

WJ WATSON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2023 6:00-8:00pm

IN ATTENDANCE

- Amanda King, Valerie Vriesen, Alison Hutt, Jill Antosik, Jaclyn Kinsman, Patricia Spear, Katrine Monaghan, Stacey Holliday, Derek Holliday, Leilani Olamit, Lyndsey McGill, Krystine Ross, Rebecca Allport – Cohoon, , Danielle Martin, Kim Paas, Nikki Ballaera, Daniel Daye

Regrets – Bryana Lloyd, Danielle MacDonald, Valerie Cotterill, Shawna Burke, Valerie Gaudet, Cheryl Morgan, Meghan Bonder

<h3>School Updates</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voting in New Members of Council; “community people” are required.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Marketing Coordinator: Derek Holliday2. Fund Raising Representative: Nikki Ballaera• School playground has unsafe structures, the board will assess what needs to be repaired and what needs to be replaced. A large portion of the cost may become the school’s responsibility, council will support with the cost to repair/replace the structure.• A lot of intermural activities have begun, volleyball, basketball.• Kids are informed about activities via announcements; however, Amanda will have the office send an email to parents with the intermural schedule.• Reviving and revamping the Wildcat Weekly so parents can be informed.• Field trips- there seems to be inconsistent communication and not all teachers/classes are aware of the money provided for busses and/or in school workshops. Amanda will remind teachers.• Can create a staff “wish list” for teachers to let council know what they want/need.• Pro Grant application will be completed by Meghan Bonder again. The Funds are awarded for a speaker/author coming into the school.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair to be held December 11-15, 2023. Volunteers are needed for both the day and night-time. Alison Hutt, Jaclyn Kinsman and Nikki Ballaera volunteered to assist in the evening and Krystine Ross, Lyndsey McGill and Danielle Martin volunteered to assist during the day. • Katrine will provide volunteers emails to Ms. Allen. • EQA Scores have not been received in hard copy yet. Once the results are received individual scores will go home. • Holiday Concert may not go forward due to a strike, the concert will be rescheduled to the New Year. • Yearbook- was discussed and school council as well as staff do not think it is feasible due to privacy restrictions and commitment concerns. • Next meetings: December 5, 2023, February 6, 2024, April 23, 2024.
Lunches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great feedback from parents regarding lunches, however there is interest in ordering smaller blocks, so children can try and decide if they like the food, this was noted for barburrito. Barburrito will do a 1–2-week trial but not for lengthy duration, block ordering is easier. • Barburrito was loaded onto school cash without a price increase, may be difficult to explain the increase if we run it again. • Zucca’s hot lunch program will begin February 9-March 8, 2024. Zucca’s will be posted for \$5.50 a meal and will be delivered on Fridays. Jaclyn and Jill will work with the office to get the information onto school cash online for ordering. Volunteers are needed, Jaclyn has recruited some nonschool council members to help with Zucca’s. Nikki Ballaera, Danielle Martin and Jaclyn Kinsman will also volunteer
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn Fridays will begin in December for 3 weeks. Katrine and Val Vriesen will distribute the popcorn. 1 bag for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. • Poinsettia Fundraiser- is up and running on school cash online and will be available for the Holiday season. • Christmas Families Fundraiser led by Krystine Ross was discussed, she is hoping to add more people to the group to be able to help more families. • Farm to table-fundraiser is complete. Ms. Anderson needs volunteers for pick up night, November 28, 2023. Val Vriesen and Lyndsey McGill offered to help.

- Red and White Dance a ton planning is in full swing! Ms. Allen asked the student voice committee how they would like the dance a thon to run.
- Katrine reached out to the previous school council and was advised to use professor Jamz. They create everything, (posters, pledge forms, website for school) and provide lights and a DJ, the quote received was \$950.00 -\$2000.00 max based on 20% of funds received. Prof. Jamz was secured for February 13, 2024.
- Students will have opportunities to enter a draw for a basket and a chance to win larger prizes. 1 ticket for \$5.00 raised and 1 golden ticket for every \$20.00 raised. An equity piece would be to distribute 10 free tickets per class that can be awarded for good behavior/ kindness etc.
- Top prizes are; \$250.00 – 3rd Generation Air Pods, \$500.00 – 2 Nintendo Switch Lites, \$150-200.00 – Larger Lego, \$200.00 Amazon Gift Card.
- The top 3 fundraisers will win a guaranteed prize either a gift card or a class pizza lunch.
- Baskets will be created by the classrooms and each child, if they are able, can donate \$3-5.00 or an item that matches the baskets' theme. Basket lists will be available in the staff room for teachers to sign up the week of December 11, 2023.
- Flyers regarding dance a thon will go home the week of December 18, 2023.
- Prof. Jamz offers a kickoff assembly to hype up the students, this will take place in early January after winter break.
- School Council will sell concession items at the dance Chocolate/Chips/Gatorade \$5.00-bundle or \$1.50 Chips, \$2.00 Chocolate, \$2.50 Gatorade.
- We will need to develop sub committees for the dance. Nikki, Val Vriesen and Stacey will reach out to businesses for donations. Derek will create posters that Alison will print, as well as item lists for the baskets. Amanda will see if the grade 8 art classes will help with décor.
- Ms. Spear will donate a slip n slide as a prize for the dance.
- 2 games of corn hole will be loaned to school council for the day.

Financial Report

- Report distributed to the co-chairs reflecting the current balance.

- Kindergarten has a balance of \$1,500 from last school year to put towards sandbox.
- Remaining funds for dance a thon.
- Amanda was asked about a sandbox lid for the kindergarten pen. School Council has \$1,500 set aside for the purchase. Amanda will review the options and purchase a sandbox and lid.
- \$1500.00 to start the pool of funds for tech matching government program.
- School Council approved \$400.00 for 'game balls' for the volleyball teams.
- \$250.00 per class to subsidize busing for a trip or bring in presentation to support learning.