



Windham Ridge School Council

Tuesday January 9, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance

Council Attendance

Julie Romanovich
Vivian Aitas
Catherine Salole
Maria Pulsoni
Rachel Hamou
Nereo Bonomo
Natalie Giatas
Carol Davidson
Angela Lambros
Jennifer Yan
Cassandre Lennoz
Svitlana Shamova
Tara Dimopoulos
Suzanne McWhinnie

Guest Attendance

Kim Howard
Euming Yu
Joanne Conte Casola
Leila Mireskandari
Patricia Lambros
Carolyn Gallinger

Regrets

Teresa Cowan
Anahita Ogra
Inna Dovjenco
Tansue (Student Representative)
Anika (Student Representative)
Theiva Kumaresan
Mary Dunstan
Kelly Giesen

Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Welcome & Introductions

Land Acknowledgement was read.

Motion to approve agenda by C. Salole. Seconded by M. Pulsoni. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion to approve December minutes by T. Dimopoulos. Seconded by M. Pulsoni. All in favour. Motion carried.

EQAO

A review of the school's continued response and action towards addressing the decline in math EQAO scores was presented. A combination of factors contribute to math success including: teaching practice; learning styles; partnerships with parents; student disposition; and providing students with authentic, relevant and meaningful activities. The staff have spent time focused on the issue, aligning their individual development plans with school needs, and analyzing EQAO responses in order to uncover patterns of where students struggled and where they were successful. Observations include:

- Grade 3 students had difficulty answering multi-step questions as well, they were challenged by answering multiple choice questions. Questions that included a visual/diagram were notably helpful to students in understanding the question being asked and how to solve it.
- Grade 6 students also had difficulty in answering multi-step questions and demonstrated difficulty in understanding concepts behind the calculations. They also performed better when a visual accompanied the question.

So far, teachers are addressing these gaps through:

- providing students with multi-step problems and teaching students to analyze the question being asked;
- using manipulatives;
- training students to draw out and visualize the problem in order to fully understand the context of the question; and
- guided math groups to encourage dialogue and group problem-solving.

School Climate Survey

A summary of the results of last year's school climate survey was shared and discussed. In general, students feel welcome and safe at Windham Ridge. There are some instances of verbal bullying around appearance, marks, faith. Some students feel financially marginalized. This information will help the school to be mindful of these concerns and ensure barriers are removed for these students.

Caring Colour Groups

Kindness caring day is being planned for February 14th

Upcoming Activities

- Snow shoe day
- Skating: end of Feb - beginning of March
- Hockey games
- Grade 1 registration begins on Feb 19th and the school information night is next week
- Curling and bowling
- Carnival on Feb 23rd

See current budget as of Jan 08, 2018 in Appendix 1.

Committee Reports

Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- Sushi starts tomorrow and has made a profit of \$3000
- Term 2 pizza forms are coming

Student Programs ~ C. Davidson

- Playball will be scheduled
- Crafts are being planned for the last group who missed their session due to the snow day
- 120 kids participated in the craft club

School Grants and French Ambassador ~ S. McWhinnie

School Grants

- Senior students have applied for a "Speak Up" grant to facilitate indigenous education activities.
- We will also apply for a Canada Post grant to purchase general items needed at the school.

French Ambassador

- French public speaking club will begin this week. Mme Boyadjian is the sponsoring teacher

Next Meeting

February 7th, 2017 6:30-8:30

Appendix:

**Windham Ridge P.S.
Treasurer's Report as of January 08, 2018**

	Nov 25 - Jan 08, 2018	YTD Total
Opening Balance	\$ 44,988.76	\$ 15,893.66
Revenue		
Dance-A-Thorn Fundraising	\$ 210.00	\$ 10,681.25
Astoria Greek Lunch	\$ 49.00	\$ 9,392.50
Fresh from the Farm	\$ -	\$ 3,274.00
Pizza Lunch	\$ 742.50	\$ 31,369.70
Fall BBQ	\$ -	\$ 3,387.60
Sushi Lunch - Wednesdays Jan to Mar 2018	\$ 7,285.50	\$ 7,285.50
Kids Kitchen rebate	\$ 207.75	\$ 367.25
QSP rebate	\$ 39.14	\$ 142.94
Yearbook 2017	\$ -	\$ 55.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,533.89	\$ 65,955.74
Expenses		
Dance-A-Thorn Expenses ('It's pure entertainment' inv, prizes)	\$ 467.69	\$ 1,257.55
Greek Lunch- Astoria Shish Kebob House	\$ 3,572.25	\$ 7,107.75
Fresh from the Farm-Dietitians of Canada Inv #1083	\$ -	\$ 1,964.40
Fall BBQ (supplies, cotton candy, 'It's pure entertainment' inv)	\$ -	\$ 5,179.36
Pizza-Oak Ridges Pizza House	\$ 4,364.85	\$ 11,363.81
YRDSB Cost Sharing fall 2017- New Technology	\$ -	\$ 6,549.99
Lego Robotics kits	\$ 502.00	\$ 502.00
Bandanas	\$ -	\$ 2,313.68
Scientists in School	\$ -	\$ 995.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,906.79	\$ 37,233.54
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JAN 08/2018	\$ 44,615.86	\$ 44,615.86