



Windham Ridge School Council

Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 6:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

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

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 Tara and seconded by Parvaz.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes moved to next meeting.

Administrators Report - A. Arcimartello, V. Leone

School initiatives:

Staffing for the fall

- No splits so far (tentative)

Community walk

- Permission forms needed for teachers to take students outside. The city tennis and basketball courts are not permitted to students due to issues of safety.

EQAO

- E-assessment for Gr. 3/6 taking place in mid June.
- Practice sessions are currently being held

York Hills

4th R

MADD

- Also includes workshops on cannabis use (intermediate - influence while driving)

PEAC - Great speakers

Big Brothers and Big Sisters is an after school program with sessions such as Virtual Go Girls; Virtual Game On

Futbolito

- Is a lunch time soccer program for Gr.1-6
- Focus on skill development; collaboration; team building; cooperative games; good sportsmanship skills and minimizing conflicts

Clean Up Green Up

- Windham received a certificate from the City of Richmond Hill
- Thank you Nadine for spearheading this program.

Well-being Assemblies

- In person for Primary/ Junior-intermediate
- Mme. Patel's intermediate students presented. There were skits and scenarios for the younger students.

Empathy initiative on morning announcements that highlights students showing empathy "putting self in an others shoes"

Teachers' Report

Update on current initiatives and programs

- Maker Spaces: hands on inquiry based for students to engage in learning
- Gr. 7 trip - in person exploring outdoor activities
- Children's mental health week: mindful Monday; Gratitude Tuesday etc...this initiative offered different daily strategies
- Musical: Grade 8 Students are preparing for the Wizard of Oz production
- Gr. 3 - pioneer village

Gr. 8 Grad trips:

- Toronto Blue Jay game on June 14th.
- Cedar Glen - student voice to choose what activities they want to engage in
- Graduation: Oak view terrace - more details to come (dinner & dance)

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

Updated Fundraising Plan

- \$1000 to Angel fund to support families with financial needs remains
- 3rd party presenters
- \$14,000 balance approx...\$10,000 remaining to spend

Budget Report

- Pizza and cookie sales
- IDEA: "Permanent shade umbrellas" Can consider using funds to pay for it. Cost: \$4000 per umbrella; \$400 yearly upkeep
- Other ideas?
- Paving some of the play area
- Question from Toni re: balance remaining. Is it normal expenditures leftover yearly? Answer: Because of the pandemic. Will add to next month's agenda
- IDEA: Can we get additional bike racks and scooter racks? Also noting the position of them at the school so they don't get damaged. Admin will need to survey to see how much the current racks are being used.
- Garden grant? Overage?
 - \$1000 - school garden, have purchased lifetime license (10 lessons) every year Gr. 3 teachers receive material & supplies to support the curriculum

New ideas welcome and will be added onto next months agenda

Committee Reports - Julie & Vivian

Volunteer

- Pizza lunch on Thursday - email School Council or show up to help at lunch

Fundraising

- No updates

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- The many opportunities for students and parents were great! Looking forward to next year. Connect with Social work and others to identify what the needs are

Yearbook

- Started committee for this year
- Yearbook cover contest on announcements and posters around the school
- Hand out in September (will include Gr. 8 events)
- Last year's yearbook has been sent off to printing and should be ready soon

Student Programs

- No updates

Parent Engagement

- Anthony was well received! He was engaging for both students as well as parents.

Grants

No updates

New Business – V. Aitas and J. Cheung

- Question regarding the Consent forms for Health education. How will this be previewed to parents? How do we know what the presenters will say in case parents want to withdraw their child? Need to also consider cultural differences when it comes to this topic.
- Answer: The unit will be delivered by the teacher based on the ministry curriculum. Parents can contact the health teacher or read the ministry curriculum and fill out a form if not comfortable.

Annual Funday proposed to go ahead this year

- Waiting for teacher committee to be formed
- Date to be determined