**Wedgewood Family & School Association**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 29th, 2023

6:30pm – Library (F2F)

1. **Welcome and Attendance:**

**Staff:** Ms. Nicole Lee

**Parents:** Stephanie Holden, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Mehta, Farah Hasham-Mackinnon, Melani O’Leary, Nicole Henson, Robin Goyal, Sarah Kelleher

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 (inserted)**

**Garden Refresh and Addition:**

As part of the curriculum, several Wedgewood classes are learning about the life cycle of plants and the importance of pollinators! We are using this as an opportunity to refresh our school’s existing gardens, as well as to add a new pollinator garden on the property! The garden was originally planned for the back playground but due to TDSB restrictions, we had to relocate the garden beds. The students loved being able to explore the earth that was dug up for the first garden bed so I asked if we could please leave the area unseeded so that the students could continue to explore.

Thank you to Andrea who created 3 pollinator garden beds at the front of the school and has been helping to refresh our existing gardens!  The garden looks amazing and has already been used by many of our classes.

Thank you also to Brittani for arranging for some of our students to participate in a ‘Honey Bee and pollination’ workshop that incorporated discussions about some of the plants in our new garden!  The students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and we are hoping to have more workshops in the future!

**Volunteer Tea:**

All Wedgewood volunteers are invited to join us in the Wedgewood gym on Thursday June 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  We are very grateful for the incredible support of our volunteers and the Wedgewood staff would like to express our appreciation!  
  
Light refreshments will be provided and child minding will be available in room 3, if needed.  Please come and enjoy some treats if you have volunteered for any in-class or school wide events (i.e., Scientists in the school, sports teams, class trips, class parents, WFSA events such as pizza lunches, fall/spring fest, Cultural Night, reading with students, etc.).

**Grade 5 Clap-out:**

We will be clapping out our grade 5s as they exit Wedgewood on Friday June 30, 2023 beginning at 2:25 p.m. to celebrate their graduation.  Students will be clapping as the grade 5 students travel through the hallways and past the classrooms.  Any parents who are available, are welcome to form two lines on each side of the door near exit 5 (closest to the adventure playground) all the way through the playground to exit 3 (closest to room 5) to clap as the grade 5s exit the building.   The clap-out will last approximately ten minutes.    

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Ashley)**
   1. Monthly Cashflow Report
   2. New Allocation Requests for 2022-2023
      1. **$850** HP Teacher Laptop (Mr. Lindstol Gr 4)
      2. **$1500** Printers for all portable
      3. **$120** for large containers for the milk room (Andrea)
      4. **$3500** for all Kindergarten classes - manipulatives- building blocks, sensory toys
      5. **$300.00** end of year treat – freezies/icecream

**Total of $6270**  WFSA APPROVED

* 1. Suggested Pre-Allocations for 2023-24
     1. **RazKids** for JK to Grade 3 (approx $4000)
     2. **Scientists in the School** for all grades (approx $7000)
     3. **Movie/TV License** $450 + $3000 for Free Movie night Admission
     4. **Teaching Staff Allocations** $150 per teacher (approx $5000)
     5. **Outdoor Toys** $1000
     6. **Grade 5 Graduation** $1500
     7. **Sign Up Subscription** $150

\*Also discussed possible Field Trip subsidization, Robotics club, Library Refresh

**TOTAL = $22,100** WFSA APPROVED

*Already Allocated for 2023-24 at March/April 2023 meetings:*

1. *Skating Program Pre-Season $800 (helmets, laces, first aid kit)*
2. *Auntie B Fall Performance $2000*
3. *Supplies for new Kindie Classroom $3000*

Items Funded during the 2022-2023 School Year

* Raz Kids
* Scientists in School
* Signup, Movie License
* Teacher Allocations
* 3 School Performances
* Outdoor Toys
* Headphone sets
* Kindergarten Holiday Event
* Library Equity Refresh & Library Refresh, including furniture
* Pollinator Garden
* Grade 5 Grad (supporting year end trip, gift & ceremony)
* Lost & Found Refresh
* Fresh Fruit & Community Fund
* Non-fiction books (grade 2)
* Gym Equipment
* New Kindergarten class set up
* Cultural night
* Play Day
* Musical Instruments

1. **Health & Safety Committee Update (Sarah K.)** No new updates
2. **Wedgewood Equity Team Update (Andrea & Melani)**
3. **Pizza Day Committee Update**
   1. Committee: Ashley, Stephanie, Melani, Nicole, Brittani
   2. Committee Meeting: Wed May 10th notes:
      1. Planning 30 Pizza Days next year, weekly on Wednesdays
      2. Pizza supplier and pricing to be discussed with WFSA team – discussed to stay with Pizza Nova
         * Removing 1 Cheese and 1 Pizza split option - too confusing
         * Removing Gluten Free option (negative response to quality/taste), and keeping Dairy Free option
         * Adding a three slice option
      3. Considering having a split shift of volunteers that pack the bags for the next week after the lunch is complete (stored in large bins to keep food safe in milk room)
4. **Graduation Committee Update (Sarah W.)**
   1. Grade 5 Graduation: Monday, June 26th
   2. If you can loan your cooler for the event, please sign up here: [Grade 5 Graduation Support](https://signup.com/go/CBDJdiH)
5. **Fundraising & Events Committee Update**

* Oliver’s Labels (Steph)
  + $134.75 raised this year - cheque requested on May 22nd for June deposit
* Fall Outdoor Movie Night (Ashley)
  + Friday September 29th - 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Movie
  + Rain date: Thursday, October 5th

1. **Recap of the Year - Steph**

**🙌 Huge thank you to the WFSA team this year:** Melani, Ashley, Robin, Sarah W., Farah, Brittani, Sarah K, Charu and Nicole. Special thanks to Andrea for her help with the skating program, school garden, pizza bags and many of the events – and to Will for helping with sign-up!

**🙌 Shout-out to our wonderful school partners:** Principal Lee and Vice-Principal Morrone. Special thank you to Ms. Bourret and Ms. Demsyn in the office for all of their help with CashOnline, accepting offline payments and fielding questions for WFSA. We all make a great team!

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

* hosted our first **Outdoor Movie Night** on a gorgeous September evening
* ran **WEEKLY** **Pizza Days** for the first time for the entire school year
* delivered **spiritwear** to our school - including a new orange t-shirt as well as fundraising went towards the new Wedgewood Community Fund
* continued running our **Oliver’s Labels fundraise**r through the year to fundraise for treats for EQAO week
* hosted our first **Fall Fest** after three years with record setting attendance!
* ran our first **poinsettia fundraiser** supporting our school music program
* collected overflowing bins for our **food bank drive** before the winter break
* collected socks for our **winter sock drive** before the winter break
* hosted a **Parent/Caregiver Wellness Event** with SAOR studio
* helped bring back the **school skating program** after 3 years without it
* supported the Equity Team with the first **Cultural Night** for our school community, as well as helping fund thelibrary equity/diversity refresh
* ran the **Cookie Days** fundraiser to support the Camp Tamarack transportation costs
* celebrated the amazing Wedgewood staff with a **Staff Appreciation Lunch** and leftover funds will be supporting an individual staff gift in June
* brought back the **school garden** (thanks Andrea and team!)
* hosted our annual **Funfest** - with carnival games making a return and our new knick knack clock walk making its debut!
* completed our annual **school statement of needs**

1. **Elections**

* Election form will be distributed in June and September: [WFSA Election Form 2023-24](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V0EWVc6Zb9ILH7L4FwsB9t0felDAlyNDr5dh_anhYOE/edit?usp=sharing)
* Elections and First Meeting of 2023 - Monday October 2nd at 6:30pm

1. **Thank you, Stephanie -** Thank you for leading the way for the pat two years! You were a great leader and we will miss you!
2. **Adjournment - Have a great summer! ☀️🌈**