

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date / Time : April 20, 2021

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Chair: Denessa Martin

Minutes Taken By: Rebecca Simpson-Litke

(18 participants)

Chair Greeting (Denessa)

- Last meeting's minutes approved

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (Amber)

- PAC account is \$1029.50, after \$150 tree removal fee
- Lunch account is \$16,698.72
- Fun lunch – we took in \$1068.50, spent \$1067, so made \$1.50

Principal's Report (Mme Ostermann)

- We are one of only two schools still Covid-free – please make sure to follow guidelines during after-school play
- Outdoor education with Fort Whyte (thanks to Lauren for the Wellness Grant!) is coming back – full days on May 4, May 26, June 15 and half day for Daycare
- Grade 6 farewell is coming up – parent subcommittee needed for planning (see below)
- Welcome to Mme Ferraro, our teacher rep

Playground Committee Report (Lauren/Meghan)

- Obtained \$1000 grant from City of Wpg Wellness Fund for Fort Whyte Alive sessions
- Obtained \$3500 grant from Tree Canada's 2021 Greening Canada School Grounds
- Launching 50/50 Fundraiser by end of April – waiting for gaming license, draw date possibly May 10
- Playground land survey is complete, construction drawings will be created – looking toward fall construction date
- Have applied for Healthy Communities Initiative Grant – waiting to hear back
- Planning to apply for Red River Mutual Spruce Up Your Story Initiative and Richardson Foundation funding
- Found an artist to work with to paint a mural in 2022 in the entryway – theme is Manitoba nature, incorporating otter school mascot – Mme Ferraro is our Indigenous coordinator, working with an elder who will talk to the kids in the school
- Staff treat signup has been updated with dates April-June
- Farm to School Fundraiser taking place Fall 2021

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- Saturday, May 22 (1-3pm) – Spring planting day and community cleanup, seal our school sign – Glenlea plants have been ordered – cleanup supplies from Take Pride Wpg – also working with our area’s city councillor, who will supply masks
- Compost Wpg offers a service for schools – \$100/month (\$1000/year, Sep-June), we would have use of a 64-gallon bin, collected once a week – \$40 needed for each hallway bin – grants are available – Meghan and Lauren will work on this
- Could families donate toys for recess play? – need to sort through what equipment the school currently has first, then send out a list of needed items to parents

OTHER BUSINESS

Glen Lea Fundraiser (Denessa)

- Plants delivered on May 20, sorting outside weather permitting, pick-up from 3-6pm
- May need volunteers for sorting

Grade 6 Farewell (Mme Ostermann)

- Committee of parents needed, to plan and liaise with Mme Toews for student input
- Will need different plans, depending on Covid restrictions and weather
- Drive by, pictures, time capsules, etc.

PAC Executive Positions (Denessa)

- Document will be created to define PAC, positions, etc. – sent out to parents soon
- Meetings usually take place the third Tuesday of the month, 7 per year (none in December, March, or June)
- Elections usually take place during the May Annual General Meeting before the next school year
- Need new treasurer for sure, possibly other positions
- All positions are nominated, attendants of the AGM vote, held for 1 year but may be extended
- Chair – establish agendas, preside over meetings, delegate responsibilities to subcommittees
- Vice Chair – assume responsibilities if chair is not available, take on specific initiatives
- Treasurer – maintains accounts, submits cheques to office for co-signing, reports to PAC, keeps records for fundraisers, submits reports to principal and school division, often payroll for lunch program (but Amber will continue to do this for now)
- Secretary – record/distribute minutes for all meetings

Enrolment and Staffing (Mme Ostermann)

- Some stability, not a lot of change next year

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- Did not get another full classroom increase for next year – division took enrolments from fall 2019 (153 students) – gave only .24 teacher increase for next year, but may change after Sep 30 enrolment count
- Our current preregistration is at 169: N/K am = 24, N/K pm = 23, 2 classes of 1/2 = 26 each, 2 classes of 3/4 = 25 each, 1 class of 5/6 = 20
- Half-time music, phys ed, inclusive ed resource, French reading recovery positions continue – granted a half-time position for guidance councillor for next year
- Saiko (N/K), Reid (1/2), Allegro (1/2), Farrage (3/4), Toews (5/6), Heinrichs (music) all staying in their positions
- Looking for Phys Ed (Van Lieshout on mat leave)
- Looking to fill Inclusive Ed Resource and Guidance positions
- Mme Dana (3/4) back in March – looking for term position from Sep-mid March
- If parents have any special requests/concerns regarding student class groupings, email Mme Ostermann by April 30
- N/K am vs. pm letters will go out end of May-beginning of June

Next meeting is May 18. Elections will take place.

Mme Ferraro, on behalf of the staff, thanks the parents for all their support!

Meeting Adjourned (Denessa) 7:01pm