**Wedgewood Family & School Association**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 30, 2023

6:30pm - Virtual on Zoom

1. **Welcome and Attendance**

**Parents:** Andrea Thompson, Sarah Welstead, Stephanie, Melani O’Leary, Robin Goyal, Charu, Esmeralda Ismaili, Brittani Jarvis, Ashley M, Nicole

**Staff**: Nicole Lee, **Trustee:** Dan MacLean

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 Report** – ( Provided by Principal Lee )

***Term 1 Parent/Staff Interviews:***

*The term one report card will be sent home on Monday February 13th, 2023. Parent and staff interviews will be held on Thursday February 16th from 3:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Friday February 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. At this point of the school year, staff will be requesting interviews with the families of those students who they have concerns with. Families may also request interviews if there are concerns.*

***Aunty B Performances as part of African Heritage Month Recognition:***

*On February 9th all students (Kindergarten to grade 5) will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive performance by the team at Aunty B. There will be three interactive performances that will take place in the Wedgewood gym throughout the day.*

* *Kindergarten classes – will participate in the Chocolate Swirl Show*
* *Grade 1-3 classes – will participate in the Chocolate Swirl Show*
* *Grade 4-5 classes – will participate in the Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*

*Thanks to the Wedgewood Equity Team for helping to coordinate this opportunity for all students at Wedgewood.*

***Staff Updates:***

*Mr. Hollingsworth was promoted as the Vice Principal at Millwood Junior School. We are very excited that Ms. Meaghan Hern has accepted the LTO position in room 17 and will be teaching the class until the end of the school year.*

***Bus Safety Interactive Virtual Workshops:***

*All Wedgewood students (Kindergarten to grade 5) will be participating in Intertrain's new and interactive school bus safety presentations online this year. There are two age-appropriate, interactive, 30-minute school bus safety shows that are informative and engaging for students. There is a program for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 students, and another for those in Grades 4 and 5. Both programs offer question and answer interactivity. All of our classes will be engaging with the Bus Safety Presentations in January and February 2023.*

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Ashley & Robin)**
   1. Reviewed Monthly Cashflow Report
   2. Allocation Requests:
      1. **Fidget Kick Resistance Bands** - promotes calm and focus while seated at a desk (Grade 1 request) - 6 bands, $38.40 with taxes and shipping – Grade 1 to start with a trial.
      2. **Kindergarten Outdoor Toys (Sand Toys)** - $600 top up to $1000
      3. **Pollinator Garden Project** - $2000 – grant proposal not accepted however still would like to fund a smaller size project. Refresh Garden and add a garden
      4. **Freezie Prizes for Fun Fest Silent Action -** $40
      5. **Discuss: Spring School Performance –** approx. $3000 for a performer coming in. $1500each performance and separate into older and younger grades.
      6. **Discuss: All School Play Day -** $2000
      7. **Cultural Team –** $500
      8. **Children’s Concert Crafts-** $150 for two years’ worth of craft supplies

**ALL ALLOCATIONS APPROVED**

1. **Health & Safety Committee Update (Sarah K.)**

N/A

1. **Wedgewood Equity Team Update (Andrea & Melani) –** funds coming from TDSB
   1. School Council Innovation Grant Update – Accepted – Moving forward with an evening that celebrates our school through music, food, and dance. Resources available to learn more about DEI.
   2. Possible speaker on anti-oppression and anti-racism
   3. Mural co created by families
2. **Fruit for the Office** – to continue and also looking into possible breakfast program for those in need.
3. **Pizza Day Committee Update** 
   1. Second half of the year: **Orders are due Monday, February 6th – (**funds to go to the allocations above)
   2. HELP NEEDED with assembling the weekly classroom pizza bags, please sign up here: [WFSA Pizza Day Snack & Supplies Bags Assembly Sign-Up Page](https://signup.com/go/ZNTVEDa)
4. **Graduation Committee Update (Sarah W.)**

* Graduation Photos - Wednesday, March 29th – 79 Graduates this year which is highest number in years.
* Potential Fundraising: Terracotta Cookie Days (entire school - optional) and FundScrip (grade 5 families - optional) to help support Grade 5 Grad Trip Transportation costs
* Graduation Ceremony - Tuesday, June 27th

1. **Fundraising & Events Committee Update**
   1. Skating Program – (over budget due to more families needing skates. Primary students skate less as they need more attention and volunteers)
      1. Big thank you to Andrea for coordinating skate fittings and sharpening!
      2. Volunteers needed for tying skates: [www.signup.com/go/wedgewood](http://www.signup.com/go/wedgewood) Need to learn more about how to tie skates properly? [Check out this YouTube video.](https://youtu.be/gEDw1I4XwQI)
   2. Parent + Caregiver Wellness Evening
      1. Save the Date: Monday February 27th at 7pm
      2. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/bhRyHXuGJo4DQauq6>
   3. Staff Appreciation Lunch - May 2nd (Sarah W) – start to fundraise in April. Using Pie Commission again to feed our teachers!
   4. Fun Fest Committee Update
      1. Save the Date: Saturday May 27th 11am-2pm
      2. Committee:
         * Stephanie (Event Lead & Inflatables/Games/FacePainting)
         * Sarah K (Food)
         * Sarah W (DJ & Sponsorships)
         * Andrea (Surprise Bag Walk)
         * Melani (Volunteers)
         * Ashley (Grade 5 Snack Tent)
         * Nicole (Silent Auction)
      3. Booked: Inflatables and Face Painting
      4. Next Committee Meeting: Tues Feb 21st 7pm on Zoom

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/8432955598>

* 1. Oliver’s Labels
     1. $66.68 (will support the Grade 3 EQAO treats)
     2. Currently $75 is allocated to EQAO treats in our budget
     3. EQAO treats will be 100 Jumbo Freezies, mid May

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1. **New Business/Other**

* We donated tons of socks from the sock drive – Thank you Sarah W for driving the donations and thank you to all parents that donated.
* Dan Mclean made some remarks. Commented on the positive initiatives Wedgewood has accomplished!
* See you at the Parent and Caregiver Wellness Evening on Monday February 27th at 7pm in the gym!
* No February/March meeting
* Next Official Meeting: **Monday, April 24th at 6:30pm** on Zoom <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/8432955598>

1. **Thank you**