



## Windham Ridge School Council

Thursday May 4, 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  
Suzanne McWhinnie  
Salim (student  
representative)  
Angela Lambros  
Ester Boivin  
Teresa Cowan  
Narendra  
Chandrasekhar

#### Guest Attendance

Sheneeza Kanji  
Delia Rusu  
Muskoka Blundell  
Grace Azouz  
Engy Azouz  
Margaret Kim

#### Regrets

Leila Mireskandari  
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 April 4, 2017 by T. Dimopoulos. Seconded by A. Lambros. All in favour. Motion carried.

Welcome to guests joining the Council meeting.

E. Azouz outlined the challenge for students in the Beynon Fields PS and WRPS neighborhoods to travel to Aurora High. Currently, there are no school buses or a single YRT bus to transport the students from certain areas within the boundaries. A school bus is not provided to students who live in transit served areas according to the YRDSB transportation policy. Based on feedback received from YRT, a School Special would be considered to service our students if YRT: 1) had 20-30 new riders for the bus; and 2) heard from other parents that they would support the addition of a School Special. E. Azouz suggested forming a small group of parents from both schools to develop a case and build support for the bus route. The goal would be to have a YRT School Special in place by 2018-19 or 2019-20.

**Actions:**

- **Chairs will send an email to grade 6 & 7 parents to be part of the group**
- **E. Azouz will contact M. Pulsoni in order to set up a table at the school fair.**

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

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End of Year Grade 8 trip to Ottawa

- The trip was a success and they spoke lots of French!
- Survey results for next year's grade 8 showed an even split between going far (eg. Ottawa) and staying close (eg. camp). Next step will be to send survey to both parents and students offering a choice between both options

Climate Survey

- Link went to parents today and is due on May 19.
- This is a significant survey as feedback will be used for school and Board planning. All parents are encouraged to complete.
- Hard copies available in many languages

Staffing

- Currently we are status quo for next year; 25 classes , 4 grade 1 classes

Classroom Placement

The goal for classroom placement is to develop balanced classes with respect to gender, academic abilities and social-emotional needs while respecting Ministry class size guidelines. When forming classes, teachers, Special Education Resource Teachers and administration consider: personal observations, learning/teaching styles, family input, previous placements (split/straight grades), academic abilities, and professional judgment. To inform parents of this process, a note will be sent to parents.

Math Night

Math Night was a success with lots of positive feedback from attendees. The Grade 8 volunteers were amazing.

## Coming up

- May 18: Sarah Westbrook's Resilience workshop for students and parents.

**Action: An email will be sent to parents with a You Tube link of Sromoarah Westbrook in order to promote to parents.**

- May 11 @ 6:30: Primary Concert
- Northern Karate: 33 students are engaged and having fun.
- Mara Fun: 43 grade 3-8 students are participating. Many parents are also volunteering.

## EQAO:

- May 23-June 5, every morning during first and second period.
- It is important that grade 3 and 6 students are present.

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

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- See updated budget in appendix.
- The Council has a significant amount of money to allocate.
- Next meeting we will discuss a fundraising plan to allocate the money.  
**Action: T. Cowan will survey the teachers for their input.**
- An initial discussion resulted in the following ideas:
  - Friendship Garden
  - Buddy Bench

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

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- Grade 7 are going to Cedar glen
- Grade 6 are going to Science Centre
- Extra – curricular activities:
  - Soccer
  - Me to We
    - Cookie dough fundraiser raised ~ \$1000
    - Student chose the following charities:
      - Canadian Cancer and Jump Start
      - SPCA
- Next year, grades 6, 7, 8 will engage in team building activities at the beginning of the year. Grade 6s will have a day away and Grade 7s will have an overnight.

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## Vote/Approval of Constitution Review ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

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The revised constitution passed unanimously.

11 members voted yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

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## Committee Reports

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### Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- The school has signed up for Fresh from the Farm

**ACTION: Note to parents will be sent out to inform them of this new fundraiser.**

### Mental health and Wellbeing

- Due to competing priorities, J. Conte Casola has resigned from her role as Mental Health & Wellbeing subcommittee Chair. Her great work was acknowledged.
- As we did for the Sarah Westbrook event, Oak Ridges PS and WRPS will partner again next year to leverage the monies both schools can receive from the Ministry of Education to increase parent engagement. Mental health and well-being will be the focus of the joint event/program.

### Volunteer ~ T. Dimopoulos

**Action: T. Dimopoulos will email incoming Grade 1 parents and other new students to invite to school bbq.**

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

- French Ambassador
  - Speech contest this upcoming weekend, May 6, 2017.
- School Grants
  - Waiting to hear back re. music grant and the Canada flags to arrive from Heritage Canada.
  - Beginning to think and reflect on timelines in order to plan for grants for next year.

### Student Programs

- G. Celsie was not present to give an update.

### Yearbook ~ J. Ramonovich

- Sold 265 yearbooks. All spreads are due on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Team and club photos are set for Tuesday May 9, 2017.
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## New Business~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

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### Book Exchange ~ E. Boivin

- Still planning to do this. More information is forthcoming.

#### End of Year BBQ – Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ M Pulsoni

- Order forms went home to avoid cash transactions on the day.
- Ordered a new tent frame
- Looking to find a picnic table company

**Action: Ask neighbouring schools to borrow tents. Saleem will engage some former students (ie.high school students) to volunteer for face painting.**

#### Fun Day – June 27<sup>th</sup>

- Fun day will involve Red & White and Canada 150

#### Teacher Appreciation Lunch – June 16<sup>th</sup> 10:40 – after lunch

**Action: email to be sent to school population requesting food and monetary donations.**

#### Spirit day – May 19<sup>th</sup>

- PJ Day
- Students will be asked to make a food donation

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#### Next Meeting

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Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30-8:30

Appendix: Updated Budget

**WRPS School Council**

September 2016 through August 2017 - Current @ April 30 /17

OPENING BALANCE (CASH AVAILABLE @ September)		<b>\$ 22,314.31</b>	
		Sep '16 - Aug 17	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	PIZZA sales	52,962.05	46,000.00
	GREEK LUNCH sales	23,518.25	9,500.00
	SUSHI LUNCH sales	7,459.00	
	QSP SALES	5,314.19	6,000.00
	YEARBOOK SALES	4,440.00	
	QSP - direct donations	812.25	100.00
	KIDS KITCHEN rebate	515.25	
	<b>Total Income</b>	95,020.99	61,800.00
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>			
	Pizza and pizza supplies	18,532.87	22,000.00 <-- not complete
	Greek lunch cost	10,995.70	8,000.00 <-- not complete
	Sushi lunch cost	5,630.23	
	QSP prizes	285.62	500.00
	<b>Total FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	35,444.42	30,500.00
	<b>Gross Profit - Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 59,576.57</b>	<b>31,100.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	Library re-vamp (furniture)	16,951.31	
	Angel funds	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	16,951.31	1,000.00
	<b>SCHOOL PROGRAMS - aka Student Engagement/Wellbeing</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>
	Clubs and other programs	195.00	
	Athletics (bussing, etc.)	0.00	1,000.00
	Lego Robotics competition	0.00	
	Playball	2,440.80	
	Supply teachers - extra coverage	0.00	
	You are the Chef	0.00	
	<b>Total SCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	2,635.80	6,000.00
	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS - aka Mental Health/Wellbeing</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>
	Carnival	1,018.08	
	BBQ (welcome back), net	2,921.63	
	Spring BBQ, net	710.12	
	Teacher appreciation luncheon	0.00	
	<b>Total SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	4,649.83	5,000.00
	<b>SIPSA - aka Literacy, Math, Modern Learning and Tech</b>		
	Library and other book purchase	0.00	4,000.00
	Music purchases	0.00	2,000.00
	Science and Math materials	0.00	4,000.00
	Scientist in the School	2,985.00	5,200.00
	Tech - YRDSB cost sharing	0.00	4,500.00
	<b>Total TECHNOLOGY</b>	2,985.00	19,700.00
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>27,221.94</b>	<b>31,700.00</b>
	<b>Net Profit for the 2016-2017 school year</b>	<b>32,354.63</b>	<b>-600.00</b>
	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 54,668.94</b>	