**Wedgewood Family & School Association**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:30pm - Virtual on Zoom

1. **Welcome and Attendance**

**Parents**: Stephanie Holden, Ashley Mehta, Melanie O’Leary, Robin Goyal, Sarah Welstead, Brittani Jarvis, Delynn, Michel Zheng, Charu B

**Staff:** Ms Lee, Principal, Mr Morrone, Vice-Principal

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

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

1. **Principal’s Update**

**EQAO – grade 3 students:**

Between Monday May 15th and Friday May 19th, 2023, grade three students at Wedgewood will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3).  Each assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire. During the assessment, students will complete four language sessions that range from 15 to 35 minutes each and four mathematics stages that each take about 30 minutes to complete.  Thanks to WFSA for providing a freezie treat for each student to help celebrate the completion of the assessment sessions!

**Kinder Open House:**

All new Kindergarten parents and our new Kindergarten students are invited to visit Wedgewood J.S. during one of two sessions taking place on Thursday May 4th.  Parents and students will have an opportunity to meet some of our kindergarten staff and learn more about our kindergarten program during the visit. Thank you to WFSA for helping us to cover the cost of the Welcome to Kindergarten packages that will be given to all of our incoming kindergarten families.

**Korean Drum Performance:**

On May 10th, all Wedgewood students (K-5) will have the chance to enjoy a Korean drumming performance by the Nanta Percussion Ensemble.  Nanta is a type of traditional Korean drumming that is rooted in Korean folk music.  The Nanta Percussion Ensemble is comprised of Toronto students aged 5 to 15 and will include some current Wedgewood students.  We are very excited to welcome the Nanta Percussion Ensemble to Wedgewood JS! 

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS:**

*How many classes and students is Wedgewood projected to have in the 2023-24 school year?*  
We are currently anticipating 25 classes and 578 students next year, but this is likely to be an undercount based on historical data.

1. **June Play Day**

There are two Play Days planned, for Tuesday June 20 and Thursday June 22.

* Outdoors for all grades, K-5
* 10 stations run as a mixture of motivation/energizers/fitness/teamwork
* Dance workshop
* $4000 support for this from WFSA
* WFSA approved $2000 for this in February but have been asked for an additional $2000 to be voted on in this meeting.

1. **Budget review and allocations**

Ashley presented the current budget and reviewed various items to be allocated/voted on this evening:

* Raz Kids top-up (to reflect larger student body)
* Non-fiction books for grade 2 classes
* Gym equipment
* Library refresh: We had been waiting for a TDSB library audit and Ms Star’s return. However, it now seems clear that the audit will take some time, and it makes sense to allocate funds now.
* New kindergarten classroom: An allocation has been made to help equip the newly-dedicated additional kindergarten classroom with age-appropriate items
* Craft supplies: It was noted that many classrooms are low on basic craft and other supplies (glue sticks, craft paper, kleenex, etc.), largely because an order from the TDSB is taking longer than anticipated to arrive. WFSA has offered to help cover the gap, and Ms Lee will work with Brittani to get these items purchased and into the school.

**VOTING ON ALLOCATIONS:**

Play Day incremental $2000 approved

Raz Kids top-up $1800 approved

Grade 2 nonfiction books $1900 approved

Gym equipment per TDSB $2000 approved

Library refresh $5000 approved

Equipping new kindergarten classroom $3000 approved

Scholastic items for kindergarten $ 250 approved

Classroom/craft supplies $ 500 approved

1. **Health and safety**

Health and safety lead Sarah Kelleher was not in attendance but there were some general reminders about safety guidelines, particularly at the entrance to the secondary parking lot (by the pool).

We still have not been successful in getting a crossing guard assigned to the school, but are hopeful that our increasing student numbers will help us move closer to the top of the priority list.

1. **Equity Team Update**

Cultural Night (April 28th) has been getting an enthusiastic response, with the drum workshops almost entirely filled.

Thank you to Andrea for doing so much to facilitate this!

1. **Pizza Day Committee**

Pizza Day continues to be one of our most popular (and effective, in fundraising terms) events.

If you would like to join the Pizza Day Committee for 2023-24, there is a planning meeting on May 10th.

1. **Graduation Committee**

Sarah W. is working with Ms Hodge and the rest of the team on this. More info to come.

1. **Staff Appreciation lunch, May 2**

* Sarah W is taking care of this.
* We raised approximately $2200
* Lunches will be ordered from Pie Commission
* Desserts to be ordered from Bake Sale
* Any funds left over will be spent on gift cards (for staff who could not partake) and coffee mornings (funds raised for the Staff Appreciation lunch must be allocated for staff-related events and cannot be used for other WFSA initiatives)

1. **Fun Fest Update!**
   * Save the date: Saturday, May 27th, 11am-2pm
   * Committee includes Stephanie, Sarah K, Andrea, Melani, Ashley, Nicole
   * FINAL committee meeting to be held on Tuesday May 23 at 7pm
   * You can join by going to <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/8432955598>
2. **Oliver’s Labels**
   * $130.98 raised this year so far
   * Currently $75 is allocated to EQAO treats (100 jumbo freezies to be given out on Friday May 19th)
3. **Fall Movie Night**
   * Discussion about booking the vendor earlier this year, since they seem to be busier than they used to be
   * Discussion about timing (should it be a little later?)
   * We will continue this discussion at our May meeting
4. **Elections for WFSA 2023-24**
   * Draft elections form is available for comments and will be distributed in June
5. **New business from floor**
   * Concern about a conflict between the chess club and running club. Staff is aware of this and working to resolve it. In the meantime, there is no penalization if you have to miss a few weeks of running club to participate in chess club.
6. **Next meeting**
   * Monday, May 29th at 6:30pm in the Wedgewood library
   * This is the last meeting of the year!
7. **Adjournment**