



## Windham Ridge School Council

Tuesday June 6, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

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### In Attendance

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#### **Council Attendance**

Julie Romanovich

Vivian Aitas

Catherine Salole

Maria Pulsoni

Tara Dimopoulous

Rachel Hamou

Nereo Bonomo

Jennifer Yan

Angela Lambros

Ester Boivin

Teresa Cowan

Narendra

Chandrasekhar

Leila Mireskandari

#### **Guest Attendance**

Delia Rusu

Euming Yu

#### **Regrets**

Suzanne McWhinnie

Salim (student  
representative)

Kelly Giesen

Parissa Giahinejad

Gina Celsie

Anna Margitta

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

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Motion to approve agenda by E. Boivin. Seconded by A, Lambrosi. All in favour. Motion carried

Motion to approval of May 2, 2017 minutes by T. Dimopoulos. Seconded by A. Lambros. All in favour. Motion carried.

Welcome to guests joining the Council meeting.

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### Community Garden ~ L. Mireskandari

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The community garden needs to be maintained (ie. watered) over the summer through the summer months through parent volunteers. Grade 8 students could also be engaged as a way to start building their volunteer hours.

**Action: An email will be sent to all parents of what is required and solicit their help.**

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## Administrators Report ~ N. Bonomo and R. Hamou

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### Staffing

- Next year we will have 26 classrooms including 5 grade 1 classes.

### Grade 8 trip survey

- The survey results indicate that Ottawa is the preferred grade 8 trip. Our next step will be to announce the destination to students and parents. We will invite the travel company to present information to parents in the fall.
- To ready the grade 8's as well as future grade 8's for the trip, grade 6 and 8 classes will have a day at Cedar Glen in the fall, and the grade 7's will have an overnight trip.

### Thank you

- The Council was thanked for their hard work and commitment to the Council and school. 2016-17 was a success!

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## Treasurer's Report~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

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### Budget

- See Appendix for May 31 budget.

**Action: Co-chairs, Treasurer and Administrators will be meeting to review and update the budget.**

### 2016-17 Budget Allocation

- See Appendix for proposed list.
- Other items from teachers include:
  - Math manipulatives
  - Upgraded computers
  - Physical Education equipment (eg. high jump, play scape)
  - Downstairs lockers
  - New instruments (Note: awarded music grant could help to off-set this, could rent instruments)
  - More English novels and poetry books (Note: this could be ordered through school budget)

### Priority areas identified through discussion:

1. Technology for junior and intermediate students
2. Athletic/team pinnies
3. Buddy Benches (Note: Girls who initiated this idea will be engaged.)
- 4.

**Action: V. Aitas and J. Romanovich will price suggested items then prioritize.**

**Action: Parents will be asked to donate new board games for classroom sets in the fall.**

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## Teachers' Report ~ T. Cowan and E. Boivin

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- Me to We is holding a "Day of Silence" on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is 2-fold: 1) In North America, we tend to speak more than we listen; and 2) to bring awareness to those who do not have a voice through oppression and marginalization.
- Soccer and Track & Field seasons were successful.
- Council members were thanked on behalf of all teachers and invited to the Volunteer Team on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Planning Items ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

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- Canada 150 themed fun day on June 27<sup>th</sup> will include school aerial photo, peanut-free ice cream truck and an obstacle course. All students will receive a Canada flag and tattoo.
- First Council meeting of 2017-18 will be on Tuesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Welcome Back BBQ will be on Thursday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Curriculum Night will be on Tuesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Harvest Dance-a-thon Fundraiser will be on Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

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## Committee Reports

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### Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- Pizza and Greek food fundraiser will be concluding, both were successful
- The BBQ was a great success.
- Fall BBQ
  - Meal tickets & waivers will be distributed ahead of time.
  - We will have 2 cotton candy machines and a student volunteer to assist with money collection.
  - Inflatables including a dunk tank will be booked.
  - Colouring or craft station will be provided for students needing some quiet time.
  - School will pay for the teachers' meals.

### Mental health and Wellbeing ~ N. Bonomo

- There was lots of positive feedback from both parents and students on the Sarah Westbrook event.
- Joint professional grant has been submitted for next year along with Oak Ridges PS.

### School Grants and French Ambassador ~ S. McWhinnie (report given via email)

#### School Grants

- Heritage Canada has sent Canada flags and tattoos for the school fun day.
- We received a music grant of \$1500 to use towards instruments.

#### French Ambassador

- Will include ideas and tips to maintain French skills over the summer via newsletter
- Including a French performance/event is suggested for next year.

### Yearbook ~ J. Ramonovich

- The yearbook is finished! 280 were ordered.
- Yearbook committee will require assistance next year.

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## New Business~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

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### Extra-curricular Activities ~ E. YU

Concern was raised that there weren't enough opportunities for students to interact with students outside of their classes through extra-curricular activities, and a general concern that there weren't enough activities. Through discussion, the source of the problem was identified as 2-fold: 1) a gap in the student program committee; and 2) not enough parent volunteers.

**Action: next year's council will put priority on filling the Student Program Committee Chair and plan strategically around increasing the number of parent volunteers including having a promotion table at the Welcome BBQ.**

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday September 19, 2017 6:30-8:30

Appendix: Meeting Handouts

**WRPS School Council**

September 2016 through August 2017 - Current @ May 31 /17

OPENING BALANCE (CASH AVAILABLE @ September)		<b>\$ 21,331.71</b>		
		<u>Sep '16 - Aug 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>PIZZA sales</b>	52,997.80	46,000.00	
	<b>GREEK LUNCH sales</b>	23,518.25	9,500.00	
	<b>SUSHI LUNCH sales</b>	7,459.00		
	<b>YEARBOOK (sales less cost)</b>	-221.76		
	<b>QSP SALES</b>	5,314.19	6,000.00	
	<b>QSP - direct donations</b>	812.25	100.00	
	<b>KIDS KITCHEN rebate</b>	515.25		
	<b>To allocate (Kelly was off)</b>	507.04		
	<b>Total Income</b>	<u>90,902.02</u>	<u>61,600.00</u>	
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>				
	<b>Pizza and pizza supplies</b>	21,304.91	22,000.00	<-- not complete
	<b>Greek lunch cost</b>	15,049.55	8,000.00	<-- not complete
	<b>Sushi lunch cost</b>	5,630.23		
	<b>QSP prizes</b>	285.62	500.00	
	<b>Total FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<u>42,270.31</u>	<u>30,500.00</u>	
	<b>Gross Profit - Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 48,631.71</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>		5,000.00	
	<b>Clubs and other programs</b>	195.00		
	<b>Athletics (bussing, etc.)</b>	0.00	1,000.00	
	<b>Lego Robotics competition</b>	0.00		
	<b>Playball</b>	2,440.80		
	<b>Supply teachers - extra coverage</b>	0.00		
	<b>You are the Chef</b>	0.00		
	<b>Total SCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	<u>2,635.80</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	
	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS - aka Mental Health/Wellbeing</b>		5,000.00	
	<b>Carnival</b>	1,018.08		
	<b>BBQ (welcome back), net</b>	2,921.63		
	<b>Spring BBQ, net</b>	1,042.67		<-- not complete
	<b>Guest speaker (should have grant)</b>	1,005.70		<-- not complete
	<b>Play / Prologue</b>	456.52		
	<b>Teacher appreciation luncheon</b>	0.00		<-- not complete
	<b>Total SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	<u>6,444.60</u>	<u>5,000.00</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>	3,582.00	5,200.00	
	<b>Tech - YRDSB cost sharing</b>	0.00	4,500.00	<-- where is this?
	<b>Total TECHNOLOGY</b>	<u>3,582.00</u>	<u>19,700.00</u>	
	<b>Total Expense</b>	29,613.71	31,700.00	
	<b>Net Profit for the 2016-2017 school year</b>	<u><b>19,018.00</b></u>	<u><b>-600.00</b></u>	
	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<u><b>\$ 40,349.71</b></u>		

## 2016 – 2017 Budget Allocation

Proposed list as of May 31, 2017

1. Static Funds:
  - a. Playscape: \$2600.00 – funds left in account for any future maintenance
  - b. Angel Fund: \$1000.00 – funds to be used when/if necessary. We also decided that any Kids Kitchen rebate can be deposited to this fund starting next year.
2. Council sponsored initiatives:
  - a. Playball - \$2500.00. Based on past year's invoices.
  - b. Scientist in the Classroom - \$3000.00. Based on this past year's invoices.
  - c. Lice Checks - \$1000.00. Based on previous year's invoices.
  - d. Second Year Garden Initiative and Garden Maintenance - \$5000.00. As previously discussed, \$3800.00 for the second-year initiative and \$1200.00 for maintenance and expanding project to include all students ( $\$3800.00 + \$1200.00 = \$5000.00$ )
3. School Resources and Equipment:
  - a. 2 Buddy Benches - \$3000.00 ( $\$1500 \times 2$ ). Kelly to help source accurate figures.
  - b. Indoor Recess board games (as requested by Teachers) for all grades - \$2000.00
  - c. Math Manipulatives ~~\$2-3000~~
  - d. Technology – Additional Technology to be used by all classes/students.
  - e. Pinnies for Sports Teams as (reversible and customized to school) as we only have heavy jerseys.
  - f. Musical Instruments. Funds should be allocated to be purchased next year when permanent music teacher arrives.
  - g. Basketball nets outside need to be replaced.
  - h. Cameras / bag for school use. Estimated \$
4. School Events:
  - a. Welcome Back BBQ (September 2017, this year's council initiative) - \$2500.00 as previously discussed/approved.
  - b. Year-end "Fun Day" - \$1500.00
5. Suggested to us but not on our current agenda:
  - a. Sound System/lights for concerts – if our current one is outdated or in poor condition
  - b. Running track on our field