

Willowbrook Public School Council Meeting

Date: Thursday May 5, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm, Google Meet

Attendees: Alexander, David K, Jady K, Naomi G, Indira M, Srdjana J, Mahkameh K, Amanda A

Motions

- Approval of March 3, 2022 minutes
 - no concerns raised
 - David made motion to approve; all in favour, no abstentions
 - ❖ Motion passed

Treasurer's Report

- $727 + 273 = \$1000$ for grad
- Assisted with grad hoodies
- Sara Westbrook (paid for by PRO)
- \$2000 left for the year
- Push to get more fundraising efforts for next year

Administrative Team Report

School Operations

- Thank Council for the financial support for a few students who needed support with the G8 grad hoodies; all kids will have the grad hoodies
- Grad fundraising
 - Pizza lunches are starting tomorrow; they will be happening for remaining Fridays in May; may continue in June if successful
 - snack shack is also up and running; managed by Ms Gaudio
 - has become a nice G8 fundraising project
 - fundraising offsetting costs for G8 trip and ceremony
 - trip is to Green Acres, on June 10 (15-20 minute drive from Willowbrook); ~\$40/pp
 - also planning post-trip outdoor movie night, including food truck, snacks etc.; ~\$10/pp
 - Grad ceremony is on June 29; Council has been invited to speak to students in the past; can hold 300 people in the gym. Working on having students bring 3-4 people each.
- started doing award selections for G8s, including Citizenship award
- 40th Anniversary tree planting
 - Vendor will come back with a date
 - Might want to combine an end-of-year bbq event with planting; Alex will reach out to exec to discuss
- EQAO: starting up at the school next week with the G3 classes
 - Most of the format will be digital; students will be completing tests online
 - Have the option to do a paper and pencil test
 - G3s will continue with Language on May 19; Math on May 25th
 - G6s will start Language May 25th; Math starts June 8
 - Results posted in the fall
- School enrollment is healthy; projected to be around 330
 - 15 new families for Kindergarten; expecting 11 more

- staffing is lean (across the board/province); will be working with less staff so will have to explore different options
- Question: with new development, will that affect capacity
- homerooms: classroom assignments for next year are still in flux
 - info won't be shared ahead of time because plans will change
- school sports have started up for the Intermediate students (girls bball and vball are both at tournaments)
 - track and field: students seem excited and appear to be practicing
 - practices and meet will be at Thornlea
- primary teachers are looking to do a goodbye ceremony for SKs
 - question from SK teacher: was council interested in hiring a photographer for SK graduating students?
 - connect with Thornlea's photography department
 - Amanda: will connect with Thornlea and check to see if Willowbrook students/staff could set up a photo booth area--student will need to use board's camera
- G1-3 team: planning an outdoor play day (stations, freezies, etc. possibly in June)
- May 19: G3s from Stornaway are coming to meet Willowbrook G3s; will meet again in June

Community Event

- end-of-year event: have an end-of-year school celebration event and arrange to have a food truck come (families would pay for their own food) as well as a magician for entertainment
 - volunteers to manage ticketing, queueing, crowd management
 - run ticket sales through Cash Online
- Alex can share the contact for the food truck vendor that is being used for the G8 outdoor event (vendor is in the approval process)
- no bouncy castles allowed
- vendor for G8 night is a minimum guarantee of \$600; assume the larger school event will surpass the minimum
 - hamburger, fries, including drink and dessert (\$12-16/pp)
- date: June 1 tentatively held for event date (PA Day on June 2)
 - Alex: to see food truck availability
 - David: contact for magician
 - Amanda: check backup food option
- Alex to explore other dates if June 1 doesn't work

Wrap Up and General Questions/Comments

Next meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Meet the teacher: Thursday, October 6, 2022