

WJ WATSON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 2024 6:00-7:06pm

IN ATTENDANCE

- Alison Hutt, Jill Antosik, Jaclyn Kinsman, Katrine Monaghan, Kim Paas, Patricia Spear, Valerie Vriesen, Claudia Zapater, Elisha Bozzer, Spencer Ward, Natalie Murrell, Gillian Cousineau, Pamela Perreira, Stacey Holliday, Derek Holliday, Krystine Ross, Danielle Martin, Shawna Burke,

Regrets –Valerie Cotterill, Danielle MacDonald, Arlene Sinclair, Lyndsey McGill, Jessica Oliver, Amanda Link, Rebecca Allport-Cohoon, Nikki Bellaera,

School Updates

- Welcome and Introduction – Pamela and Gillian
 - Grade 5& 6 skate day coming up, the school is asking for skate/helmet collection, to keep for children who may not have their own, pre-covid this was done. Council will post on the face book page, for ages 10 and up, starting sizes 2 and up, skating starts around December 13
 - Healthy schools team ambassadors – public health nurse comes in and speaks to students and fun initiatives, jingle walk through the community with bells,
 - Regionals 8th an under for track and field
 - literacy -PLC reading with the younger grades, there will be discussion on how to use the results to improve performance.
 - Watson is a math priority school, and we have access to a “YRDSB math consultant” this year.
 - Mental health will be a focus for junior/intermediates this year.
 - Lead up and education for Remembrance Day, Master Corporal Neale will speak to students in grades 2-8.
 - Snow removal was a concern last year, hoping to have better care taken to remove snow and ice with the bad weather coming.
 - Next meeting: Meetings will usually be on the first Monday of the month. January 13, 2025, March 3, 2025, and May 5, 2025
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Lunches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zuccas will begin December 6, 2024, and will run for 5 Fridays, • Jill Antosik will create a volunteer schedule for hot lunches, that includes 2 parent volunteers per lunch. • Older children will assist handing out lunches to younger grades.
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red and White Dance – same format as last year. Will be held on February 12, 2025. Classes will pick a basket to create prizes at the dance. Council will provide glow bracelets and will sell chips/chocolate bar/pop combo at the dance for \$5.00. • Popcorn Fridays – Kernels popcorn will be sold every Friday in November. Val Vriesen and Katrine Monaghan will purchase and distribute the popcorn. The popcorn sale money will support purchasing 'golden ticket' items for the dance. • Ms. Spear to create a google doc for the sign-up sheet for class baskets. • Bike Rack on the intermediate side needs to be replaced. • Pro-grant speaker-a suggestion made was to have the owner of BMS karate to speak to students about bullying. It was recommended that we look at suggestions on the school boards website for speakers as well.
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School council will provide \$250.00 per class to support field trips or bringing in workshops to the school, this goal has been reached. • Pizza profited \$800.00 • BarBurrito profited \$650.00 • Baileys profited \$800.00 • McMillians profited \$2000.00 • Dance- a- thon money will be put towards playground maintenance and future accessibility efforts.