

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date / Time : January 16, 2024, 6pm

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting – Google Meet

Meeting Chair: Avery Jodoin

Minutes Taken By: Rebecca Simpson-Litke

(12 participants)

Chair Greeting (Avery)

- Adoption of minutes from November 2023 – moved by Amy, seconded by Lauren, approved

Treasurer Report (Amy)

- Lunch program account is \$56,731.60, PAC account is \$21,572.77
- Includes funding from wine raffle, expenditure for staff lunch
- Will deposit second half lunch fees in February (about \$5000)

Principal's Report (Mme Ostermann)

- **Drills** – too cold for January fire drill, 2nd lockdown is tomorrow (1 more to go)
- **Winter Bazaar** – thanks to all the volunteers! – raised \$340 this year – donated to the Lake Wpg Foundation
- **Illness** – strep throat is going around – please keep sick kids home until symptoms improve – see division guidelines that were sent out – must be fever-free for 24 hours with no medication before returning to school – 48 hours for vomiting/diarrhea
- **Construction** – had meeting today – on schedule, although were hoping to pour concrete for the daycare, but was too cold – may see framing in about 4 weeks, provided no delays
- **Concert** – was tentatively booked for June 6, but Grant Park not available (see below)
- **Open House** – next Wednesday, Jan.24 – please send friends and neighbours – nursery is kids born in 2020, kindergartens born in 2019 – accepting registrations Feb.1
- **Grade 6 Junior High Open Houses** – Collège Churchill on Feb.6 – École River Heights Open House on Feb.8
- **Bullying** – Noticing an increase in perceived bullying through survey (26% of grades 4-6 reported being bullied in some manner) – have been sharing info with classrooms (see below) – will send out links to training videos

Teacher Representative (Mme Sara)

- Thanks for joining us!
- Sharing classroom conversations to prevent bullying – use common language and understanding of what it is, state that we are against it, communicate care/concern for students

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- Kelso's Wheel – gives students strategies for dealing with small problems, empower them with choices
- Video 1 – “What is Bullying?” (SEL Sketches YouTube) – discusses BOO (Being mean, On purpose, Over and over), balance of power, types of bullying (physical, social, verbal, cyber)
- Video 2 – “What to do about...Bullying!” – Get away, stay calm, talk to an adult, don't bully back
- Gave students a “Letter to Adult” (one for younger grades, one for older grades) to fill out to share things that might be going on with them – students can address this letter to any school staff to ask for help – can put in envelope inside the library or staff mailboxes
- Bullying Resources – on Wpg School Division website (<https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/page/9635/>) and Pprevnet (<https://www.prevnet.ca/>)
- Restorative Practices – What happened? How did you feel? What did you think? What was the impact? What can be done to make it better?
- Q: Will there be a check-in/reassessment to determine if there actually is a bullying problem or whether it was perception, etc.? (teasing vs. bullying, for example) – we are tracking it with the PBIS discussions, wanting to track it with the letters, etc. – next steps are to create a culture of kindness, helpfulness, give kids opportunities and support to play productive games at recess, etc. – email to parents will be sent out tomorrow

Greenspace Committee Update (Lauren)

- Thanks to Meghan for organizing Jan.5 enchanted forest setup
- Meghan & Lauren will attend Jan.25 greenspace planning meeting with others from our communities
- Fence art for Grade 6 – hoping to continue this project this year – City of Wpg grant could be a possibility for this year's class (150th anniversary of Wpg)

PAC Instagram (Lauren)

- There is a new school Instagram account, managed by Mme Ostermann – includes detailed info about school and upcoming events
- The old PAC account has recently received some new followers, but maybe should be directed to the school's official account? – decision has been made to merge the two accounts

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Concert

- Only dates available at Grant Park are Monday, June 10; Tuesday, June 11; Wednesday, June 12

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- We had thought about having the school picnic on June 12 (so possible date conflict), and people are busy this time of year
- Do we want to do the picnic later or at all? Is someone willing to take this planning on (needs a team of volunteers)?
- Kids do love the picnic – Lori-Ann can help but not as main organizer, Jennifer Ayotte can help beforehand but not during picnic
- Mme O will put out call in the newsletter, email survey to parents to see preferences, identify possible volunteers
- Do we want to do a 50-50 as part of the picnic or the concert? (concert is probably a good event for this) – picnic could be after the concert
- Mme Denessa may have some organizational materials that could be used again

Staff Appreciation Luncheons

- **December 2023** – PAC coordinated – thanks to Amy for coordinating food, Carolyn R, Caitlin, Erica D., and Connie who helped on the day – costs were about \$300
 - Motion: To approve the PAC to reimburse the costs of the luncheon – moved by Avery, seconded by Lori-Ann, approved
- **End of Year** – Can we approve an amount for another luncheon so we can go ahead with this before things get hectic?
 - Motion: To pre-approve up to \$400 for an end-of-year luncheon – moved by Avery, seconded by Jennifer A, approved
- Collections for the staff gifts last term was a bit confusing – some parents would like to contribute to a group appreciation event or gift
- Staff looking to support group goals of sustainability, etc. – parents could contribute to staff appreciation lunch and make a wall of cards – could contribute extra funds to a worthy cause
- Can discuss at future PAC

Winter Fundraiser Wine Raffle

- Raised just under \$3300 – very successful!
- Thank you to all families who donated wine and bought tickets!
- Thanks to Mme O and school for collecting bottles
- A note that Glen Lea Fundraiser is coming up – info coming soon

Meeting Adjourned (Avery) 7:04pm

- Moved by Avery, Seconded by Amy
- Next meeting is February 20