

## Wedgewood Family & School Association



### MEETING MINUTES

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

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#### 1. Welcome and Attendance - Steph & Farah

**Staff:** Ms. Crljen

**Parents:** Pinar O, Stephanie Holden, Heather Schnurr, Melani O'Leary, Ashley Mehta, Sarah Welstead, Farah Hasham -Mackinnon, Chi Ae, Pinar Ozyetis, Millie B, Delynn West, Sarah Kelleher

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of the Mississauga's of the Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. It is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississauga's of the Credit.

#### 3. Update on Takeaway Items from Last Meeting - Steph (5 minutes)

- Staff Appreciation Lunch Recap: Thank you to everyone who donated funds last month for the Staff Appreciation luncheon. WFSA catered individual lunches from The Pie Commission with treats from Bake Sale for our Wedgewood Teachers and Staff who have worked tirelessly this year to support our children. Big thank you to **Sarah W** for coordinating this lovely event! With the remaining funds raised, we are hosting a part two with coffee, tea and snacks in early June.
- Pizza & Cookie Days: A special thank you to **Ashley** and **Melani** for coordinating our Pizza Days! Thank you to all the parent/caregiver volunteers who have been coming out each week to help deliver pizza to the classrooms, and to **Will** for coordinating

Sign-Up. Huge thanks to **Ms. Bourret** in the office for all of her help organizing orders for both Pizza and Cookies. Thank you to **Heather** for coordinating the class lists for Cookies Days.

- Funfest Recap: Thank you to all of the families that came out to support our first Funfest since 2019! WOW, what a turnout!! Big thank you to our Funfest committee leader **Heather** and the Funfest team: **Farah, Sarah K, Sarah W and Steph**. Thank you to **Will** for coordinating Sign-Up and all of the volunteers that helped out on the big day! Thank you to everyone who donated drinks for the Grade 5 Snack Table and thank you to **Mrs. Kantartzis** for supervising.
- Welcome to Kindergarten WFSA Flyer: **Sarah W and Steph** supplied a flyer to Sooky to include in the bags sharing information about WFSA and date for our first September meeting. Thank you to Sooky for including WFSA in welcoming new parents/caregivers to Wedgewood.
- Wedgewood Fruit Bowl Trial: Thank you to **Ashley** and **Melani** for donating fresh fruit to the office as a trial run of offering healthy snacks to students. Initial feedback was positive and we'll continue discussing for next year.

#### **4. Principal's Report - Principal Crljen (15 minutes)**

##### ***Facility Update***

- *No summer facility repairs planned*
- *Tree damage from Sat May 21 storm was removed safely by TDSB grounds crew*
- *Weekend property safety & cleanliness- Caretaker now chains up the staff parking lot entrance to prevent vehicles parking there Sat & Sun. This is working well with less garbage (broken bottles, etc.) found Monday morning.*
- *Slow Down signs are up*

##### ***Program Update***

*Grade 3 EQAO e-assessment format, June 13-17 week*

*Virtual School*

*Most students in virtual will be returning to In-person school in September – only 4 students remaining in virtual*

*Wedgewood will not be a host school for a virtual class next year (we have a virtual Gr 2/3 class this year)*

*Welcome to Kindergarten - Scheduled Visits May 30- June 7*

*Kindergarten Bags with learning materials*

*Each Kindergarten teacher released for one day to meet & greet new Kinder families, show class & collect important information for the start of school)*

- To create a positive experience for our Kinders.

### **Grade 5 Update**

*June 9 Virtual Openhouse for Grade 5 Families @ 6:30 pm, link was sent in weekly update*

*June 10 Gr 5 student visit to Bloorlea- am*

*June 16 Day Trip to Camp Tamarack (Anonymous donors support for all students to go – 4 staff Ms. Hodge, Mr. H, Mdm Ghegin and Ms. Panglia supervising – 1:12 ratio)*

*June 28 @ 1:30 pm Grad (Gr 4 families, pay it forward!)*

### **Report Card Update**

*June 28 [Report Card, IEP Summaries & ESL](#) Reports sent home– will be emailed to virtual class families)*

### **Upcoming Dates**

*June 3 PA Day*

*June 8 Gr 4 & 5 Track & Field Meet (Jeff, Amy, Pervinder) -ESL closed*

*June 10-am- Grade 5 Visit to Bloorlea & Class Placement Meeting*

*June 10 -pm Scientist in School Program -Portable 3*

*June 13-17 EQAO Week*

*June 16 Grade 5 Grad Day Trip to Camp Tamarack (Chris, Lisa, Paola, Pervinder)*

*June 28 Report Cards & IEPs -SENT HOME (paper copies & virtual class report cards will be emailed)*

*June 28 @ 1:30 pm- Gr 5 Graduation*

*June 30 Last Day of School (Students and Staff)*

*Labour Day Mon. Sept. 5, 2022*

*PA Day Tues. Sept. 6, 2022*

**First Day of School Wed. Sept. 7, 2022**

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

- a. Bylaw Update: PCEO made adjustments to the by-laws template after we submitted in March 2022. Stephanie has reviewed our previous submission compared to the new template provided and has prepared a new draft for review: [WFSA By-Laws Draft Updated](#)
  - i. We already voted on the following in March 2022:
    - 10 parent/caregiver members
    - No student representative
    - Include Roles and Responsibilities
    - Include Social Media Account Guidelines
    - Finances - selected bank account option
    - Include Committees Overview
    - Selected 2-3 Months for Conflict Resolution
  - ii. **NEW** optional items suggested to include:
    - Optional Preamble text
    - Official TDSB Land Acknowledgement text
    - Meeting Protocols (attendance, locations, virtual)
    - Virtual Voting option
    - Definitions for Conflict Resolution
    - Conflict Resolution Process
    - Suspension Appeal Process
    - By-Laws Amendments
  - iii. **NEW** optional items suggested to not include:
    - Nominations (lottery for ballot positions and web posting)

We need to sign-off and approve the adjustments above to submit in October 2022 to the PCEO using the revised template; and approve School Council By-Laws by November 25, 2022. Please provide any feedback by commenting on the Google Doc linked above or emailing [SC.WedgewoodJuniorSchool@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SC.WedgewoodJuniorSchool@tdsb.on.ca) by the end of the school year. **If there is no feedback, we will proceed as suggested above.**

- b. WFSA Zoom Account: Now activated and ready to go for next year!

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

- a. We completed a Budget Review
- b. Running Club for next year: to carry over remaining \$550 left from this year from the cookie fundraiser to purchase more feet/chains/tags
- c. Pre-Allocation items to consider for September 2022:

1. **RazKids** for JK to Grade 3 \$1700 YES
  2. **Scientists in the School** for all grades \$4830 YES
  3. **Movie/TV License** \$429 YES
  4. **Grade 5 Graduation** \$1500 YES
  5. **Sand Toys for Grade 1 & 2 Yard** \$120 (25 sets x \$4 Dollarama) or we can ask the convenience store at 6 points plaza for donations or assistance.
  6. **Boot Trays for Hallways** \$460 (Roughly 100 x \$4 Ikea. Will ask to custodian if this interrupts cleaning)
  7. **Teaching Staff Allocations** \$2400
  8. **Sign Up** \$130
  9. **Math UP** \$700
  10. **Cover**
- Total: \$11,439**

Zoom Voting: all attendees (one per household) can vote

**For - no action required**

**Against** - raise hand via Zoom

**Abstain** - write "abstain" in chat

**- A Question was raised:**

- *Do we need smartboards or technology?*

Sooky Responded: So far, everything is in working order. They have used school budget to replace old laptops. Every teaching staff has newer laptops. Sooky will connect with teachers to ask if equip needs to be refreshed.

## **7. Health & Safety Update - Sarah K. & Steph (2 minutes)**

- **Bike Lane Update:** Public Consultation took place on Wed May 4th and the Online Feedback Form closed on Wed May 18th. For more information, visit: <https://www.toronto.ca/MartinGroveBikeway>
- Stephanie met with Councillor Holyday to reinforce the concerns from the community that were expressed during the May 4th meeting:


- school parking and traffic flow/traffic safety concerns
  - access to a safe exit with lights onto Burnhamthorpe via M.Grove
  - safety concerns of proximity to the WW playground/field area
- Councillor Holyday was very receptive to the feedback that is being provided and understands the unique challenges of this project. He is committed to continue to work with the City Staff on this project. He reinforced it is not a 'done deal' as some concerned community members expressed in the webinar. The Councillor welcomes the community to connect with him directly: [Councillor\\_Holyday@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Holyday@toronto.ca)


## 8. Fundraising & Initiatives Update (2 minutes)

- a. **Oliver's Labels** update - Steph
  - i. \$63.31 - Stephanie will request the cheque after this meeting
- b. **June Grade 5 Graduation** Update - Pinar
  - i. Graduation Ceremony - Tuesday June 28th at 1:30pm
  - ii. Volunteer form went home with all Grade 4 parents, if you did not receive one please contact the main office

Thank you to the anonymous donation!

## 9. Recap of the Year - Steph (5 minutes)

 **Huge thank you to the WFSA team this year:** Heather, Brittani, Farah, Sarah W., Pinar, Ashley, Sarah K., Melani, and Melissa. Special thanks to Will for helping with sign-up and Alyson for helping with Graduation.

 **Shout-out to our wonderful school partners:** Principal Crljen, Ms. Allen, Mr. Hollingsworth, and Mr. Keil. Special thank you to Ms. Bourret and Ms. Demsyn in the office for all of their help with CashOnline, accepting offline payments, fielding questions for WFSA, and copying/distributing our paper flyers. We all make a great team!

### **What did WFSA accomplish this year?**

- ran two **outdoor toy drives** to give our kids many fun toys for recess
- supported the school with **water and snack donations** from our community

- implemented **“slow down” signs** in front of the school and continued **advocating for a crossing guards** for our school
- delivered **spirit wear** to our school through flooding and supply chain challenges, including a new pink-shirt which had a charitable component and a new toque!
- continued running our **Oliver’s Labels fundraiser** through the year
- created some ‘Fall Fest’ excitement with our **classroom baskets fundraiser**
- coordinated an **online Scholastic book fair**
- collected two overflowing bins for our **food bank drive** before the winter break
- collected 519 pairs of socks for our **winter sock drive** before the winter break
- hosted a **parent/caregiver online workshop** with guest Ann Douglas
- ran our **cupcake fundraiser for science**, supporting local shop Bake Sale
- hosted a fun-filled **scavenger hunt weekend** for our community
- organized a **special stakeholder meeting for the Wedgewood Community** for the city’s bike lane construction project
- celebrated the amazing Wedgewood staff with a **Staff Appreciation Lunch**
- ran a **Cookie Days** fundraiser to support our school Running Club
- brought back **Pizza Days** for May and June
- hosted our annual **Funfest** after two years without one!
- completed our annual **school statement of needs**
- progressed with updating our **school council by-laws** and **election form**
- completed our account set-up for our new **TDSB Council Email, Zoom and School Messenger accounts**

#### **What did our fundraising support at the school this year?**

- **Scientist in the School** workshops for every classroom
- Virtual **Magic Performance** for all classrooms during spirit week
- **Movie/TV License** for the entire school

- Online **Parent/Caregiver Workshop** open to all Wedgewood families
- **Classroom Enhancement Fund** allocation for every teaching staff member
- **RazKids** subscriptions for JK to Grade 3 classrooms
- **Running Club** supplies for Grades 1-5
- **Grade 5 Graduation** celebration and trip for our 2022 Graduates
- **Books for Welcome to Kindergarten!**

**WOW!**

🥺 **Farewell...** We are so thankful for the contributions from Heather and Pinar over the years. We are sad to see them graduate from their WFSA days, but they will always be a part of our Wedgewood family. Best of luck in middle school! ❤️❤️

## **10. Planning for September 2022 (10 minutes)**

- a. **Pizza Days for October to January** (TBC based on Covid Protocols)
  - i. Discussed cadence - Possibly First and third Wednesday of each month. First lunch could be on Wednesday, October 5th, 2022 and the deadline for ordering is Wednesday, September 28th, 2022. Will need to determine.
  - ii. Continue with Pizza Nova Continue with pricing as-is
    1. Students: \$5 per lunch for 1 slice/snack, \$6.25 for 2 slices
    2. Staff: \$1.50 per slice (no snack and no fundraising component)
- b. **Water & Snacks Donations Sign-Up**
  - i. Launch sign-up the first week of school
  - ii. For Discussion Next Year: Potentially create a “Wedgewood Community Fund” as part of the WFSA Budget to support Water & Snacks purchases (including fresh fruit/healthy snacks), Cold Weather Gear Purchases, Support for Families with Grocery Gift Cards and/or supplementing field trip or pizza fees (families selected by the Principal) - would we need a specific fundraiser dedicated to this such as Spiritwear?



**c. Spiritwear**

- i. CashOnline - October 3rd to 14th, place order by October 24th
- ii. Try to include an Orange T-Shirt (with donation component) along with the Pink T-Shirt again
- iii. Include the toque and take out fanny packs. Possibly a baseball hat.

**d. Fall Fest** (TBC based on Covid Protocols)

- i. Friday, October 28th, 2022 from 6pm-8pm

**e. Fall Movie Night** (TBC based on Covid Protocols)

- i. Friday, November 25th, 2022 – Pizza at 6pm, Movie at 6:30pm  
*(Nov 18 and Dec 2 are P.A. Days, note: Nov 25 is Black Friday)*
- ii. *A possible outdoor movie night in Sep/October!! September 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Name Tags for volunteers/WFSA committee/ lanyard*

**f. WFSA 2022-23 Elections**

- i. Election Form will be distributed the first and second week via email
- ii. Deadline for forms to be submitted to Principal is Fri, Sept 16th, 2022
- iii. Elections will be ahead of the first meeting on Mon, Sept 26th at 6:30pm

**11. New Business (5 minutes)**

- Other new business from the floor?
- Elections and First Meeting of 2022 - Monday September 26th at 6:30pm

**12. Adjournment - Have a great summer! ☀️ 🌈**