



## William Berczy Public School School Council Meeting

**Date and Time:** 6:30 – 7:30pm, Thursday, February 2, 2023

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<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2022 – 2023's Executive members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penny Lam (Principal)</li> <li>• Joyce Vickers (Vice Principal)</li> <li>• Tina Lee (Co-Chair)</li> <li>• Seena Jayachandran (Co-Treasurer)</li> <li>• Keith Maharaj (Co-Secretary)</li> <li>• Mandip Rai (Gr 8 Grad Committee)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parents</b></p> <p>Yu Zou, Puja Bansal</p>

<b>MINUTES</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Opening & Welcome	<p>Presented by: Ms. Tina Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Agenda</li> </ul>
6:35 p.m.	Minutes Review & Approvals	<p>Presented by: Mr. Keith Maharaj</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 2022 meeting minutes approved by Seena Jayachandran &amp; Mandip Rai</li> </ul>
6:35 p.m.	Principal Update	<p>Presented by: Ms. Penny Lam &amp; Ms. Joyce Vickers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>School trips – Skating (Dec '22)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 successful skating trips at Crosby Community Centre for Junior students</li> <li>○ Thank you to those that donated equipment. WBPS is building an equipment inventory to ensure no students are left out of future trips for not having their own equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Virtual Holiday Concert (Dec '22)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due to inclement weather, our primary students (JK-gr. 3) participated in a virtual concert</li> <li>○ After a couple days of rehearsal, performances were recorded and made available for online viewing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Lunar New Year celebrations (Jan '23)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drumming circle and Lion dance activities were enjoyed by many students</li> <li>○ Student Leadership Team, Teachers, Parent volunteers and School Council to host a market, offering arts'n'crafts, learning and snack stations</li> <li>○ The market in particular can become a model for future cultural celebrations</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <u>School trip – Skiing (Senior students)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 7/8s (inclu. one gr. 6/7 split) will attend a skiing trip across 2-days</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <u>Incidents of Hate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were 3 recent incidents of hate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Temporary swastika graffiti</li> <li>■ Racially insensitive email</li> <li>■ Racially insensitive remarks from a presenter -came for Kindergarten Drumming</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ All incidents are taken very seriously, and handled following a formal process provided by the Board of Education</li> <li>○ There has been more discussion in classrooms about racism and discrimination, and <b>@Parents</b> are encourage to discuss at home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>@Ms. Lam</b> and <b>@Ms. Vickers</b> search for materials that can be shared with Parents to guide at-home conversations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:00 p.m.	Fundraising Plan	<p>Presented by: Ms. Tina Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Movie Ngth (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School Council would like to host a movie night at WBPS, light refreshments will be sold to raise funds</li> <li>○ Students must be accompanied by a Guardian</li> <li>○ <b>@Keith/Mandip</b> align with Ms. Cheung about whether to host 2 movies (older versus younger kids) → consider licensing costs and student interest</li> <li>○ Student Leadership team will survey students for movie selection.</li> <li>○ School Council may leverage School Cash Online for ticket sales → ticket sales must be capped to comply with fire regulations.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <u>Grad Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>@Mandip</b> to reach out to Mr. Kordic to kick-off planning</li> <li>○ 10 parents have expressed interest in helping → <b>@Mandip</b> will reach out</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interest in hosting monthly lunch/snack events to raise funds that will be used to reduce Grad ticket prices → <b>@Mandip</b> to explore further with School Council and Ms. Vickers</li> <li>• Reminder will be emailed to Parents seeking contributions to the “Education Enrichment Campaign” (via School Cash Online). Donations will fund activities consistent with the regional spend plan</li> <li>• <b>@Ms. Lam</b> inquire about the status of this year's Pro Grant application. <b>@Tina</b> inquire during the upcoming School Council Forum on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> regarding availability of funds for program expenses (e.g. Public Speaker to address discrimination in school)</li> <li>• Summer Fair (May 26<sup>th</sup>) will combine outdoor activities with Food Trucks. Flyer has been sent to inform parents, and a group of parents are involved in the planning</li> <li>• <b>@Keith</b> to follow-up with Ms. Cheung to discuss Teacher and Student Leadership Teams plans for cultural events for the rest of the year</li> </ul>
6:50 p.m.	Treasurer’s Report	<p>Presented by: Seena Jayachandran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of funds raised to date</li> </ul>
	Q&A	
<p>Next School Council meeting will be in person at WBPS on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</p>		