

Willowbrook Public School Council Meeting

Date: Thursday March 3, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm, Google Meet

Attendees: Alexander, Srdjana J, David K, Grace Y, Akshay K, Amanda A, Mahkameh K, Naomi G, Amitis F, Pooneh

Motions

- Approval of January 13, 2022 minutes
 - no concerns raised
 - David made motion to approve; all in favour, no abstentions
 - ❖ **Motion passed**

Treasurer's Report

- 1 expense since last meeting: Electric Moon for \$201
- Current balance is: \$7968.00-\$5000 reserve = \$2968.00
- \$727 from previous grad donation

Administrative Team Report

School Operations

- report cards delivered home electronically; some logistical issues with expired links, forgotten passwords, etc.
 - line to staff: parents should not see any surprises; everything should be known, especially any at-risk areas that should be worked on for the remainder of the year
- virtual workshop: Sidaat show focusing on Black Excellence, primary classes viewed virtual recorded sessions; junior/intermediate will view streamed live session
- thank you to council for putting together Electric Moon event
 - did not have the expected turn out, based on RSVPs, but from what was heard, event was fun; Electric Moon delivered a fun program
- office is planning for Sept: enrollment looks steady (based on board projections) at 330 students
 - Kindergarten enrollment started in January (projected to go to 20+; currently at 12 families)
 - will be receiving 10 Grade 3s from Stornaway
 - Stornaway will be kept as a primary school
- 40th Anniversary:
 - will be going ahead with planting 10 trees in May; combine it with some sort of outdoor celebration
 - trees will be planted in the primary area since it is the area that has the least shade
 - question raised about City of Markham's tree planting program: property will be at capacity after planting, so no need to explore City of Markham's program
- school sports are starting up; Public Health has given the go-ahead for G7 and G8 students only; vaccination is required

- no area or regional tournaments planned, just local mini tournaments for badminton, volleyball, basketball
- track and field scheduled for June, but will wait and see what the decision is after March Break; there is interest from staff to hold track and field meet
- staff looking to set up intramurals for G5 and G6, but will see if decision on junior sports will change after March Break
- Forest of Reading: up and running thanks to Council's support
 - Ms. Cardoso is running program
- Snack Squad
 - Community class started school-wide Bingo in the fall; winning classes have enjoyed prizes like movies
 - Community students will work on snack project; this includes doing announcements, bingo announcers, etc.
 - All proceeds go to fund bingo
 - Initiative has been popular; has elevated the spirits in the school
- grad hoodies
 - will be sold for a cost of \$50-60 each
 - Alex will let council know if there are any families in need of support
- G8 Grad
 - Board just announced schools will be able to host grad: has to be on site, after 6pm, no dancing or food, so just ceremony
 - As a result, only anticipated expenses are medals and plaques
 - Alex: check if there is unused parent council donation available from previous year
- increased traffic in school parking lot at pickup and dropoff
 - increased safety risk
 - Srdjana shared aerial view of the school area/parking lot to express concerns over increased traffic activity and recommend additional enforcement to help with flow
 - most effective when parents call bylaw, to amplify school's voice
- outside food services
 - this has been approved as of February 10th; however, the challenge is staffing it as parent-volunteers are not able to help
 - Alex will canvass staff/lunch assistants & students to gauge interest in helping; option to use lunch volunteers is not a reliable option
 - Vendors must adhere to following protocol:
 - Vendors including delivery/distribution staff must be fully vaccinated.
 - Vendor delivery/distribution staff must complete **daily school self-screening, sign in at the office** and follow the Board's required PPE protocol.
 - Medical masks must be worn at all times.

- Eye protection (face shield, goggles, safety glasses) in addition to a medical mask must also be worn in close contact (less than two metre distance)
 - All food must be **individually wrapped** (including pizza) with the student name and grouped by student/class.
 - Currently, there are 25 families whose children leave to go home for lunch (>10% of school); not sure how families will feel about food service;
 - Alex: will send out a survey to families asking if they would be interested in pizza, 1x a week, from April to June. Note for parents that pricing will be about \$2-5, depending on # of slices, and slices come individually boxed (survey will be sent out by the weekend)
 - In schools that have started food service (Dominos, Pizza Pizza etc.), each piece of pizza is placed in a personal box and labelled with student's name; food gets delivered in warming bags, separated by class
 - to distribute in the class, may have student and teacher help distribute
 - by the time program gets up an running, it will probably be around April
 - individually packed pizza, may be less profitable because of the extra packaging/labour
 - Cathy had previous contacts for pizza program
 - Bayview Fairways is using Little Caesar's and they charge \$1.75 for the box, so approximately \$2.50/slice
- School won't continue to ask for council support for agendas

Community Online Events

- Have not heard back whether PRO grant has been awarded: PRO Grant email for follow up: iscs@yrdsb.ca.
- Events to consider for next event: Cooking event, workshop on Internet safety
 - When planning, online burnout is something to consider, especially with restrictions are loosening and better weather is around the corner
 - If we get the PRO grant, though will need to be used by the end of the year
 - Possibly consider doing an event outside ex. combine parent workshop with student outdoor event (need to plan rain date)

Wrap Up and General Questions/Comments

- Interest in first aid training for parents?
 - Sessions are expensive and is about 10 hours
 - Training is available at the high school level, so perhaps opportunity is available for intermediate students
 - Query stemmed from an accident involving a student falling on the walkway. Walkway has been cleared, but tough because of unpredictability of weather (caretaking is salting every hour, and trying to break up the ice)

Next meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022