

Willowbrook Public School Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, Sept 22/22

Time: 700pm

Attendees: Alex Pancharovski; David K., Naomi, Amanda, Grace, Harlin, Sepideh, Elanie, Jady, Beth, Stephanie, Elham, Katy, Mahkameh, Fatima, Srdjana, Pouneh

Motions

- Approval of May 5 minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes by David Kreuger; all in favour, no abstentions
 - Motion passed

Treasurer's Report

- \$7500 (approx.); \$5000 as reserve
 - \$1000 in pizza account; \$500 in milk; \$500 in sushi account; \$500 in sub account
 - \$5000 in activities and resources

Voting for 2022-23 Council Executive

- thank you from Alex to previous year's council exec
- two self-nominations via email

Chair Position

- Mahkameh self-nomination for co-chair position
 - Seconded by June Lee and Maisie (email proxy votes)
- Acclaim Mahkameh and David as chairs for 2022/23

Treasurer

- Amanda stepping down from position after 5 years, but available for training/support to incoming treasurer
 - Emily is also a great support to Treasurer
 - Incoming Treasurer will have more funds to manage than the past 2 years
- Acclaim Co-Treasurers: Sepideh and Katy
 - **Amanda: arrange meeting for new treasurers**

Secretary

- Acclaim Grace & Naomi as Co-Secretaries

Meeting Schedule

- Keep 700pm start for meetings
- Hybrid option for next meeting onward; computer will be set up in library
- Meetings will be set on Thursday nights
- Upcoming events
 - Parent-Teacher Interviews: Thurs, Nov 17
 - Winter Concert: December (Thursday night (Dec 8 or 15))
- 2022-23 meeting schedule:
 - Thursday, November 3
 - Thursday, January 12
 - Thursday, February 16

- Thursday, April 13
- Thursday, May 25
- Thursday, June 15 (placeholder for emergency meeting)

Administrative Team Report

- Permits are being made available
- 331 enrollment
- Startup has been smooth
- Highest increase has been in junior grades
- Health and safety measures from pandemic: self-screening by families and staff, have an isolation room for staff/students who are presenting symptoms
- There have been some upgrades in the building;
 - New floors on 1st level: gym has new floor, as well as music room
 - air-conditioning currently being installed in the Porta-pak
 - middle of October, HVAC units will be installed
 - ministry and board have mentioned A/C in libraries
- Junior and intermediates are being rejigged bc of additional staff member; results in more straight grade classes
- Additional trees should be planted in the fall, before the frost (6-8 trees planted near the primary play structure)
- Healthy Snack program starting next week (Ms Morra; Mr Timothy) fresh fruits, granola bars, etc.
 - program receives subsidies
- Terry Fox Run: Oct 4
 - coyote spotted several times by Thornlea; staff are aware
 - primary grades will be at WB; G4+ at Thornlea
- Sept 30: Reconciliation
- School teams: cross-country → Area tourney Oct 14
- Flag football for G6-8; tourney on Oct 7
- Intermediate vball, basketball, badminton, track and field to follow
- Programs for younger kids
 - looking to start library programming, like coding, girls only club, library club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Potential labour disruption in the fall; will deal with it as it comes
- Photo Day: now Tues Oct 11th
 - class photos will be taken
 - G8 grad photos will be taken after March Break
- June 27, 6pm: G8 grad (G8 teachers will let families know next week)
 - not sure if it will be on or off-site
- Pizza lunches; sub lunches have requested to be brought back
- Parents have also requested for after-school 3rd-party programming to be brought back (e.g., Mad Science, Chess etc.)
 - only relationship WB has with providers is to ask for subsidies if needed
 - list of board-approved vendors is coming Oct 3

Fundraising

- Fundraising in recent years have shifted to online events, and council hasn't been able to fundraise as much
 - council has also made sure that subsidies for families in need are available
 - common asks from the school include instrument repairs (\$500-1000), grad contributions, gym equipment, Fresh Fruit program
 - looking to support math contests for G5-8 starting at the end of the year
- Pizza: easier to handle the individual boxed pizzas than dividing up the individual slices from one box
 - pizza is largest fundraiser for school
 - 3 volunteers needed for pizza day; 30-40 minutes (12-1230pm); will also need police clearance (\$20; needs to be updated annually)
 - intermediate students would also help carry boxes up
 - Thornlea students could also volunteer
 - Pizza Pizza one of the cheaper options that adhere to board regulations
 - additional items like chips, pop etc. don't adhere to the Healthy Schools mandate, so should not be offered with pizza
 - Options for 3 slices
 - Alex to contact Thornlea principal re: potential student volunteers
 - Point person for pizza (volunteer emails, schedule, etc.): David
 - David: to compare costing for pizza vendors
 - Alex to set out call for parent volunteers for pizza
- Milk:
 - 1-2 people needed to run program
 - Alex: send email contact from Saputo
- Sushi
 - Program was well received, but profit was not as favourable
- PRO grant might be announced soon, which can help toward programming

Curriculum Night

- PowerPoint: create short video for teachers to embed in their curriculum night presentation
 - Naomi: create short video for council approval

Class Parents/Reps

- Can reach out to parents in their class
- Can approach on their own
- Current council representation across K-8:

JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Wrap-Up and General Questions/Comments

- Concern that traffic by the stop sign/curve is dangerous
- Use the contact info from the email with safety info (City of Markham) as it is a city matter

- Could explore having parent volunteers direct traffic in the kiss n ride area
- Other schools have constantly called Bylaw, which has resulted in increased police presence/ticketing
 - Alex: will send on board-approved list when available
 - Alex: provide list of language programs running at Willowbrook when available
 - Council: discuss fundraising lunches and after-school programming
- costs for food and programs have gone up

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3

Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night: Thursday, Oct 6