confirmed. Christine also contacted Kathy Lott (a retired YRDSB principal who has a passion for mental health) for possible educational workshop to SWL students.
- c. Mme Joyce and Mr. Spencer have already booked Paul Davis to do a presentation on internet security, gaming and etc for both students and parents in November 2021.

Fun School activities for students

- a. Movie: Given the difference interest between the junior and senior grades on their movie preferences and etc. The administrators suggested have a movie day event for grade 6-8 and movie night for grade 3-5 on the same day. During the day, the senior grade students will watch the movie at the gym and the learning commons will also be opened for those who doesn't to watch the movie. Movie day are set for March 11, 2020 and May 14, 2020. Student representatives will come up with 4 movie choices for school council to choose.

- b. Winter Carnival – date undecided because of the work action. Student council has a preliminary plan for the event already. There will be 5-6 events per block. They will communicate with the administrators for detail the next day.
- c. Toronto Team Mascots – Karen Q will follow up, will try to see if they can come on the fun fair day.
- d. Talent show – June 2020, however teachers at this moment will not be able to help because of the rule to work action.
- e. Fun Fair – Joyce will update on next meeting
- f. Cookie and Frozen Yogourt – Administrators are excited to start a new project this year with Deron Douglas (who worked with SWL last year on our murals). Deron will come and work with each class and talk to them about different clan animals. The grade 3-6 classes will paint a clan animal on the basketball net backboard. To raise fund for this project, the administrators will start selling cookies and popcorn during recess between now to April. Yogurt packaging involve too much Styrofoam, not environmental friendly, therefore replaced by pop corns instead.
- g. Sewing program – test run on grade 3-4 classes booked for Jun 5, 2020. Cost ~ \$3400.
- h. Junior achievement – Over the next few months, they will come and talk to the students about money literacy. Different program all day for different grade. Right now grade 6 classes are booked for May 29, 2020. More dates will be followed for other grades.
- i. Vaping videos and resources are now available on the YRDSB website
- j. Little Jammer – start date is pending right now.

Helping another school

Pairing up with indigenous community – preservation of language may be more important to them than monetary gift. Administrators are hoping to create a partnership with them. Mme Joyce will follow up with them.

Student council report

Unfortunately, due to the work to rule action, teachers are not able to help carry out certain student council events, therefore, make it hard to function. Student council still manage to organize spirit days. The most recent one was “crazy hair day”. Next one will be “dress up like an adult”. Dorothy asked if parent volunteers can help run certain activities during the day such as book fair.

Agenda items for next meeting (April 6, 2020)

- Fun fair
- Pro grant topic

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm