

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** November 21, 2023, 6pm

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting – Google Meet

**Meeting Chair:** Caitlin Buchel

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

(15 participants)

### **Chair Greeting** (Caitlin)

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

### **Treasurer Report** (Amy)

- Lunch program account is \$61,238.31, PAC account is \$18,571.96
- Lunch program incurred a new compost cost this month to pay for more bags

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

- Welcome to new folks and classroom reps who are joining us tonight
- **Priorities** – 3 school years are being spent on development of French language, acquisition strategies, following provincial and divisional priorities – literacy, numeracy, Indigenous perspectives – sustainability goal #12 (responsible consumption & production) was the focus last year – this year, the focus is on goal #6 (clean water & sanitation)
- **Drills** – 3 fire drills done, 1 evacuation done, 1 lockdown done
- **Scholastic Book Fair** – over \$4300 in sales, so over \$2000 in books were raised
- **Illness** – lots of colds and flus going around – please keep sick kids home
- **Construction** – biweekly meetings happening, running on schedule, pilings going in, daycare happening first (hoping to have that done by Oct.15, 2024)
- **Winter Bazaar** – already getting donations in – box is in front of the office – taking donations until Dec.8 – bazaar on Dec.15 – let Mme Ostermann know if you're able to volunteer
- **Concert** – no winter concert this year – June 6, 6pm will tentatively be spring concert

### **Teacher Representative** (Mme Allegro)

- Thanks for joining us!
- Lots of fun initiatives going on in the school this year

### **Greenspace Committee Update** (Lauren/Meghan)

- Interested in doing enchanted forest again this year (collecting Christmas trees to be set up during holiday break in the school field, then later picked up for woodchips when the snow melts during spring break)

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- Last year, the cost was \$310, 115 trees went to woodchips through the Coterie organization (helping people get back on their feet after addictions, paying a living wage) – Art Zuke no longer picking up trees
- This year, trees should be dropped off by the parking lot doors
- **Motion:** Approve up to \$400 for expenses related to the enchanted forest project through Coterie – moved by Lori-Ann, seconded by Amy, approved
- Unsure whether we can do the curling rink again this year, given the construction situation

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Fundraisers

- **Wine Raffle** – Avery has submitted the application to MB Liquor and Lotteries and updated website info with Funding Change online company
  - Do we still want to do this without the winter concert?
  - Email will go out to families on Nov.27 asking to donate at least one bottle of wine until Friday, Dec.8
  - Dec.1 email will provide clickable link – people can buy tickets to the raffle until Dec.17 and we could put an in-person table up (away from the bazaar purchases!) for last-minute ticket sales during school pickup time
  - Draw happens through the website on Dec.17 – winners come to the school to pick up wine
  - We can do another raffle draw if we have too many wine donations, although we can also monitor number of bottles as we go
  - Proceeds will go to playground equipment
  - **Motion:** To go ahead with wine raffle fundraiser. Moved by Amy, seconded by Lori-Ann, approved.
- **World's Finest Chocolates** – last month, we conditionally approved this fundraiser idea, pending further information gathering, but this company requires families to sell chocolates (or opt out), so may not be the best idea – we'll come back to this in January to discuss a pre-Valentine's day fundraiser

#### Recess Equipment & Shade Structure

- Planning to purchase heavy-duty sleds and other equipment for outdoor play with extra lunch program money (~\$30,000)
- 16x16 shade structure would cost ~\$55,000 for a permanent structure – sails are more affordable, but division won't support something that isn't a permanent structure
- Daycare would be willing to contribute to a shade structure

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- Could shade structure be tied into the “sticks and stones” portion of the playground development plan? – would need to clear it with the granting body, which comes with expectations and timelines
- **Motion:** To set up a meeting with the greenspace committee, daycare, landscape architects, and anyone else who is interested in discussing funding and timing options for getting shade. Moved by Amy, seconded by Avery, approved
- Could we find local artists to make snow sculptures for the yard? A snow slide, snow castle, etc. – Jennifer Ayotte will do some research into the costs of this, Lauren will pass along Hinterland curling rink contact info – plan to review in January

### Meeting Adjourned (Caitlin) 7:15 pm

- Moved by Lauren, Seconded by Amy
- Next meeting is January 16