



# Windham Ridge School Council

Monday March 5, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm

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## In Attendance

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### Council Attendance

Vivian Aitas  
Catherine Salole  
Maria Pulsoni  
Rachel Hamou  
Nereo Bonomo  
Carol Davidson  
Cassandre Lennox  
Svitlana Shamova  
Tara Dimopoulos  
Suzanne McWhinnie  
Mary Dunstan  
Teresa Cowan  
Anahita Ogra

### Guest Attendance

Frances Misquitta  
Kham Wong

### Regrets

Julie Romanovich  
Natalie Giatas  
Angela Lambros  
Jennifer Yan  
Inna Dovjenco  
Tansue (Student Representative)  
Anika (Student Representative)  
Theiva Kumaresan  
Kelly Giesen

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## Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas

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Land Acknowledgement was read.

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

Motion to approve December minutes by M. Dunstan. Seconded by C. Davidson. All in favour. Motion carried.

### BIPSA update

To address the challenges our students are facing in math, as evidenced by the EQAO results, the school has invested in professional development and math resources:

- The last PD day focused on teaching practices that facilitate students moving up levels (eg. level 3 to 4). Teachers also had an opportunity to work in groups to assess student work to build consistency in assessment practices among teachers.
- Grade appropriate sets of math manipulatives have been purchase for each class. The manipulatives help students to visualize math concepts.

### Mattering

The school climate survey results demonstrated that while students feel like they matter at home, they don't necessarily feel they matter at school. The school staff will reflect on what can be done as practitioners to ensure that students feel they matter.

### Enrollment projections and staffing for 2018-19

Currently, we are expecting an enrollment increase to 627 students next year. We will have 27 homerooms. To date, we have 93 registrations for Grade 1 who will be divided into 4 classrooms.

### Parent Symposium on April 4th

C. Lennox and A. Ogra have volunteered to attend the annual parent symposium hosted by the YRDSB.

### Ontario Teacher's Federation Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for the OTIP Teaching Awards. Parents are encouraged to nominate a teacher who does great work in the school.

***Action: Information about the award will be sent out in the weekly school email***

### World Autism Awareness Day – April 3

School will acknowledge and participate in the day.

### Pink Shirt Day – April 11<sup>th</sup>

- School will participate in this day to raise awareness around bullying.
- Grade 8's would like to share anti-bullying and anti- trans and homo-phobia messages to the younger grades.

### Caretaking Golden Broom Award

- Caretakers are working with class reps to ensure that recycling bins do not get cross-contaminated.

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## Treasurers' Report

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No report was given. However, current budget as of March 03 was shared and included in Appendix 1.

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## Teachers' Report ~ T. Cowan

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- Me to We facilitated a caring colour group letter writing campaign to seniors living in a retirement home.
- Lollipop initiative underway to help students see why they matter.
- Yearbook group is engaged and active.
- Art and Dance club went to the Ago and ballet
- Bridge Building Competition
  - 2 teams of 4 participated and we placed first!
  - The winning team will go on to the next level of competition in May.
- Girls basketball team did well
- Robotics club did well.

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## Committee Reports

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### Volunteer ~ T. Dimopoulos

- No new updates
- Lots of great volunteers helping with lunches and carnival

### Education

- No new updates

### Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- Last week of sushi.
- Will most likely begin Subway lunches.
- We surpassed our fundraising goals.

### Student Programs ~ C. Davidson

- Sign-ups have begun for grade 2 Lego club.
- Will be running a craft for primary grades in April.
- Playball will be arranged for next year.

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

#### *School Grants*

- We received a "Speak Up" grant for a FNMI initiative. Specifically, a Metis author will present at an assembly on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- We will apply for a Canada Post grant once we determine high priority needs of the school.

### French Ambassador

- French Club is going well. 3-4 students will be chosen to represent the school at the provincial competition at Glendon on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The School Council agreed to pay the entry fee of \$65 per student.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing ~ C. Lennox

- The committee is currently looking at implementing a healthy cooking demo for parents and kids. After some discussion, the Council recommended an evening event would be best rather than during the day.
- The Wellness Fair being held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, will consist of booths to educate on and promote community resources related to wellness and mental health.

***Action: C. Lennox will work with N. Bonomo and R. Hamou to find a suitable date and then begin promoting the event.***

### Yearbook

- Grade 7's and 8's are engaged and working on the yearbook
- 250 have been sold. We have met our target

### Communications ~

- No report given

### Pro-Grant Joint Evening with Oak Ridges ~ C. Lennox

- Currently working to identify speakers. After an overview of potential speakers, council recommended that we focus the event on social media.

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### New Business

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#### End of year BBQ

- Council agreed to proceed
- Potential date identified: June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

#### Subcommittees

The following subcommittees are needed to be formed. Council encouraged to sign up to support the following activities:

1. End of Year BBQ
2. End of School Activity Day
3. Back to School BBQ and Corn Roast

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### Next Meeting

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April 3rd, 2018 6:30-8:30

Appendix:

**Windham Ridge P.S.  
Treasurer's Report as of March 03, 2018**

	Jan 09 - Mar 03,2018	YTD Total
<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$ 44,615.86	\$ 15,893.66
<b>Revenue</b>		
Dance-A-Thorn Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 10,681.25
Astoria Greek Lunch	\$ 64.00	\$ 9,456.50
Fresh from the Farm	\$ -	\$ 3,274.00
Pizza Lunch	\$ 32,661.15	\$ 64,030.85
Fall BBQ	\$ -	\$ 3,387.60
Sushi Lunch - Wednesdays Jan to Mar 2018	\$ (45.50)	\$ 7,240.00
Kids Kitchen rebate	\$ 149.25	\$ 516.50
QSP rebate	\$ -	\$ 142.94
On-line donations	\$ 126.10	\$ 126.10
Yearbook 2017	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 2,180.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 35,080.00</b>	<b>\$ 101,035.74</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Dance-A-Thorn Expenses ('It's pure entertainment' inv, prizes)	\$ -	\$ 1,257.55
Greek Lunch- Astoria Shish Kebob House	\$ -	\$ 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
Sushi lunch-D-Lite	\$ 5,776.01	\$ 5,776.01
Pizza-Oak Ridges Pizza House	\$ 6,947.63	\$ 18,311.44
YRDSB Cost Sharing fall 2017- New Technology	\$ -	\$ 6,549.99
YRDSB musical instruments	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fair Play Sportswear Hockey jerseys	\$ 537.88	\$ 537.88
Math games/manipulatives	\$ 191.88	\$ 191.88
Lego Robotics kits	\$ -	\$ 502.00
Bandanas	\$ -	\$ 2,313.68
Winter Carnival supplies	\$ 185.82	\$ 185.82
Carol's D. Club expenses	\$ 307.95	\$ 307.95
Scientists in School	\$ 1,393.00	\$ 2,388.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 18,340.17</b>	<b>\$ 55,573.71</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MAR 03/2018</b>	<b>\$ 61,355.69</b>	<b>\$ 61,355.69</b>