

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** February 16, 2021 / 6 – 7pm

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Chair:** Denessa Martin

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

(17 participants)

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

- No issues with previous minutes
- No objections to meeting being recorded

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer's Report** (Amber)

- PAC account is at \$1,175.50 after:
  - \$280 paid to Fort Whyte for their presentations
- Lunch program \$21, 501.17 after:
  - -\$236.75 (January milk program payment)
  - -\$15.30 (Supply reimbursement to Jocelyne)
  - -\$736.60 (Payroll payment)
  - +\$4,455 (payments to the program for second half of the year)
- Boston Pizza fun lunch broke even with \$1,036.40

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

- Thank you from the staff for lunches and treats
- Still one of the few schools without a COVID case – thanks to everyone for doing their part
- Open House on website, facebook, etc. – 16 new registrations for Nursery, 23 (6 new) Kindergarten students, 30 grade 1, 19 grade 2, 27 grade 3, 22 grade 4, 14 grade 5, 6 grade 6 = 157 students preregistered for next year
- For grade 6 families going on to grade 7 – River Heights applications should in by end of February (spots are filling up)
- Polar Bear Club and Fort Whyte education program on school website – also featured on Wpg School Division website
- Student attention forms were due and all have been returned
- Staffing decisions don't come out until after spring break (April 5) – we hope to be granted a new classroom
- Draft budget has been released – \$5.5 million provincial cuts to resource officers, milk programs, etc. – see Wpg School Division website for information and possible community feedback on these cuts
- French immersion advisory meeting this Thursday – Mme O will attend with Kirsten

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### Teacher's Representative (Mme Houvardas)

- Welcome to the PAC!

### Playground Committee (Lauren/Meghan)

- Forte Whyte Alive (Feb.4) was very successful – looking to expand, apply for funding through Children's Education Fund for next year – thank you to Mme O and staff for embracing the enchanted forest
- Doubling recess time for Global Play Day in future? – maybe every Friday or every month in the spring?
- Applying for \$1000 Wpg Wellness Grant for more Fort Whyte Alive – deadline Feb.28
- Successful in obtaining Child Education Fund Grant – received \$20,000 more for our playground!
- Wpg Heritage Fund application was rejected – record number of applications this year
- Had to get a new landscape architect – plans sent to division for approval – hope to be able to break ground in May 2021 for first phase of playground construction (outdoor classroom, pathway, berms)
- Farm 2 School Fundraiser for Fall 2021 (Peak of the Market) – sign-up in Spring for pre-Thanksgiving dates
- Online 50/50 Fundraiser – mid-May?
- Thanks for your support!

### NEW BUSINESS

(Denessa)

- Next Boston Pizza Fun Lunch will be March 28
- Glenlea Fundraiser has started – planted more this year, but still not sure of demand – please order in advance so you don't miss out!

### Grade 6 Farewell (Lauren)

- Outdoor diploma ceremony?
- 20-21 memento? – tea towel with pictures they draw? - \$10.87 per towel?
- Grade 6 parents subcommittee will be put in contact with Lauren

### PAC Executive Positions (Mme Ostermann)

- Denessa will provide write-ups for each position to send out to parents before last meeting (May 18) so people know what each position entails
- Will need a new a treasurer for next year for sure – thanks for your work, Amber!

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### Security questions (Marli)

- Would we like to ask the Wpg Police to do a site risk assessment? – typically requested by Principal/Vice P, after clearing it with the school division – look to see if there are any areas we need to improve in terms of safety and security
- Mme Ostermann has been in email contact, and waiting for a reply
- Maybe focus more on stranger danger educational material for parents and kids?
- Currently 9 security cameras in the building, proposal for a buzzer system as part of upcoming renovations
- Marli will look into setting up a virtual presentation for parents

**Meeting Adjourned** (Denessa) 6:52pm

Next Meeting April 20 (no March meeting due to spring break)