



Windham Ridge School Council

Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 6:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

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

Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Co-chairs opened the meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

Land Acknowledgement read by A. Arcimartello

Approval of Agenda

Approved by Diana and seconded by Cassandre.

Thank you's from Council co-chairs and Admin for everyone's involvement this year.

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

- Futbolito with Juan is going great!
- Wizard of Oz musical - students had their first practice today and are excited about the show.
- Fun Day - June 15th:
 - Mme Sadaati & Gr. 7 & 8 students will coordinate activities for the school
 - Ice cream funded by school council to students/teachers
- Invite incoming Grade 1 families to BBQ
- Graduation: June 28th at Oakview Terrace
 - Coach bus will take students to the venue and pick up at 10:30pm by parents.
- Explained the Election Committee Process
- School Enhancement Plan for two shade umbrellas to be updated in the fall
- YRDSB School & family survey mailed out

Teachers' Report

Update on current initiatives and programs

June Heritage days:

- Indigenous month
 - morning announcements; daily in-class activities
- Italian/ Filipino/ Portuguese Heritage days
 - showcasing prominent Canadian figures of that heritage
- There were a lot of Yearbook cover submissions for the competition and the winner will be announced soon
- Gr. 5 & 6 - Participated in Student Vote. Had mock voting stations as well they learned about the government; elections and the voting process
- Continued learning about empathy
- Student wellness team- empathy and action plan

Treasurer's Report – V. Aitas, J. Cheung

Fundraising Plan for 2022-2023

- Will be created in spring for the year ahead
- Funds are allocated and distributed where they are needed (see report)
- Angel fund - support families in need
- 3rd party - community engagement events
- School Enhancement Plan to be submitted for two shade umbrellas

Budget Report

- Same as last month

- Spend approx. balance would go towards the shade umbrellas and remaining funds Approx. \$8000--
- some funds to be earmarked for the umbrellas and start of the year)
- Funday---freezies vs. ice cream truck
- Question about storage options and logistics? Freezies are cheaper but if we go with an ice-cream truck
- Council agrees on funding the ice cream truck

Questions by council members:

- Maria- Can we start the pizza program right away in the new school year? Slices make more money than individual boxes but this is all dependent on Pandemic protocols (individually packaged)
- Tara- Will the music program return in the fall? The actual learning of the instruments? Dependent on pandemic protocols as well, the flooring in the room is under renovations.
- Tara - Can we host a danceathon? In Fall or winter? February?

Committee Reports - Julie & Vivian

Volunteer

- BBQ is 2hrs
 - 30mins intervals for volunteers
 - clean up
 - food (6 volunteers to help serve)
 - Could use high school students to get their community hours
 - School cash online orders
 - no water truck
 - picnic tables ordered from the town of RH
 - promote BBQ - via email to parent/ guardian; paper flyers; seniors visit classrooms
- Question: Can the community join the day of?
- Yes but reminder that food items are pre-purchased only
- Is there a need for fun day volunteers? Admin will check with the teachers

Fundraising

- No updates

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- No updates

Yearbook

- 2021 yearbook is done! Awaiting final edits and confirmation from admin
- 2022 yearbook will work on in the fall

Student Programs

- No updates

Parent Engagement

- Host a coffee chat first thing in Sept---meet the school council
- Meet & greet for every parent
 - Sept 15th - 8:45am-10am
 - Using the outdoor classroom and as a rain plan use the library

Grants

- No updates

New Business – V. Aitas and J. Cheung

BBQ Updates

Set Fall Council Dates and election meeting

- Typical procedure by YRDSB: Ask to set up election committee in May & June - it is communicated via school newsletter
- Principal & Vice Principal will be a part of the committee
- Set dates: must happen within 30 calendar days of the school year starting approx. Oct 5th

Question by Tara: Could we host a fall BBQ?

- Would have to book/ plan from now
- Possible date: Sept 29th
- Have a *Save the Date* sign up for fall at June 23rd BBQ
- Meet & greet at the BBQ
- Need to book vendor right away

Question: How do we promote school council?

- Book of forms (online) for the families
- Include Election process information to promote school council

Thank you and goodbyes!