



Windham Ridge School Council

Wednesday November 29, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance

Council Attendance

Julie Romanovich
Vivian Aitas
Catherine Salole
Maria Pulsoni
Rachel Hamou
Nereo Bonomo
Teresa Cowan
Natalie Giatas
Anahita Ogra
Carol Davidson
Inna Dovjenco
Tansue (Student Representative)
Anika (Student Representative)
Suzanne McWhinnie
Angela Lambros
Jennifer Yan
Theiva Kumaresan
Mary Dunstan
Cassandre Lennoz

Guest Attendance

Kim Howard
Euming Yu
Joanne Conte Casola
Lucy Fasan
Corrie McBain
Becky Green
Trina Spayson
Dawn Adams
Teresa Bryson
Shar Rai

Regrets

Tara Dimopoulous
Frances Misquitta
Mary Dunstan
Sophie Elias
Svitlana Shamova
Kelly Giesen

Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Welcome & Introductions

Land Acknowledgement was read.

Motion to approve agenda by M. Dunstan. Seconded by T. Cowan. All in favour. Motion carried

Motion to approve October minutes by M.Pulsoni. Seconded by A. Lambros. All in favour. Motion carried.

Welcome to guests joining the Council meeting. Guests and members were invited to introduce themselves.

Proposed School Boundary Change and New French Immersion High School Program~ YRDSB representatives Trina Sprayson, Becky Green and Corrie McBain

The planning department gave a presentation on proposed school boundary changes in York Region. The presentation slides are available online. The changes includes creating a new French Immersion program at King City High School and changing the boundaries to facilitate Windham Ridge and Beynon Fields students enrolling at King City Highschool rather than the current program at Aurora Highschool. Aurora Highschool's current over-capacity and its inability to accommodate the anticipated growth in French Immersion is the primary reason for this change. The planned proposal would take effect in September 2019. The first cohort impacted by this change is currently in grade seven. Currently, there is no policy that would allow students who have siblings already in Aurora High to attend the same school.

Concerns raised by parents include:

- The challenges for those families who will have students attending both schools.
- The first class will be limited in their course selection. That is, Aurora High has a diverse selection of FI courses, it will take a few years for the course compliment at King City to reach a similar level.
- The challenge in recruiting qualified FI teachers.
- Safety of students travelling along King.

Action: The school will make plans to socialize this change with Windham Ridge students. We will need to think about how we can collaborate with King City in order to get our students excited by this change.

Administrators Report ~ N. Bonomo and R. Hamou

BIPSA/SIPSA

Given the important and robust discussion about the boundary changes, the planned EQAO and School Climate discussions will be moved to the January meeting

Caring Colour Groups

We have had 2 successful events so far. The students are creating bonds with each other.

Treasurers' Report ~ I. Dovjenco

See current budget as of Nov 24 in Appendix 1.

Teacher's Report ~ T. Cowan, Tansue, Anika.

- Currently there is a fun caretaker challenge underway called the Golden Broom Award for the tidiest class each week.
- A lot of student clubs and activities are underway! They including: boys and girls volleyball, dance, robotics, and debate clubs, and computing challenge.
- Me to We Club is actively and regularly engaging school in raising funds and awareness.
- The end of year overnight trip is happening.

Student Council

- Daily Physical Activity (DPA)

- Older students are learning how to facilitate DPA for the younger students with the goal of increased interaction among the grades.
- Healthy Eating Challenge
 - In partnership with the Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee, a Healthy Eating Challenge is set to begin in January. During snack time, classes will record the number of healthy snacks and compare their totals to other classes. The class with the most amounts of healthy snacks will win a prize.
- Games and Crafts Day
 - This activity will be done in Caring Colour Groups and is planned during the month of December.

Committee Reports

Dance-a-thon ~ M. Pulsoni

- A great success!!! \$10,000 + was raised;45% of students participated in raising money; there were 40+ incentive prizes donated and given away.
- Concern was discussed around awareness of the event. We could potentially promote at curriculum night and/or move the dance to February to build more momentum and awareness.

Volunteer

- No report given.

Education

- No report given.

Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- Sushi sign-up this week. Sushi lunches will begin in January.

Student Programs ~ C. Davidson

- Grade 1 lego club wrapped up today. It was a great success with all seats filled.
- Craft activity is being planned for primary grades with Mme. Rosenberg.
- Grade 2 lego will begin in January.

School Grants and French Ambassador ~ S. McWhinnie

School Grants

- We received a \$1000 grant to supplement our fruit and veggie snacks.
- School Plan consultations continue to ensure that grants match school needs.

French Ambassador

- Hope to begin a French speaking club. Currently looking for a teacher.
- Franco Tips continue.

Yearbook~ J. Romanovich

- Sales will begin soon. A representative from the supplier will come in to teach the students. Grade 8s will choose a cover.

Mental Health and Wellbeing ~ C. Lennox

Planning for a skating activity for Grades 1-6 in January, February and March.

Communications

- No report given

Pro-grant Joint Evening with Oak Ridges PS ~ N. Bonomo

- N. Giatas and J. Yan indicated interest in supporting this activity.

New Business ~ N. Bonomo

- Weekly newsletter format options continue to be explored.
- Parents encouraged to check volunteer policy on website to provide feedback.

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 9th, 2018 6:30-8:30

Appendix 1

**Windham Ridge P.S.
Treasurer's Report as of Nov 24, 2017**

	Oct 06-Nov 24,2017	YTD Total
Opening Balance	\$ 44,623.24	\$ 15,893.66
Revenue		
Dance-A-Thorn Fundraising	\$ 10,471.25	\$ 10,471.25
Greek Lunch	\$ 9,343.50	\$ 9,343.50
Fresh from the Farm	\$ 3,054.00	\$ 3,274.00
Pizza Lunch	\$ 296.50	\$ 30,627.20
Fall BBQ	\$ 977.85	\$ 3,387.60
Kids Kitchen rebate	\$ 159.50	\$ 159.50
QSP rebate	\$ 58.44	\$ 103.80
Yearbook 2017	\$ 30.00	\$ 55.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 24,391.04	\$ 57,421.85
Expenses		
Dance-A-Thorn -'It's pure entertainment' invoice	\$ 789.86	\$ 789.86
Greek Lunch- Astoria Shish Kebab House	\$ 3,535.50	\$ 3,535.50
Fresh from the Farm-Dietitians of Canada Inv #1083	\$ 1,964.40	\$ 1,964.40
Fall BBQ (supplies, cotton candy, 'It's pure entertainment' inv)	\$ 2,597.87	\$ 5,179.36
Pizza-Oak Ridges Pizza House	\$ 5,279.22	\$ 6,998.96
YRDSB Cost Sharing fall 2017- New Technology	\$ 6,549.99	\$ 6,549.99
Bandanas	\$ 2,313.68	\$ 2,313.68
Scientists in School	\$ 995.00	\$ 995.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 24,025.52	\$ 28,326.75
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF NOV 24/2017	\$ 44,988.76	\$ 44,988.76