

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date / Time : November 17, 2020 / 6 – 7pm

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Chair: Denessa Martin

Minutes Taken By: Rebecca Simpson-Litke
(18 participants)

Chair Greeting (Denessa)

- This will be the last meeting of the year

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (Amber)

- PAC account is \$1869.50, accounting for Sabrina's birthday flowers which were \$64.96
- Lunch program is \$21,236.71
- Fun lunch – we came out \$5.50 ahead

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

- Pilot program for electronic report cards – families should have received these last night
- Virtual Scholastic book fair this year – the link sent out is school-specific, purchases still support our library, not sure whether there will be an option to donate a book to our library this year – fair will be open until Nov.27
- Parent-teacher conferences will take place via google meets – parents should receive an invitation from classroom teacher for interview time – can email teacher if you have not yet requested a time
- Photo retakes postponed – no new date yet
- We are still operating on level orange, but preparing for red possibility for remote learning – see “Anywhere Anytime Learning” on Winnipeg school division website
- Extra non-instructional days granted by province – division has decided to spread them out and do common closures – these dates are on Nov.30, Dec.7, Jan.22 (see email)
- Letter going home tomorrow for Grade 1 – the library as classroom space is not working (only one small white board, hard to space the kids out, no projector, kids not making as much progress as a result) – the plan is to move them back into their classroom, but it means they can only distance at 1 meter – clear shields and desks have been ordered
- Koats for Kids was very successful – 6 bags delivered and appreciated – Fire stations will still accept drop offs
- Winnipeg Moms Group – looking for donations of hampers until Dec.5 – we will look into the organization and set up a non-perishable food donation option at the school
- Funding has been approved for 2 more lunch monitors – interested applicants must apply to the school division to become an EA and then specify that you would work lunch supervision

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OLD BUSINESS

Playground Committee (Lauren/Meghan)

- Email sent to let families know about the donation button on the website – have raised \$2075.76 so far
- Ideas to plan for outdoor classroom – Grosvenor school lines their fence with old Christmas trees to create an “enchanted forest” – tree donations dropped off, trunks buried in snow until spring thaw, staff use the forest for winter lessons – if we do this, we should think about location and make sure it’s not a fire hazard – people could drop off or possibly coordinate some pickup of trees from homes – need a plan for after-winter clean-up

Winter Playground Equipment Pricing (Meghan & Denessa)

- Pricing for snow toys:
 - snow saw = \$18 each (6 groups of kids x 2 per group = 12 saws needed)
 - sled with strings = \$18 each (without strings = \$12) (6 x 2 = 12 sleds needed)
 - snow block forms = \$5 each (6 x 4 = 24 forms needed)
 - shovels = \$6 each (6 x 4 = 24 shovels needed)
- Contact Canadian Tire and other stores to see if they’ll donate?
- Use as a holiday fundraiser – families can make donations toward the school’s winter snow equipment purchase – if more donations are made than equipment needed, extra money can go toward the playground committee fundraising
- FYI – 64 kids have signed up for polar bear club

Treats for Staff

- All slots for 2020-21 were full the same day the sign-up was offered - thanks to everyone who signed up and to Caitlin for the idea
- Flowers were given to Sabrina on her birthday
- A \$50 Miller Meats gift card will be given to Walter in appreciation for all his extra work

Fun Lunch Program (Denessa)

- 117 orders (\$850) – chaotic but fun!

Extended Break?

- most likely happening, since it’s already in the media, but no info about what this would look like – speculate that it would probably be after the holidays (wait out the incubation period after gatherings) – for example, instead of coming back on Jan.4, it might be 2 weeks after, but not yet confirmed
- no news on remote learning – if they haven’t done it yet, probably won’t do it? – has been/will be offered to classrooms if 2-meter distancing not possible

Meeting Adjourned (Denessa) 6:55pm

Next meeting- Jan 19, 2021 at 6:00pm

Parent Advisory Council Meeting November 17, 2020
Principal's Report

- Report cards went out Monday, November 16, 2020 electronically. If you want a paper copy or there is an issue with the electronic version, please contact the office.
- Scholastic book fair will be virtual November 16-27- a link has been sent out
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held virtually through google meet on Thursday Nov 19 from 3:30-7:30 and Friday from 8:30-11:30. Nursery/Kindergarten students will also be on Wednesday Nov 18.
- Schools were asked to prepare a contingency plan to space students out to 2m. The city is in Critical (red) Level but schools remain in Restricted (orange) Level. It is because of your support and diligence in keeping your kids home when they are sick, and either getting tested or waiting out the 10 days that we have been able to stay safe and healthy. Thank you so much! We recognize that it is not easy and is very disruptive when you get that phone call from the school saying that your child has to be picked up.
- Lifetouch retake photos were postponed due to the new restrictions. We do not have a new date yet.
- Three new non-instructional days were granted by the province. The WSD has chosen to have them as division wide closures. The dates are Nov 30, Dec 7 and Jan 22.
- Many resources on school website to support remote learning and on the WSD website as well under the "Parents" tab in the section "Anywhere, anytime learning"
- If you did not select a timeslot for the conferences, please contact the teacher to arrange a time. The conference scheduling has been closed
- Grade 1 classroom: concerns with learning environment. Moving students back to room 4 at a 1m distance with the option for remote learning being offered
- Collecting donations for hampers for non-profit group "Winnipeg Moms Group"