



Windham Ridge School Council

Wednesday Oct 11, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance

Council Attendance

Julie Romanovich
Vivian Aitas
Catherine Salole
Maria Pulsoni
Tara Dimopoulous
Rachel Hamou
Nereo Bonomo
Teresa Cowan
Natalie Giatas
Anahita Ogra
Carol Davidson
Frances Misquitta
Mary Dunstan
Inna Dovjenco
Sophie Elias
Cassandre Lennoz
Tansue (Student
Representative)
Anika (Student
Representative)

Guest Attendance

Alla Koren
Sally Lin
Delia Rusu
Euming Yu
Jing Zhou
S. Dahesh

Regrets

Jennifer Yan
Angela Lambros
Suzanne McWhinnie
Theiva Kumaresan
Svitlana Shimova

Kelly Giesen

Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to approve agenda by T. Cowan. Seconded by A. Ogra . All in favour. Motion carried

Motion to approve Sept minutes by M.Pulsoni. Seconded by M. Dunstan. All in favour. Motion carried.

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

Review

Due to Aurora High School Information Night, January council meeting will be changed to January 9th.

Administrators Report ~ N. Bonomo and R. Hamou

The Council's student representatives were welcomed and the importance of their voices on Council was reiterated.

BIPSA/SIPSA

First Nations Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Awareness

- FNMI awareness and education is an emerging and important issue for the board and school community within the context of social justice, truth and reconciliation.
- S. Dahesh has provided leadership and education to school staff. S. Dahesh facilitated a Life Cycle Wheel learning activity with Council to educate on Truth and Reconciliation.
- The council was in agreement that in order to contribute to Truth and Reconciliation, FNMI education and awareness should be integrated within the entire school community (i.e.students, teachers and parents). However, care must be taken to ensure the learning is meaningful, transformational and appropriate for each audience.

Action: A Land Acknowledgement will be read at the beginning of each Council meeting.

Challenge of Practice and Theories of Action

Staff team is currently putting focus into creating and facilitating deep, authentic and meaningful learning tasks for our students in order to increase student motivation and to deepen understanding, allowing for the transfer of knowledge into other contexts.

Enrollment and Staffing

On Sept 25, some of our primary classes were reorganized to meet ministry compliance. Specifically, our two 2-3 splits were dismantled and we now have five grade 2 and three grade 3 classes. There were no changes to the junior and intermediate classes.

EQAO update

As indicated in our last meeting, there is concern with the drop in math achievement for both grade 3 and 6 classes when compared to last year's results. Staff are being released to analyze the results along with report card data to identify where the gaps and challenges are. During the Oct 20th pd day, staff will discuss findings and next steps to bring scores back up.

Action: A math lead will be invited to a future Council meeting to share finding and strategies.

Central School Council Forum: October 25th

M. Dunstan and C. Davidson will attend forum as representatives of Windham Ridge School Council.

Fundraising Plan ~ N. Bonomo, R. Hamou, V. Aitas, J. Ramanovich

See appendix 1. Our goal is to raise 40,000. Two new fundraisers:

Fresh from the Farm

Total sales: \$3274 Council profit: \$1309.60. Fundraising committee was disappointed by these results. The Council will need a future discussion as to whether to proceed with this fundraiser in the future. In general, the Council felt there is a disconnect between the importance of fundraising and parents.

Action: V. Aitas and J. Ramanovich to send a communication to parents to educate on the importance of fundraising

School Dance

The school dance will be our main fundraiser. Funds will be raised through a donation drive. More reported below.

Treasurers' Report ~ I. Dovjenco

See appendix 2.

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

2 representatives of the Student Council will participate in school council meetings. Student Council initiatives:

- Arrange babysitters for Council meetings.
- Community-Building Initiatives:
 - Bulletin board: The goal is to fill the board with random acts of kindness.
 - Video: A promotional video that explains to the community the School Council and its initiatives.
 - Display Case: Located at the front entrance. Its purpose to track colour group points and activities.
 - Oct. Assembly: Will consist of slide show, speeches and other activities to engage students. Students will attend the assembly in their Caring Colour groups.

Committee Reports

Volunteer ~ T. Dimopoulos

- Great turn out of volunteers supporting pizza lunches.

Fundraising ~ M. Pulsoni

- School dance will be on Nov 17th
 - Currently looking for parents to join the dance planning committee and for help in soliciting donations and experiences.
- Astoria Lunch
 - An 8 week lunch program will begin in Nov.
 - Before the holiday break, parents will be sent information about Sushi lunches to begin in Jan.

Student Programs ~ C. Davidson

- Lego club will be starting soon and finishing in Nov.
 - Groups will be made up of cross-class groups.
 - 3 parents have volunteered to help.

School Grants and French Ambassador ~ N. Giatis

School Grants: Council has to decide on a plan (eg. priorities, needs) before we apply for grants.

French Ambassador: We will be receiving free French resource kits. Franco fun tips will continue this year.

Yearbook~ J. Romanovich

Yearbook is going ahead. We will use students to help create the book.

Mental Health and Wellbeing ~ C. Lennox

A briefing and planning meeting will to happen.

Communications ~ A. Ogra and M. Dunstan

Need to meet to understand what and how best to communicate. A brief brainstorm of ideas of how to communicate included use of Google sites and "Remind".

Next Meeting

November 29, 2017 6:30-8:30

Appendix 1

**Windham Ridge Public School
Fundraising Plan
2017-2018**

as of October 5, 2017

POSSIBLE ITEM	SIP AREA/SUPPORTS	AMOUNT
Angel Fund		\$ 1,000.00

POSSIBLE ITEM	SIP AREA/SUPPORTS	AMOUNT
Playball	Student Engagement/Well being	\$ 2,500.00
Scientists in the School	Technology	\$ 5,200.00
Lice Checks	Student Well being	\$ 1,000.00
Gauss Math Contest	Mathematics	\$ 200.00
Bandanas for Colour Groups	Student Engagement/Well being	\$ 2,000.00
Student Programs	Student Engagement/Well being	\$ 500.00

POSSIBLE ITEM	SIP AREA/SUPPORTS	AMOUNT
Books and Resources	Literacy	\$ 3,000.00
Forest of Reading Club -Silver Birch (Gr. 4-6) -Red Maple (Gr. 7/8) -Le Petit Tamarack (Gr. 1-3)	Literacy	\$ 1,000.00
Math Manipulatives and Resources	Mathematics	\$ 4,000.00
Additional Technology through Cost sharing programme	Modern Learning/Technology	\$ 4,500.00 (CS)
-iPads and Computers	Technology	\$ 3,000.00
Supply Teachers for Field Trips	Student Well being	\$ 2,000.00
New Instruments/Resources	Music	\$ 3,000.00
Buses / Equipment	Athletics	\$ 1,000.00

POSSIBLE ITEM	SIP AREA/SUPPORTS	AMOUNT
Dances (Dance-a-thon)	Student Engagement/Well being	\$ 2,000.00
Character Assemblies, Spirit Days, Third Party Presenters (formerly Prologue), Proposed Year End Fun/Olympic Day	Mental Health and Well being	\$ 4,000.00

This plan has been created by Julie Romanovich, Vivian Altas, Inna Dovjenco, Nereo Bonomo, and Rachel Hamou. It is based on 2016-2017 School Council financial activities and records. The items listed under the column Possible Item is not an exhausted list. The above outline/guide is intended to be shared with all remaining council members.

Appendix 2

**Windham Ridge P.S.
Treasurer's Report as of Oct 05, 2017**

Opening Balance- Sept 11, 2017 **\$ 15,893.66**

Revenue

DEP: QSP rebate	\$	45.36	
DEP: Yearbook 2017	\$	25.00	
DEP: Pizza Lunch	\$	30,192.70	
DEP: Fall BBQ	\$	2,409.75	
Adjustment on deposit	\$	126.00	
NSF: Pizza	\$	(75.00)	
NSF repayment	\$	75.00	
DEP: Fresh from the Farm	\$	220.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	33,018.81	<u>\$ 48,912.47</u>

Expenses

Ck#2356 Fall BBQ supplies	\$	61.20	
Ck#2343 Oak Ridges Pizza House Sep 26/17	\$	853.87	
Ck#2357 Oak Ridges Pizza House Oct 03/17	\$	853.87	
Ck#2345 It's Pure Entertainment Bal. on inv #2017 and 2020	\$	733.94	
Ck#2346 Hart Entertainment Balance on Inv#75121	\$	1,491.35	
Ck#2349 Lollipop Events BBQ cotton candy	\$	295.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	4,289.23	<u>\$ 4,289.23</u>

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF OCT 05/17 **\$ 44,623.24**