



## Windham Ridge School Council

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 6:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance		
Council Attendance	Guest Attendance	Regrets
Julie Cheung Vivian Aitas Tara Dimopoulos Parvaz Kirouac Vittoria Leone Cassandre Lennox Anita Arcimartello Nadine Raymond Jodie Montagnese Diana Shin Trisha Nurse Maria Pulsoni Laleh Azizi Kathy Zivontsis	Andrea B Sajo George Angie Lambros Vanessa Wen	Sophie Elias Rojeen Salemi Sherry Murray-Davis

### Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Co-chairs opened the meeting.

#### Land Acknowledgment

The new Land Acknowledgement read by A. Arcimartello

#### Approval of Agenda

Approved by Tara and seconded by Parvaz.

## Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes carried over to next meeting.

## Administrators Report - A. Arcimartello, V. Leone

School initiatives:

### BRAVE program

- Happened in person last week
- facilitators joined every homeroom class and students learned about assertiveness; how to communicate their feelings and how to resolve conflicts
- Every student received a book on how to apply strategies in various scenarios

### Youth Speak (virtual workshop)

- Identity affirming workshops on how to be assertive; managing stress; coping strategies
- They learn through stories of fellow young people
- How to face and rise above ---strategies they can use to combat (ie: anti-black racism, racism)
- Parent presentation will be on May 11th

### Yellow Brick House

- For Gr. 6-8 classes
- Discuss relationship dynamics (with peers & families); how to set boundaries; life skills
- Thurs, April 7th (virtual)

### Traveling stage

- Dramatic improv games

### Kids Growing City-OASIS classroom

- Grant -- Gr. 3 classrooms started lessons
- Focus on worms and compost
- The seedlings are inside until they are planted outside

### PRO Grant speaker update

### Fourth R Program

- By YRDSB social workers
- Gr. 7/8 focus on health classrooms (only 1 class at the moment)

### Big Brother/Big Sister York Region after school programs

### York Hills sessions

- May support children/ youth/ families in the area
- Mental health coping strategies --- offers a toolbox and how to navigate situations; help with own well-being and well-being of others

## PEAC Symposium

- May 4th ---invitation and more info coming about registration
- Can connect with family groups
- Session in person

## "Je Lis" online reading program

- For primary classes up to Gr. 4
- Text levels based on certain groupings
- Families can do it together as it reads to the student and families do not need to know french
- Will look at pricing --initial quote for each class \$3000 but we are negotiating with company

## EQAO

- For Gr. 3 & 6 -- completely online
- School council funds to add to tech in the building
- Will order additional 50 chromebooks on top of the 40 recent purchase from YRDSB
- Should have 14-15 chromebooks for each class by time EQAO happens
- Adding to build enough chromebooks for each classroom/ grade based on needs
- During covid - lots of integration of tech in classrooms

## YRDSB funds

- Additional funds in School Council accounts that need to be spent by end of year
- As per council policy: if funds are raised in a school year (based on fundraising plan in early fall or late June), the funds raised need to be spent by end of school year
- We were not able to spend due to covid
- Funds are able to be earmarked – permanent sun/shelter umbrellas

## Parent reaching out Grant --PRO

- Anthony McLean \$800 w/ Benyon Fields joint workshop
- opportunity for all families to attend
- memo sent home to register
- recording available online for two weeks online after event to access the recording

## Student and Teachers' Report

- Grade 7 students are going to Outdoor Center on May 19th which was booked from last fall
- A day trip - covid protocols will be followed
- Gr.2/4 students happened in the fall (VORK)
- Volleyball: hosted in house games (boys/ girls)
- Drama club: over 50 students signed up at lunch
- Grade 8 Grad update and end of year trip(s)
  - June 28th - ceremony in the school gym (families invited)
  - Reception to take place at Oakview Terrace. Coach bus will take grads to the hall and parents will pick them up at the end of night.

- Students to pay for ticket and fundraising will help lower the ticket prices (past practice)
- Planning for day trips ---teachers will engage students/parents on what they would prefer - by survey approx. 2 trip
- Angel funds will be used to support if needed
- Conversations welcomed

#### Carnaval

- Lots of fun activities during the day

#### Reach for the Top

- Team was eliminated in quarter finals/playoffs  
Classes watched the championship game at school
- 2 YRDSB students are off to Ontario Championship

Gr. 5/ 6 lunch monitors have started

#### Big Brothers Big Sisters after school club

- Supports students with mental health and how to promote positive health. Fun activities with different age groups (ex: Go Girls/ Game On/ Lil Go Girls (age 6-9)
- Online and after school hours

#### Pizza Day - Every Thursday

- Volunteers will help deliver pizza
- Individual boxes

## Treasurer's Report

Update: Next month on pizza/ cookie sales

## Committee Reports - Julie & Vivian

#### Volunteer

- Pizza lunch on Thursdays
- Call out for any new parent volunteers; schedule can be rotated

#### Fundraising

- Cookie sales \$970/ 194 boxes (\$5each)
- #370 boxes - \$6, 200 ---11 weeks
- Lunchbox program? A mix of food vendors; can add in fundraising percentage; use school cash online

#### Mental Health and Wellbeing

- No updates

## Yearbook

- No updates/ still waiting on items
- admin will take a look

## Student Programs

- Community advocacy
- Clean up/ Green up - we can partner with City of Richmond Hill
  - email sent April 22nd & May 6th
  - gloves, garbage bags (students with parent helpers)
  - Making a connection with garbage around neighbourhood and with painting of bins --- creative aspect/ sense of "we are as one unit"
  - Add to the newsletter if we choose to do it
  - The city will supply 500 garbage bags so we need to provide an accurate number

## Parent Engagement

- No updates
- Coffee chats in person? outside?

## Yearbook

- Previous years yearbook is almost done, will send to admin
- Gr. 8 committee will help
- Online google drive folder for all staff to drop files of class/ events in the building

## Grants

No updates

## New Business – V. Aitas and J. Cheung

### Year-end BBQ – optional dates June 16, 23 permits

- Community benefits from coming together
- No direction from YRDSB regarding protocols for covid safety - but admin will check
- In previous years 2hrs on a Thursday 6-8pm; with a DJ; pre bought tickets for food; inflatables (obstacle courses); incoming gr. 1 families invited
- Send interest to volunteer email
- Please share contacts for potential vendors
- Add to the newsletter, Thursday is the deadline for additions

### Other business:

- Traffic update: Double parking in the live lane of the loop. Admin presence at end of the day and no updates from City

- In the back of the building, caretaking removes some of the ice/ snow and contractors remove remainder which has caused craters/ potholes. Before march break the grounds supervisor surveyed and filled in the holes. Admin will look into the entire property to repave, next summer potentially.
- "Let's walk" by YCDSB --- on select days and everyone walks to school
  - Could it be used as a preventative measure?
  - School boundaries are larger for FI schools so there may be accessibility issues?