

WVPS School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 16th, 2024

In attendance: Sheryl Gray, Kelly Maggiras, Corey Carter, Jaclyn Castonguay, Laura Casquenette, Kristy Spiropoulos, Keziah Ally, Marilyn Madjarian, Scarlett Barnaby, Jessica Bradey, Kosta Arvanitopoulos, Shai Shandil, Natalie Chan, Sarah Hathaway, Janet Shulist, Tracy Nicholson, Deedra Kirkby.

- Land Acknowledgement - Jaclyn Castonguay - Co-chair
- Approval of last meeting's minutes – motion by Marilyn M, Corey C seconded
- Treasury Report - Kosta Arvanitopoulos – Treasurer
 - Sales from BBQ, \$1,480.00, closing balance of \$24,000.75
 - Budget to be established
- Teacher report – Deedra Kirkby
 - October Sports Teams, Student Leadership (Office helpers, Morning announcers, Lunch Monitors, Athletic Council, Youth SPACE, Indian Student Association), Clubs (Drama), Swan Lake (Oct 15-18) Grade 2 &4 , Scanlon Creek (October 15th, grade 7), Photo Day- Oct 17th
- Principal's Report - Principal
 - Family Dashboard
 - will be introduced to families next week
 - YRDSB is introduce this as a one-stop-shop for parents to engage with their child's education. There is access to report card links, helpful information links, parent/guardian authentication. More features will be added later on.
 - 2023-2024 EQAO Results for WVPS
 - Information will be posted on the EQAO site.
 - Grade 3- Generally good, above province levels
 - Reading: 15.5% for level 2 ,62.0% for level 3, 22.5% for level 4,
 - Writing: 7.0% level 2, 85.9% level 3, 5.4% at level 4.
 - Math: Level 1, 7%,19.7% for level 2, 54.9% level 3, 18.3% level 4.

Our students did well on knowledge and understanding, not as well on thinking and application. WVPS will be working on techniques to help with students in these areas, discussed results in staff meeting.

Grade 6-

Reading: level 2 11.8%, level 3 75.3%, level 4 12.9%

Writing: level 2 11.8%, level 3 74.7%, level 4 23.5%

Math: level 1 2.4%, level 2 40.5%, level 3 54.8%, level 4 2.4% (lower than province on level 4)

○ 2024-2025 Fundraising Plan Proposal

YRDSB School Councils: Fundraising Youtube video presented for more info

We have a considerable amount carried over from last year, principal and staff came up with general fundraising plan 24/25, totalling \$45,480.00 (Graduation, Kindergarten play equipment, Hawks House Recess equipment, field trips, supply teachers for coaches(cross country, volleyball, basketball), A/V equipment (Library-AirTame tech, speakers. Comm. Class-Smartboard, interactive tech), Wish list for teachers(\$100 per teacher), Agendas, Forest of Reading (new set of books each year, gets added to the library), Presenters in school (3 this year- Youth Speak, Year Long Author series, Indigenous presenter Christian Pilon), cost sharing- Chromebooks \$300 each).

Costa noted that this is not setting financial budget precedent for the next year. Last year we generated ~\$29,000, but don't anticipate the same funds from Astoria this year, pizza should be roughly the same.

Sheryl summarized: Between now and January the spend would be for: library, community class, forest of reading, Kindergarten and Hawk's House supplies. Reduce field trip spend to \$5 per student, reduce grad budget back to \$1,000 (put \$1,500 back into budget).

Approval for fundraising plan OK'd by council, motioned by Laura C, seconded by Kristy S.

○ Constitution and By-laws Committee to be established, reviewed by-laws.

-Do we consider hybrid council meetings, virtual option made available? We can consider in November.

-Recap from last meeting: It was originally decided on 4 voting officers at large, 1 teacher representative, and 9 members at large. We have 5 voting officers, so there was a motion to have an additional voting officer, first by Jessica B, seconded by Laura C.

- Other Business

- Astoria Sales Update & call for volunteers / Spirit wear – Kristy Spiropoulos

-181 Sales for Astoria- good start to the year. Facebook post for more volunteers was welcomed, and Kristy received new messages of availability from parents.

-Option of spirit wear a fundraiser or just as is prices? TBD

- Committees to be established:

- Fundraising committee- Kristy S and Shai S will be co-chairs

-Possible Thursday lunch options, if enough volunteers.

- Graduation committee- Scarlett J as chair, Tracy N, Keziah A, and Heather R

- Constitution and By-law committee- Sarah H and Janet S will be co-chairs

Suggested: Let's plan a "lead" for events we arrange, ie: STEM night -Sarah H offered to lead, versus having an Events Committee doing each one.

- Q&A

Tracy- Where does donation through SchoolCashOnline go to? School Funds or Council Funds?

Sarah- Is there a fall ball/Halloween dance this year?

Sheryl- No, Mr. Bergerson used to coordinate it, and he is off this year.

- Adjournment