

Council Meeting Minutes- May 28, 2024

The role of the Parent council is to contribute to the goal of student achievement, to inform parents about school details, to assist in raising funds, and to create a platform for positive collaboration.

Attendees- Jennifer Burt, Winnie Ahuja, Marylena Fridman, Julie Falconi, Katharine Vafaei, John Storie, Edina Heder, Dawn Donaldson, Melissa Mackovski and Amy Thacker.

Notes from Treasurer's Report

\$19,577.13	Account balance
\$12,959.87	Accounted for (\$11,000 playground fund, \$1000 graduation fund, \$959.87 gift shop)
\$6,617.26	Remaining (\$2,495.52 Invest in ed, \$38.96 QSP, \$1,254.74 school council lunch fund, \$2,828.04 School council general fund)

Note: \$1011.74-earnings from Bingo night
 \$2500 paid to Musicfest
 \$2950 paid out to YRDSB cost sharing (chromebooks)

Allocated and still needs to be paid out
 \$147.18 Kinder Garden
 \$624.88 Forest of Reading
 \$500 Grad

Principal's report

- New supervision schedule has come into action for the baseball diamond/field.
- Literacy resources were culled and purchased for PRI classes.
- Math resources have been culled and updated.
- Trips and transition visits have been planned.
- EQAO will be on June 5th and 6th.
- Discover Kindergarten is coming up as well.
- Play Day planning has begun with a First Nations, Metis and Indigenous lens for activities.
- Network learning for the year is wrapping up (Math, Literacy, Destreaming)
- Track and Field
- Our band went to Nationals and won 2 Silver awards.
- WHPS Playdate will be June 19th.
- SIP planning will be ongoing.

Teacher's Report

Kindergarten

The garden has been planted. Thank you to council for the funds to make this possible. The vegetable garden has been planted in the planter boxes (pumpkins, eggplant, cucumbers, beans and carrots). They have also planted flowers in the pots and under trellises.

Field Trips

Many classes have been able to go on field trips, unfortunately lack of bussing and increased costs have been limitations for some classes.

Social/Community

- June is Indigenous People's Month. Displays and art work will be lent out for displays.
- Pride Month begins next week across YRDSB. WHPS will have flag raising ceremony next week to commemorate.
- Character assembly takes place Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to Mr. Ferguson's class for leading the assembly about Perseverance
- Grade 8 grad will take place on June 26
- Primary Play day will take place on June 19th

Sports

- Last week was the school Track and Field event at WHPS for all junior and Intermediate students. Those who qualify for regionals will participate June 4th and June 5th respectively. Finals will be June 18th
- Badminton has ended

Arts & Music

- Student art work was on display at the Latchum Art Gallery in Stouffville as part of the "Celebrations" exhibit, 2-3 pieces from every classroom was donated for display.
- Jazz Band won silver for the first time at nationals and Silver was awarded to the concert band at nationals in Toronto. This is exceptional as there is no intermediate or junior measure and bands are held to high school standards. Mrs. Mitchell thanks council for the additional support for sending students to nationals.
- Ms. Cho has organized the Arts Cards Fundraiser was done by every class. Orders were placed by May 22 and orders should be delivered soon.
- Talent show auditions are occurring towards the end of the month on May 31.

Library

- One of WHPS students Gavin (grade 7) held an author visit in our library where he read a passage from his published novel and took questions from the audience.
- Ms. Meyer has been busy with changing displays for Earth Day, Asian Heritage month, and June displays will focus on Eid, Indigenous People's Day.
- Ms. Meyer organized the celebration for the forest of reading and voting. She wanted to say thank you to council for continuing to support the Forest of Reading

-Ms. Meyer is planning 2 book fairs for next year. One will be in the fall and one will be in the spring. Unfortunately, the last fair date this year is June 14th so it did not line up with the primary event in June.

Additional Info

Character Assembly for optimism takes place on June 12....no pies will be thrown at this event.

Co-Chair notes

-Fun Fair will be June 20th.

-Possible foods (Ice cream truck, bubble tea, hot dogs, pizza, cotton candy, coffee, juice, water, popcorn)

-Entertainment (band, ambulance, fire truck, soccer, face paint, tattoo, balloon art, guess candy jar)

Next meeting is September 25th.