**Wedgewood Family & School Association**

**2023/2024**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, Sep 18th, 2023

6:30pm – Gym (F2F)

1. **Welcome and Attendance:**

**Staff:** Ms. Nicole Lee, Mr. Moroni, Mr Allen

**Parents:** Andrea Thompson, Farah Hasham-Mackinnon, Melani O’Leary, Nicole Henson, Sarah Kelleher, Sarah Welstead, Jana, Telma, Bryan, Ashleigh, Magdalena, Delynn, Keit, Mary, Joel, Selina, Emme, Krita, Arda, Kumsal, Sourear, Marjeta, Indira, Mansi, Deepa, Vanessa, Tetiana, Sana, Marianna, Tissy, Cenoj, Tenika

1. **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.

1. **School Council Bylaws** – See attached
2. **Elections:** Need to be held first 30 days of school. Executive members were voted on by council members and have elected the following:

* **Chair** – Andrea Thompson
* **Treasurer** – Ashley Mehta / Telma Da Silva
* **Secretary** – Farah Hasham-Mackinnon and Sarah Welstead
* **Health and Safety Chair** - Sarah Kelleher
* **General Voting Members** – Sana Ali/Nicole Henson/Sherry Dolma/Brenda Shewchuk/MelissaKnight
* **Pizza Day Chair -** Brittney Jarvis
* **Grad Committee Chair** –Telma Da Silva

All parents are welcome to participate and hold committee positions which is different than

council members. These members can be involved and lead community and fundraising events

plus, volunteer.

1. **Principal’s Report (inserted)**

***Terry Fox Run/Walk:***

*All Wedgewood classes will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk day. Students will have a chance to run/walk during the afternoon of Friday September 22nd. Any parents who would like to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation are invited to use the link that was sent home earlier this month.*

***Orange Shirt Day:***

*On Friday, September 29, 2023 we encourage everyone at Wedgewood to wear orange to participate in Orange Shirt Day.*

*Established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad,*[*Orange Shirt Day*](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/zY0TrjRD1TUFhL7ljUK-PQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRlDYjhP0QuaHR0cHM6Ly90LmUybWEubmV0L2NsaWNrL3k1cXE2ci95ZDk1b3UvcXZ4ZWJmZlcHc2Nob29sbUIKYyFhVSxj-ibym1IVTmljb2xlLkxlZUB0ZHNiLm9uLmNhWAQAAAAC)*recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children murdered by these schools, many of them buried in unmarked graves.*

***Curriculum Night:***

*On Thursday September 28th  from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., all families (kindergarten to grade 5) are welcome to attend our annual Curriculum Night. Staff will be in the classrooms to meet families and to provide information about classroom routines and academic programming. The schedule for the evening is below.*

*6:00                             Front doors will be open to welcome parents to Wedgewood*

*6:15-6:35                     Visits to classrooms to meet staff (session #1)*

*6:35-6:40                     Transition time to travel to other classrooms*

*6:40-7:00                     Visits to classrooms to meet staff (session #2)*

*7:00                              Good byes*

*Please enter the school through the main school entrance (exit 1).  On your way in, you can meet our rotary teachers, school social worker, Vice Principal and Principal.*

***Parent Volunteers:***

*All school volunteers are required to have an up-to-date Police Reference Check. If you would like to submit an application to the Police Reference Check office, please call the Wedgewood School Office at (416)394-7150*

* Additional comments: Police Checks - Declaration every year if you have already done one.
* Not anticipating a re-organization.
* Feasibility – looking at the data to see where they draw from. Please attend the upcoming meeting to have a say. Details to be provided.

**+++++ Thank you, Principal Nicole Lee for all your dedication to our school and students and Congratulations on your promotion!!**

1. **Fall Fest**

* Fall Fest will be held on October 27th!
* Dance party will be outside this year! Along with Bake sale, crafts and other fun activities
* Sarah W to set up sign up for Volunteers

1. **Creating school statement of needs –** what do you want your priorities to be in a principal – we can utilize last years notes.
2. **Treasurer’s Report -** Will be discussed at our next meeting

* We did review of some of the items WFSA has paid for.
* Possibly Allocate additional educational resources to portables
* More field trips

1. **Pizza Day Update**

* Pizza Days will likely resume once a week on Wednesdays again.
* Removing 1 Cheese and 1 Pizza split option - too confusing. Will need to buy either 2 choose or 2 Peperoni.
* This year you may have a 3-slice option

1. **Fall Outdoor Movie Night –** a community event – no tickets necessary!

Friday September 29th 7:15pm Movie

Rain date: Thursday, October 5th

1. **Adjournment –** Next Meeting will be **Virtual October 23rd**

**✏️ What did WFSA accomplish last 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**