

Wedgewood Family & School Association



MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 25th, 2022
6:30pm - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Welcome and Attendance - Steph & Farah (2 minutes)

Staff: Ms. Crljen, Mr. Keil

Parents: Sarah Kelleher, Pinar, Stephanie Holden, Heather Schnurr, Brittani Jarvid, Melani O'Leary, Audrey, Sarah Welstead, Farah Hasham-Mackinnon, Delynn West, Ashley

2. Update on Takeaway Items from Last Meeting - Steph (3 minutes)

- Spring Outdoor Toy Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated outdoor toys to our school at the beginning of April!
- Bike Lane Meeting: Sooky, Stephanie and two parents attended the WebEx call about the construction anticipated for the new bike lane. The City will continue to have public meetings and send out a notice to the area. **We highly encourage families to have their voice heard on this topic - particularly the potential reconfiguration of the Swan & Martin Grove intersection.**

The city is contemplating making portions of Martin Grove - 1 way – this could be problematic during pick-ups and drop offs. Sooky and Stephanie voiced concern. Another solution is to add speed bumps.

Please enter your feedback in the survey link below to let your voice be heard! Click on feedback - and it goes to the survey.

- Learn more, particularly on “Proposed Design - Burnhamthorpe to Wedgewood Park (Swan Avenue)” at <https://www.toronto.ca/MartinGroveBikeway>
- Register for the Public Consultation on May 4th at 6:30pm at the link above
- **Take the feedback survey** - please help provide feedback on the survey at the link above
- If you would like more information, please contact: Aadila.Valiallah@toronto.ca

- April Snack Donations: Thank you to everyone who donated snacks to the office. We really appreciate the support! If you would like to donate snacks and/or water, please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/wedgewood>

3. Principal's Report - Principal Crljen (15 minutes)

Inserting Principals Report:

Outdoor Toy Donation Drive

Thank you to families who donated outdoor toys for students to use at recess and lunch hour. Kids love new toys to play with!

Grade 5 Update

Tues. May 3 -Grad Photos @ 8:30 am (wear white shirt with collar for best sash & gown photo effect)-one time use gown provided, sash worn over and is sanitized between use, following Covid health & safety protocol

Fri. June 10- morning - Bloorlea Visit

Thurs. June 16 -Grad Trip

Tues. June 28 @ 1:30 pm - Graduation

Welcome to Kindergarten

May 31-June 2 or week of June 6-10 (dates tbd) - Office will schedule new JK family visit dates and times

Each Kinder teacher will host visits following a set schedule during the school day

Note: The host teacher and room location has not been determined for September 2022. The visits are a way to familiarize the JKs and families to the kindergarten program, not the specific teacher or room location.

Families will be given Welcome Bags with learning materials, school & WFSA information and Kindergarten FAQ booklet

Kindergarten families will know the teacher and room number the week before school starts in September.

Grade 3 Provincial Assessment EQAO -June 13-17, 2022

NEW!!! Online format this year

Info letters to parents will be sent home May 9, 2022

Test must be completed in-person @ school

Only in-person class students will complete EQAO this year. Virtual class grade 3 students will not complete EQAO.

2022-2023 School Organization (Subject to Change due to September 2022 Re-organization)

TDSB System Trends & 2022-2023 Staffing Allocation

-declining enrolment, many schools reduced in teaching allocation and Vice-principals 10, 179 students Toronto District School Board (moved out of the city) -lowest enrolment #s since TDSB amalgamation

Total: 27.5 Teachers (reduced 0.5 from spec. education resource allocation 2021-2022)

NEW! 0.5 VP with 0.5. teaching responsibilities

No virtual classes will be hosted at Wedgewood- all in-person classes in September
Staffing Committee consultation- mostly straight grade classes

JK/SK (5 classes)
Gr. 1 (3 classes)
Gr 1/2 (1 class)
Gr 2 (4 classes)
Gr 3 (3 classes)
Gr 3/4 (1 class)
Gr 4 (2 classes)
Gr 5 (2 classes) = 21 Homeroom Teacher Allocation

1.0 Prep- French
1.0 Prep- JK/SK classes (reportable subject(s) TBD)
1.0 Prep –Gr 1-3 Music
1.0 Prep- Gr.1-3 Health and Physical Education
0.5 Library
1.0 ESL
1.0 Spec. Ed. Resource/EMPOWER Reading = 6.5 Non-homeroom Teacher Allocation

Extracurriculars
Gr 3-5 Football Skills Club
Gr 1-5 Running Club
Gr 2-5 track and Field (Starting soon. Date TBD)

Upcoming dates:
May 3 -Grad Photos -am
Starts this week! Pizza Wednesdays May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1, 8, 15, 22
Starts this week! Cookie Thursdays- May 5, 12, 19, 26
May 23- Victoria Day- No school
Sat. May 28- Funfest, 11 am – 2 pm
June 3- PA Day (Report Cards and Assessment)
June 10- Gr 5 Bloorlea Middle School Visit- am
June 13-17 Grade 3 EQAO Week
June 16- Grad Trip
June 28- Graduation @ 1:30 pm
June 28- Report Cards sent home (emailed to virtual class families)
June 30- Last day of School

Other dates – TBD- Welcome to Kindergarten Visits

Additional comments:

Mr. Keil shared that the excitement around running club was high and majority of the school is participating.

Also that the football club has a good ratio of girls to boys!

They will also be continuing with the Empower program

Grade 5 camp trip will likely be at Camp Tamarack in Bracebridge – day trip.

4. TDSB School Councils Update - Steph (5 minutes)

- a. Bylaw Update: Stephanie submitted the selections voted on at the March meeting on March 29th via the portal. Stephanie followed up for the final by-laws for distribution – The TDSB PCEO (Parent and Community Engagement Office) have advised that they are engaged in some minor edits based on feedback they received and it is expected that we will receive an update by the end of April.
- b. New Election Form: [WFSA Election Form](#)

Elections happen soon after school start. Will send out form end of year and beginning of year. Descriptions of duties helpful for new students' families.

- c. TDSB Email Account for Council: In September 2022, we will fully switch from our current Gmail address to:

SC.WedgewoodJuniorSchool@tdsb.on.ca

SC stands for: school council.

- i. **Email**: Stephanie has access now to through her individual TDSB account. In future, any Chairs, Co-Chairs and Vice Chairs will have their individual account(s) set-up each year to be able to access the shared "SC" mailbox.

Will likely start new email in September

- ii. **Zoom Account**: Stephanie is working with Sooky to set-up the account.
- iii. **School Messenger**: Stephanie has set this account up. Please note the TDSB standards for workflow [here](#) (on Page 3).
- iv. **Social Media**: Let's aim to centralize all of our Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) logins to the above email address so that it's easy for future Council members to do any password resets. - Sarah W and Stephanie.

Look at the passwords to set up password reset to live on.

- v. **Sign-Up**: Let's also switch over the account information of our Sign-up profile to be under the new email address. - Will and Stephanie

5. Treasurer's Report - Heather & Brittani (10 minutes)

Staff Appreciation – we raised \$1700.00!! Will be catered by Pie Commission and Bake Sale and any left over funds will be used to purchase something nice for the staff. Thank you all!

Monthly Cash Flow & Remaining Allocations:

i. **Grade 5 Graduation - Second Allocation**

We originally allocated \$1000 at the start of the year and we will discuss an additional allocation to help support the graduation ceremony and graduation day trip

Grade 5s will also be fundraising at the FUN FEST to help with the grad festivities.

ii. **Silent Auction Prize Donation for Approval**

2 sets of class freezies for "30 minute outdoor play with freezies for the class" - estimated at \$25 for jumbo freezies for two classes - we will use the funds raised from Oliver's Labels.

Zoom Voting: all attendees (one per household) can vote when voting is called for

- **For** - no action required
- **Against** - raise hand via Zoom
- **Abstain** - write "abstain" in chat

6. Health & Safety Update - Sarah K. (2 minutes)

- a. Bike Lane Meeting: During the call, we reiterated our need for crossing guards, zebra striping and speed reduction signs on Swan. They will try to include the crossing guard and zebra striping as part of the project scope.

7. Fundraising & Initiatives Update (20 minutes)

- a. Oliver's Labels update - Steph
\$47.72 (no change)
Stephanie will request the cheque after our May meeting
- b. Staff Appreciation Lunch (May 3rd) – Led by Sarah
- c. May and June Pizza Days (Wednesdays)
Leaders: Ashley and Melani
Committee: Brittani, Sarah W, Steph and Will
 - i. Volunteers Needed! Please sign up here:
<http://signup.com/go/wedgewood>We are going with Pizza Nova this year.

First Pizza Lunch - be patient as we work out the kinds due to different lunch times! Next year-lunches will be at the same time for school.

- d. May Cookie Days (Thursdays)
Leader: Steph
Committee: Heather and Ashley
- e. Mini Fun Fest (Sat May 28, 11am-2pm)
Leader: Heather
Committee: Steph, Sarah W, Sarah K, Farah and Will
Next Committee Meeting is Wednesday, May 11th at 7pm
- i. Proceeding with 3 inflatables, Silent Auction, Food Trucks and a DJ. We will offer a "jump all day" bracelet for the inflatables for \$15 per child in advance on CashOnline and \$20 at the door.
 - ii. We will offer drinks and chips for a fee to be added as a Combo to the BBQ Food Truck. All funds raised from the drinks/chips will go to Grade 5 Graduation.

Confirmed Food Stations: Ice Cream truck, Firehouse Grill, Shawarma Gate

- iii. Volunteers Needed! Please sign up here:
<http://signup.com/go/wedgewood>
- iv. Donations of Bottled Water & Juice Boxes Needed! Please sign up to donate: <http://signup.com/go/wedgewood>
- v. If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please email wfsa.silentauction@gmail.com
- vi. If you would like to Sponsor an inflatable, please email sarah@stayawake.tv

Fundraiser – Grade 5s to sell water and chips!

DJ confirmed

Sponsors for the inflatables. – 2 confirmed.

Volunteers – Grade 5 – supplement volunteers

Silent Auction – 18 listings!! It will be a good one!!

Any carry over donations, will carry it over to Grade 5 Grad.

- f. June Grade 5 Graduation Update - Pinar & Alyson
- i. 46 in-person and 2 virtual graduating students
 - ii. Grad Photos - Tuesday May 3rd
 - iii. Graduation Ceremony - Tuesday June 28th at 1:30pm
 - Volunteers (set-up, water in coolers, possible clean-up)
 - Donations (water, ice, coolers)
 - Looking to engage Grade 4 parents, will use Sign-Up.com

- Expenses: cupcakes (Cakes by Robert) and balloons
 - Note: Fun Fest Silent Auction - 4 sets of Front Row Seats for 2
- iv. Gift - will continue with Locks as a gift (Gr. 5 teachers have ordered and received them already, ordered 50 locks for \$468.84)
 - v. Grad Trip TBC - Looking at booking a full day trip with a Coach bus to Camp Tamarack 7:45pm-7pm with lunch and snack included (parents may be asked to contribute between \$60-80, previously was \$350 for a three day trip)
 - vi. Bloorlea Visit - Fri. June 10, 2022 - am

g. Healthy Snacks for the Office - Ashley and Melani –

Would like to pilot healthy snacks initiative – Possibly fresh fruit. An idea to supplement the pre packaged food and find a good balance – need to determine the cost and what healthy options. Stay tuned!

8. New Business (5 minutes)

- Next Meeting Date - May 30th at 6:30pm - last meeting of the school year
 - Proposing to stay on Zoom for the May meeting as we will have the in-person Fun Fest on the Saturday before the meeting.
- Elections and First Meeting of 2022 - Monday September 26th at 6:30pm

9. Adjournment