



Windham Ridge School Council

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 6:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance		
Council Attendance	Guest Attendance	Regrets
Julie Cheung Vivian Aitas Tara Dimopoulos Parvaz Kirouac Rachel Hamou Cassandre Lennox Anita Arcimartello Nadine Raymond Jodie Montagnese Diana Shin Trisha Nurse Maria Pulsoni Laleh Azizi Kathy Zivontsis	Chad Ng Andrea B	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 for this year was read to the Council. It is provided here for reference.

“We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.”

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda adding Community give back to tonight's agenda by Tara D. and seconded by Diana S.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

November minutes to be re-read and approved at the next meeting.

Constitution

Changes and amendments

Mission statement same as board - no changes

Article 3 Purpose & Objectives - no changes

Article 4 Procedure & Operating Guidelines - no changes

Article 5 Norms of Behaviour & Practice - no changes

Article 6

- 6.01 - Council Size YRDSB min. 6 members
- Leave at 20 members

6.02 - Parent Representatives

- Parent members cannot be employed at the school? It's ok
- If teacher or office staff can't be co-chair
- Lunch monitor is ok
- recommend removal of 6.02 and double check YRDSB and School Council handbook

6.03 - Teacher Representatives - no changes

6.05- Student Representative - optional at elementary level & appointed by Principal

- R.Hamou will reach out to student rep teacher leader and ask for names of interested student(s) to attend virtually

Article 7 Elections & Voting (Updated in 2017)

- 7.2 If two members are running for the same position and a decision cannot be made it must be brought to school community to vote
- Tie positions -determined by lot
- Publish results to School Community in 30 days
- To ensure equity all parents are allowed to run for Executive positions regardless of previous experience
- Positions held for one school year
- Removal due to lack of attendance - no dismissal (volunteer position)
- Voting based on consensus
 - show of hands
 - by active members, but all parents allowed
 - Admin cannot vote
 - Adjust electronic balloting information due to Pandemic

Article 8.06 Remuneration - no changes

Article 9 Sub Committees - no changes

Article 10 - Meetings

- No more than two month's lapse
- Meeting minutes -notes or recording using Robert's Rule of Order (optional)
- Minutes should be shared to council members, parents & guests within two weeks of the meeting

Budget- Fundraising plan should be discussed in the spring (May/June) for next school year. Discuss needs, administer a Survey to discuss committing funds and draft fundraising plan for the following school year

Article 15 - Annual Report of School Council Achievement to Principal and YRDSB at end of year via a form

- Amendments two years vs. every year (YRDSB)

Article 17 - Code of Ethics

Appendix

Approval of revised 2022 constitution/ agenda at next meeting.

Principal's Profile

Check with IT to locate and will be shared at a later time.

Administrators Report - R. Hamou, A. Arcimartello, V. Leone

Notice of Boundary Change for September 2622

- YRDSB is collecting information regarding how many families at Windham Ridge will receive from Beynon Fields P.S. More info to follow in the Spring. Public meeting only if there are over 25 families affected.

School initiatives

November

- Treaty Week- importance of Treaties & building knowledge of indigenous Education
- Acknowledged Holocaust Week & Hindu Heritage month
- Acknowledged Bullying Awareness week
- Intermediate student group creating announcements for Wellness Wednesdays to focus on Well-being and Wellness. Topics such as impact of images and words on social media, being responsible and kind
- Gr.3 Gifted Screening
- Changed cohorts and zoning at recess time so everyone has access to various areas of the school

December

- Three Spirit Days scheduled (Pajama day, Hat day, Ugly Sweater Day) communication will be sent to families.
- Winter Trivia after daily announcements,, classes collect points.

Student and Teachers' Report

Volley-ball tryouts; card club; video recording & debate club on hold till new year;

Treasurer's Report- R. Hamou, A. Arcimartello, V. Aitas, J. Cheung

Draft Fundraising Plan 2021 – 2022

Includes suggested amount from last year; how much was spent and suggested amount for this year.

Live document that can be adjusted according to meeting the needs of the students.

Continuous open discussion will be had.

- Social incidence - Guest speaker (virtual) to address issues will be considered
- Ordering extra chrome books to replenish classroom stock with monies allocated from last year's budget and supplemented from YRDSB funds
 - Now have more computers per class (approx. 10-12 per class)
- Replenish Indoor/ Outdoor equipment, sports balls, board games, books, etc...
- Field Trips/ Sports events
 - Allocation for bus and supply teachers for track & field events
- Top up & replenish instruments for music program, art program, library to replace & diversify books
- End of year BBQ to bring community together- TBD
- Possibility of limited fundraising money coming in this year
- Approx. spending for this school year is \$36, 000
- Updating of PA. System; repainting of some areas of the school; ventilation; air-conditioning

Committee Reports - Julie & Vivian

Volunteer

- No updates

Fundraising

Community Outreach partnered with 360 Kids

- Provides Outreach services for youth and addresses the homelessness of youth in Richmond Hill/ York Region
- 29 youth that live in the residence potentially connect with different classrooms where letters/ cards are written, create gift basket with "wish list items" for the youth for the holiday season
- Request financial donations from families for gift cards via School Cash online

Yearbook

- Missing items for last year's book
- Confirmation for the book for this year will be approved
- New year provide survey to school community regarding feedback of photo company

- Google classroom, google drive folder & schedule to be created for yearbook team to be supported from current students

Parent and Student Engagement Committee

- Looking to confirm dates for events with parents for January.
- Virtual Zoo program for classes virtually to learn about animals and receive information and Q & A from Zoo employees.
- Approaching the school parking/ driving issue from another angle instead of advocacy for the situation, let's "Increase our steps" by walking to school more. Hope is for students to be more proactive in making a difference in their school community.
- Litter issue in Oak Ridges area: students can write letters to city councillors regarding the need for more garbage/ disposal bins. The garbage/ disposal bins can also be decorated by the students of Windham Ridge PS.
- Call out for teacher(s) to support this initiative such as creating environmental club at the school

Grants

Nothing to report

New Business – V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Update on Cross- Walk issue:

Ben Robertson (Supervisor of Traffic, Safety & Operations, Infrastructure, Planning & Development & Engineering) cc'd York Region Police & Councilor Greg Beros proposed

Solution:

- notified police to monitor the area
- engineering review & study to collect traffic information for area (crossing zones for all schools)
- Update to be provided at later date

A group of schools in the community will be participating in Mental Health Workshops- by Maria Stapleton in the coming weeks.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 from 6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.