



# MINUTES

Windham Ridge School Council

Monday January 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

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## In Attendance

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### Council Attendance

Julie Romanovich

Vivian Aitas

Catherine Salole

Joanne Conte Casola

Teresa Cowan

Angela Lambros

Maria Pulsoni

Tara Dimopoulous

Narendra Chandrasekhar

Rachel Hamou

Nereo Bonomo

Ester Boivin

Jennifer Yan

Suzanne McWhinnie

Kelly Giesen

### Guest Attendance

Starr Mills

Soody Dahesh

Anisha Suleman

Dima Berchalli

### Regrets

Gina Celsie

Anna Margitta

Parissa Giahinejad

Bridget Hijazi

Leila Mireskandari

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

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Motion to approve agenda by C. Salole. Seconded by T. Cowan. All in favour. Motion carried

Approval of Nov 30, 2016 minutes.

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## Administrator's Report ~ N. Bonomo and R. Hamou

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### Modern Learning

- SIPSA priority Modern Learning was highlighted. S. Dahesh facilitated an activity to demonstrate principles of Modern Learning that teachers are beginning to engage in and incorporate into their

classrooms. Principles include notions of growth mindset and positive risk taking. Modern Learning facilitates deep learning and skills development.

- A. Suleman profiled the new Learning Commons in the library. Furniture was purchased to intentionally create flexible learning spaces that facilitate Modern Learning. Specifically, the Learning Commons spaces facilitate student choice and interaction, and it is also non-judgmental therefore facilitates risk-taking.

### Administrators Report

- The work that S. Dahesh is doing in her class around Modern Learning has become a source of professional development for the other teachers.
- French Immersion Information night will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Grade 1 registration will run January 20<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Administration is currently doing staff projections for next. The board is projecting a student population of 576 students while the school is projecting 585. No teacher will be surplus. Staffing committee is beginning to work on school organization for next year. Staff and admin will be working on the building of class lists later in the spring.
- The school will be hosting a Math Night with parents in the hopes of reinforcing math learning at home.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> is a PA day, teachers will be working on assessments and report cards.
- There will be 2 more concerts. One will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will include a book fair. The other will be at the end of the year.
- Music fest is being held in Niagara Falls on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to send students in the Band and Glee Club to participate, pending parent commitment

### Extra-curricular updates ~ E. Boivin

- The school board has 80 pair of snow shoes that need to be booked approximately a year in advance.
- School is going ahead with skating trips. They have been booked at 3 different arenas during the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Some skates have been donated.

### Weekly communication update

- Due to school community feedback, administration is looking into delivering weekly emails in an alternative format so that parents do not need to click through to the information. One solution is use a blog.

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### Treasurer's Report ~ N. Bonomo, V. Aitas, J. Romanovich for for V. Margitta

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See Appendix for updated budget.

- Updated budget presented.
- Overview:
  - Gross Fundraising profit: 29, 167.33
  - Total Expenses: 20,750.44
  - Net Profit for School Year: 8416, 89
  - Ending Balance: 30,731.20

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## Committee Reports

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### Constitution ~ N.Bonomo

Administration looked into YRDSB policy and the Windham Ridge School Council constitution regarding making changes to our constitution:

- Board policy states that changes may require a majority or 6 council members to make changes.
- The Windham Ridge School Constitution states that amendments require a quorum (50% plus1) and a two-thirds majority.

**Action: Constitution amendments will be brought forward at April's school council meeting. This will allow the advanced notice to promote the date and encourage all voting members to attend.**

### Education

- Committee members were not present, no report was made.

**Action: Administration will be meeting with P. Giahinejad to plan Math Night.**

### Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- Sushi begins on Wednesday. There was a positive demand.
- Currently looking for another lunch service for the spring

**Action: Council needs to decide on our major fundraising activities for next year at the February meeting**

### Mental Health and Wellbeing ~J. Conte Casola

- Following events are confirmed:
  - Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Mental Health Event at Oak Ridges Public School: Michelle Cassidy will speak on mental health and wellness.
  - Confirming May 18<sup>th</sup> events with Sara Westbrook who will be speaking to parents (during evening) and students (during day) about Resilience, confidence and wellbeing.

### School Grants and French Ambassador ~ S. McWhinnie

- Metro grant was unsuccessful as our application was submit after the deadline. Another application will be made next year.
- Looking into the Speak Up grant for Grade 7 & 8. We will need an advisor to work with the student to build a plan for next year.
- French Ambassador
  - Grade 6,7 & 8 French speaking club will meet Weds after school.
  - The club will be preparing for a provincial competition at Glendon.
  - French for the Future kit will be shared with the club.

### Student Programs

- The company selected for Gymnastics was not approved as a service provider with the Board. The committee will continue to work on this.
- Lego club is running for Grades 3&4.

**Action: Committee will meet with Administration to continue discussing.**

#### Yearbook ~ J. Ramonovich

- Sales will begin in the next few weeks.
- Plans include running an art contest for the front and back covers with the incentive of a year book for the winners.

**Action: Yearbook committee to work with N. Bonomo to book some dates to take photos with sport teams.**

#### Extra-curricular ~ T. McCowan

- French film club will begin soon.
- We have 4 research project planned to submit to the Mount Sinai science fair. Project proposals are health related, if accepted, the students conduct the research.

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#### Other business

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#### Community book exchange

- Concept involves community members bringing in books to exchange for new books.
- Concept was supported by the Council.

**Action: E. Boivin and S. Mills to begin planning.**

#### Spirit Day

- T. Cowan conducted a survey with the grades 7 and 8 students to solicit Spirit Day ideas.
- Council supported 1 spirit day per month.
- Council reviewed survey results and decided on a theme for each of the remaining months using the suggestions collected from the students.

#### End of Year BBQ

- Council supported having a year end BBQ
- Suggested dates: June 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Action: A communication will go out shortly to form a planning committee.**

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#### Next Meeting

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February 15, 2017 6:30-8:30



**WRPS School Council**  
**September 2016 through August 2017 - Current @ Jan /17**

OPENING BALANCE (CASH AVAILABLE @ September)		<b>\$ 22,314.31</b>	
		<u>Sep '18 - Aug 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>PIZZA sales</b>	26,122.90	46,000.00
	<b>GREEK LUNCH sales</b>	9,912.35	9,500.00
	<b>Q&amp;P SALES</b>	5,439.97	6,000.00
	<b>KIDS KITCHEN rebate</b>	218.75	
	<b>Q&amp;P - direct donations</b>	812.25	100.00
	<b>SUSHI LUNCH sales</b>	4,860.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<u>47,366.22</u>	<u>61,600.00</u>
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>			
	<b>Pizza and pizza supplies</b>	11,679.00	22,000.00
	<b>Greek lunch cost</b>	6,234.27	8,000.00
	<b>Sushi lunch cost</b>	0.00	
	<b>Q&amp;P prizes</b>	285.62	500.00
	<b>Total FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<u>18,198.89</u>	<u>30,500.00</u>
	<b>Gross Profit - Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 29,167.33</b>	<b>31,100.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>Library re-vamp (furniture)</b>	16,951.31	
	<b>Angel funds</b>	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<u>16,951.31</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<b>SCHOOL PROGRAMS - aka Student Engagement/Wellbeing</b>		6,000.00
	<b>Clubs and other programs</b>	0.00	
	<b>Athletics (bussing, etc.)</b>	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Lego Robotics competition</b>	0.00	
	<b>Playball</b>	0.00	
	<b>Supply teachers - extra coverage</b>	0.00	
	<b>You are the Chef</b>	0.00	
	<b>Total SCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS - aka Mental Health/Wellbeing</b>		6,000.00
	<b>Carnival</b>	0.00	
	<b>BBQ (welcome back), net</b>	3,003.13	
	<b>Art Project</b>	0.00	
	<b>Teacher appreciation luncheon</b>	0.00	
	<b>Total SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	<u>3,003.13</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<b>SIPSA - aka Literacy, Math, Modern Learning and Tech</b>		
	<b>Library and other book purchase</b>	0.00	4,000.00
	<b>Music purchases</b>	0.00	2,000.00
	<b>Science and Math materials</b>	0.00	4,000.00
	<b>Scientist in the School</b>	796.00	6,200.00
	<b>Tech - YRDSB cost sharing</b>	0.00	4,600.00
	<b>Total TECHNOLOGY</b>	<u>796.00</u>	<u>18,700.00</u>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>20,760.44</u>	<u>31,700.00</u>
	<b>Net Profit for the 2016-2017 school year</b>	<u>8,416.89</u>	<u>-600.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 30,731.20</b>	