

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** January 19, 2021 / 6 – 7pm

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Chair:** Denessa Martin

**Minutes Taken By:** Rebecca Simpson-Litke

(22 participants)

### **Chair Greeting** (Denessa)

- No issues with minutes from last meeting

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer Report** (Amber)

- PAC account is at \$1683.78 reflecting:
  - \$50 gift card to Walter
  - \$152.29 for daycare Christmas lunch
  - \$227.53 for staff lunch
  - \$15 winter toys donation
  - \$949.43 for purchase of winter toys
- Lunch program is at \$17,934.79
  - \$36 debit coming for end of year payroll run, filing program corporate taxes
  - T-4 slips for employees of lunch program available at school by end of week

#### **Principal's and Teacher's Report** (Mme Ostermann)

- Thank you on behalf of staff for support from parent community
- We are one of the last schools who have not yet had a COVID case, due to cleaning but also parents following guidelines
- Open House not happening Thursday, but link available – Powerpoint is on website – Tell friends and neighbours about registration information there
- Registrations start being accepted Feb.1
- For grade 6 families, grade 7 open houses are beginning to be advertised
- Thank you to Playground Committee for Enchanted Forest idea – kids love the trees!
- Thank you to parents who made donations to winter playground equipment purchases
- Festival du Voyageur is coming up in February – looks different without outdoor activities, but we will still do something in each classroom within the school
- I Love to Read Month – parents can read to kids virtually – contact classroom teacher
- Intention forms for returning next year will be going out
- Monday we welcomed back 12 virtual learning students – everyone has decided to come back so far
- Resources on school website for supporting learning – parents' tab – Anywhere Anytime learning

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### Playground Committee (Lauren/Meghan)

- Thank you also to families for donations to winter equipment and tree donations
- Art Zuke – collects trees in River Heights for donation to Siloam Mission and is interested in continuing our partnership next year
- Jan.9 and 10 – “Planted” trees along fence since we don’t have much snow, but plans to create zones in future years (or later this year, if possible)
- Lauren has been working on 2 grants – awaiting results from Winnipeg Foundation (early Feb) and Children’s Heritage Fund (Jan.26)
- Reached out to Fort Whyte Alive – two French-fluent staff (Barret Miller and Minna Goulet) can lead a day of coordinated programming for each class in enchanted forest about tree types and animals – \$280 per day visit – book before Jan.22 – could apply for funds through city Wellness Grant or use PAC money
- Possibility of school expansion in next years – two elements of original playground design need to be moved to allow for building growth – still hoping to break ground for Phase 1 in May
- Thanks to parents for daycare/staff treat contributions
- Thanks to Dave Campbell (grade 1 parent) – repaired the R in our fence sign
- Spring plans to recycle trees into woodchips, spring planting in the front (\$400 in budget), potential art project on asphalt, adding protective coat to sign
- Apply for grant for artwork at the school – school hasn’t applied, but Meghan is happy to do it – will get in touch with Mme Heinrichs
- Rules at recess: are students allowed on hill of snow? – still within our yard, so yes, although it is quite far from the school to monitor – concerns were about the tunnel collapsing, but that has been destroyed now

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Winter Toys Fundraiser

- raised \$1765
- 6 sleds, 6 shovels for each group of kids (also ropes and bins)
- 4 or 5 saws per group
- ended up spending pretty much all we raised
- purchased from Canadian Tire

#### French Immersion Advisory Meeting (Kirsten)

- Went over role of advisory committee
- Enrolment is down due to home schooling
- Update on budget coming in January
- Maintaining programs so far, but concerns about the future – told to provide a list of possible programs that might be cut – we are the only one in the area that provides nursery

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- Extra expenses for furniture, etc.
- Cecil Roads is going through the process of being renamed
- Student-teachers are now signed on to sub – only allowed at their home schools
- More updates coming next meeting

### **School Renovations** (Mme Ostermann)

- “Envelope” plan has been confirmed – redo whole exterior of building, west hallway up to daycare entrance will be done (not daycare yet)
- Drilling core samples by back door and front
- Stucco of exterior removed, brick added
- New windows
- Key cards for staff, buzzer system
- Basement work – new piles and underpinning
- New roof
- All done through provincial funds, school division piggy-backing on this – hoping to do ceiling, lighting, flooring at the same time
- Outside might take until Oct-Nov, but inside will be complete before classes start
- Province was here in Dec, looking at possibly expanding to grade 8 (was initial plan when school opened), but not soon
- No plans yet to make the building any bigger
- Drop-off zone? – redoing front, have asked for concrete pad for bikes, but no bus loop/drop-off zone yet
- Also looking to expand parking lot at later time

Note: To be considered for Day Care, people have to be registered on MB government childcare site

**Meeting Adjourned** (Denessa) 6:47pm