**Wedgewood Family & School Association (WFSA)**

**MEETING MINUITES**

Monday, November 28, 2022

6:30pm - HYBRID: Wedgewood Library and Zoom

1. **Welcome and Attendance (Attendance Zoom meeting)**

**In Person**: Principal Lee, Stephanie Holden, Ashley Mehta, Robin Goyal, Comina Tryshyn, Yevhen Tryshyn

**Virtual** : Farah, Stephanie, Melanie, Andrea Thompson, Andrea R, Sara Kelleher, Brittani, Ashley

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 Mississauga’s of the Credit.

1. **Principal’s Report (Attached from Principal Lee)**
2. ***School Improvement Plan***

*On November 17th, we shared a summary of the Wedgewood School Improvement Plan for the 2022-2023 school year. A School Improvement Plan provides a road map that identifies the changes a school needs to implement in order to improve the level of student achievement. The School Improvement Plan (also known as a SIP), identifies when and how the changes will be made and is mandated by the Ministry of Education.*

*A School Improvement Plan includes:*

* *A description of the specific goals and activities that the school will undertake to achieve those goals;*
* *A list of additional resources that the school will require in order to achieve those goals;*
* *A process for evaluating how effective the school has been in achieving them.*

*Wedgewood’s SIP Goal:*

*To use culturally relevant resources and learnings from Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation in hands-on, real life math problem solving activities to support social emotional learning (SEL) to challenge math report card data from the past three years and observed disengagement of many students in math lessons and learning activities.*

*Where are we going? What do we need to learn?:*

* *We will focus on the development of students’ Social-Emotional Learning Skills*
* *We will need to focus on creating a positive and safe learning environment*
* *We will need to shift our lens from product vs process focus*

*What evidence of impact is being used to measure improvement? How do you measure impact?*

*Student Achievement Data:*

* *Report Cards*
* *Classroom Observations*
* *Classroom Assessments*

Additional notes: it was discovered that there was gap in emotional and social learning. We want to encourage not giving up, trying and improve real life problem solving.

1. ***Equity Committee***

*On November 22nd, we shared an update regarding some of the work that has already been started and some of the work that we are still planning to implement.*

*School wide student presentation:*

*We are hoping to book a school wide student presentation and some student workshop opportunities from the AuntyB organization which is a TDSB approved vendor.*

*Wedgewood Equity Team:*

*We currently have two parent representatives on our Wedgewood Equity Team. We are grateful for the support of Andrea Thompson and Melani O’Leary. Please feel free to reach out to either Andrea or Melani if you have any ideas or suggestions.*

*Andrea –* [*athomps.m@gmail.com*](mailto:athomps.m@gmail.com)

*Melani – melani.o’leary@tdsb.on.ca*

*If you would like to join the Wedgewood Equity Team, please also feel free to contact me directly at* [*Nicole.lee@tdsb.on.ca*](mailto:Nicole.lee@tdsb.on.ca)

1. ***Equity/Diversity Section in the Wedgewood Library:***

*The parents on the Wedgewood Equity Committee will be collaborating with our school librarian to create a section in our school library that is dedicated to providing resources that students can sign out about topics related to equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-oppression.*

*We also have a very rich selection of classroom instructional resources that staff have been using as part of their classroom lessons.*

1. ***Partnership with School Social Worker:***

*If parents/guardians have any concerns that they are not comfortable sharing directly with classroom staff or the school Administrators, they can call the school and speak to our School Social worker, Joe on Wednesdays (416) 394-7150. Joe can also be reached by email at* [*jeong.han@tdsb.on.ca*](mailto:jeong.han@tdsb.on.ca)

*Joe can be a liaison to work with parents and school staff and whenever possible, Joe will try his very best to keep conversations confidential and to respect requests for anonymity.*

***e. ) Playground Safe Zone:***

*We have designated the grass area immediately south of the play structure all the way to the tree line by Gaylord Avenue as our playground safe zone.  A staff member is always on duty in this area of the playground and students who want to play quieter and less physical games, will be invited to spend time in this area.*

* 1. ***Other initiatives that our team is working on:***
* *To see if it is possible to create a parent survey so that we can get further input and feedback about these important issues from all parents.*
* *To create a box in the office where students can share their ideas and recommendations about things we can implement at Wedgewood. Students will also be able to anonymously share their thoughts and reflections with the school Administrators about anything they are feeling or would like to share.*
  1. ***EQAO Results from 2021-2022***

*We will be sending home the Individual Student Reports with the results for each grade three student who completed the EQAO assessments last spring.*

*Overall Summary Results:*

*Reading – 93.8 % of students at Wedgewood achieved level 3 or level 4*

*Writing – 78.1 % of students at Wedgewood achieved level 3 or level 4*

*Math – 78.2 % of students at Wedgewood achieved level 3 or level 4*

* 1. ***Wedgewood Winter Music Showcase (grades 1 – 5):***

*All Wedgewood families are invited to join us for our Winter Music Showcases on* ***Thursday December 22nd, 2022.***

*All grade 1s, 2s, and the grade 2/3 class (room 19) will be performing in the school gym from 8:40 a.m. to approximately 9:40 a.m.*

*All grade 3s, 4s and 5s will be performing in the school gym from 12:25 p.m. to approximately 1:25 p.m.*

* ***Kinder Families – Save the date…***

*December 16, 2022 - Kindergarten Families – please plan to join us in the gym for an hour of holiday fun including cookie decorating, a story and a craft during the morning or the afternoon.  More details to follow closer to the date.*

1. **TDSB School Councils**
   1. Final By-Laws Distribution: now available on [school website](https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/wedgewoodjs/Parents/WFSA-Meeting-Minutes)  
      <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/wedgewoodjs/docs/WFSA%20By-Laws.pdf>
   2. School Council Hybrid Meeting Set-up Guide from PCEO (next in-person meeting is May)

(our first hybrid meeting – please share feedback)

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Robin and Ashley provided the update**

**Fundraising outcomes:**

* + **Fall Fest** raised $7800!!
  + Poinsettias raised $683 going towards music
  + Sprit wear raised $1642 going towards Wedgewood community fund- money set aside for parents that need extra help with pizza or trips along with water and snacks.

**We discussed and approved the following allocation requests:**

* Skating: $300 additional dollars - bring total to $800

Increase skate program. – spent funds on skate assist. Help with the support bars to help children skate independently + Skate sharpening

* School wide holiday treat – $450 – last Wed
* Homeschool curriculum bundle – 96 USD
* Library Refresh - $1000 - Diversity and Inclusion (list of books below)
* Smart Board Request – $2000 – Room 13 - Kinder room.
* Teacher allocation increase to align with inflation. From $100 to $150 each teacher. 31 teaching staff - $1550

There will be a December Staff Meeting Pre-Brainstorm: How to use remaining funds during the

second half of the school year to enhance student experience and achievement? Some ideas to

get us started:

* **Coding Club** - bring in a company to run a coding club during lunch recess once a week? Maybe Lego Robotics?
* **Art Club** - bring in a company to run an art club once a week?
* **Reading/Writing Club** - is there a company that we can bring in to help support reading recovery and occupational therapy efforts with a club - especially after two years of so much online work?
* **School Performances** - bringing in a company to perform for the school (maybe in two groups to accommodate the students in the gym)?
* **School Workshops** - bringing in a company to talk to the students about a topic?
* **June Play Day** - have a really epic play day with bouncy castles, foam machines, etc.?
* **School Signage** - partnering with the school to fund an electronic exterior message sign and interior digital bulletin board?
* **Bussing** - do we need to think about how the school will continue to get more bus students from the condos, is there anything we can buy to help support safety - more safety vests for supervisors, coloured outdoor flags for line-ups, weather-proof clipboards, pylons, etc.?
* **Sports Teams** - uniforms, banners, etc.?

1. **Health & Safety Committee Update –** No updates.
2. **Wedgewood Equity Team Update - Melani and Andrea**
   1. **Overview of the Equity Team** – implementing a book refresh in library and discovered we are missing many meaningful books. Creating a diversity and inclusion section in the library. The team will put up Justice images such as Justice heroes/pride flag – representing equality. We will blow up book covers to hang on walls. Make it a fun place for kids to explore this section and an exciting place where kids can go and explore the books. Encourage materials into the classrooms and into homes.
   2. **TDSB ProGrant**: [School Council Innovation Grant](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Grants-for-Student-Need/School-Council-Innovation-Grant) (application due Dec 9th) –

* Fun idea to implement a 3 part event evening that will bring parents into school. Invite students that celebrates cultural tradition. Each family/group would be asked to design a puzzle piece. Have an artist to paint it – all in the essence to celebrate diversity. Possibility a dance and/or music performance to incorporate into the evening.
* Booth for services for new to country
* Parent engagement workshop
* Possible April time frame for event.
* An idea was proposed at the start of school year that parents identify what they celebrate and we create a calendar of celebration. To acknowledge all celebrations not just the most common.
  1. Lunch Recess Watch: Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Program – supervision join in on lunch recess to increase supervision as incidences may have happened on the playground during this time.

1. **Pizza Day Committee Update**
   1. Exploring payment by Pizza Nova Gift Cards – but its complicated and will look a this in the future. Ashley
   2. Second half of the year: Wed Feb 22nd to Wed Jun 7 (no pizza Jun 14 / 21 / 28)
      1. 15 Pizza Days, weekly
      2. Flyer goes home and CashOnline - Wednesday January 11th
      3. **Orders are due Monday, February 6th**
      4. Vegan and Gluten-Free options included on flyer
      5. Update volunteers to come at 10:30am to come earlier than the pizza - 6 spots
2. **Graduation Committee Update –** no updates
3. **Fundraising & Events Committee Update**
   1. Spiritwear update (Stephanie) - Items should be sent home the week of Dec 12th
      1. $34 raised for Indspire (Orange T-Shirts)
      2. $23 raised for International Day of Pink (Pink T-Shirts)
   2. Poinsettia Fundraiser (Brittani)
      1. Pick-up is Tuesday December 6th 4pm to 6pm at the bus loop
   3. Skating Program (Steph / Andrea T. / Ms. Hughes / Ms. Moroney)
      1. Update on equipment needs, schedule for skating not confirmed yet
   4. December Food Drive & Sock Drive - December 12th to 16th (Sarah W. and Melani)
      1. Flyers will go home soon, Students will be making posters for the school
      2. Reminder email will go out on Monday, December 12th
   5. Parent + Caregiver Wellness Evening - Mon, Feb 27th (Stephanie)
   6. Early Planning: Staff Appreciation - May 2nd
      1. Sarah W to lead the committee
   7. Early Planning: Fun Fest - May 27th 11am-2pm
      1. **Fun Fest Committee kick-off meeting on Zoom, January 17th 7pm to 8pm** - all parent/caregivers and staff are welcome to join the committee by joining this Zoom session: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/95399745541>
   8. Oliver’s Labels (Stephanie) - $47.36
      1. Proceeds this year will support the Grade 3 EQAO treats
   9. Event Outdoor Canopy Decision (Steph & Brittani)
      1. We allocated $400 at the October meeting, update on pricing:
         1. **Green Canopy with Logo - $900 with taxes and shipping**
         2. Green Canopy without Logo - $615 with taxes and shipping
4. **New Business**

* Next Meeting: **Monday, January 30th at 6:30pm** on Zoom <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/8432955598>

1. **Library Refresh – List of books**

9781534462984 1 Abdul’s Story 22.99 20 18.39 18.39

9781338574852 1 All Because You Matter 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

9781534485877 1 Beautifully Me 21.99 20 17.59 17.59

9781443464802 1 Because You Are 24.99 20 19.99 19.99

9780593521878 1 Being You: A First Conv 19.99 20 15.99 15.99

9780525579748 1 Big Feelings: From the 24.99 20 19.99 19.99

9780063021556 1 Butterfly Child 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

9781551527093 1 From the Stars in the S 21.95 20 17.56 17.56

9780525553366 1 Hair Love 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

9780316495301 1 Hair Twins 22.99 20 18.39 18.39

9781643794969 1 How We Can Live: Princi 26.95 20 21.56 21.56

9781443190084 1 I Can, Too! 8.99 20 7.19 7.19

9780544641013 1 I Like Myself! (Board B 11.99 20 9.59 9.59

9781551527796 1 I Promise 18.95 20 15.16 15.16

9781948340571 1 Intersectionallies: We 21.95 20 17.56 17.56

9780316486231 1 Invisible String,The 12.99 20 10.39 10.39

9781250302953 1 It Feels Good to Be You 23.50 20 18.80 18.80

9780981241234 1 Kamal’s Kes 24.95 20 19.96 19.96

9780593484623 1 Kindergarten: Where Kin 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

9781474986472 1 Life-The-Flap Questions 17.95 20 14.36 14.36

9781474995825 1 Lift-The-Flap Questions 17.95 20 14.36 14.36

9780062973863 1 Measuring Up 15.99 20 12.79 12.79

9781773217055 1 My Name is Saajin Singh 22.95 20 18.36 18.36

9780593426326 1 New Kid Welcome/Welcome 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

9780735266681 1 On the Trapline 21.99 20 17.59 17.59

9780593382639 1 Our Skin: A First Conve 11.99 20 9.59 9.59

9781771474658 1 Pink is for Everybody 19.95 20 15.96 15.96

9781459824843 1 Pride Puppy! 19.95 20 15.96 15.96

9780316441223 1 Princess Hair 11.99 20 9.59 9.59

9781773216195 1 Rabbit Chase 13.99 20 11.19 11.19

9781772602388 1 Runs with the Stars 19.95 20 15.96 15.96

9781773213743 1 Salma the Syrian Chef 10.99 20 8.79 8.79

9780593323892 1 Sam’s Super Seats 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

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9781773214474 1 Swift Fox All Along 10.99 20 8.79 8.79

9780987856753 1 Tony’s Wheels 12.95 20 10.36 10.36

9781536213430 1 Twas the Night Before P 23.99 20 19.19 19.19

9781338236132 1 Twins (Twins #1) 16.99 20 13.59 13.59

9781620147924 1 Under My Hijab 26.95 20 21.56 21.56

9781250203557 1 We Are Water Protectors 24.50 20 19.60 19.60

9780316542067 1 What Are Your Words?: A 22.99 20 18.39 18.39

9781536218565 1 What’s Your Name? 24.99 20 19.99 19.99

9781541596122 1 Where We Come from 24.99 20 19.99 19.99

9781515860914 1 Yasmin!:You Can Do it 7.95 20 6.36 6.36

9780593521885 1 Yes! No!: A First Conve 19.99 20 15.99 15.99

9781943147724 1 Your Name is a Song 21.95 20 17.56 17.56

9781534497610 1 Zara’s Rules for Findin 8.99 20 7.19 7.19

9781534411999 1 Zayd Saleem 01 Power Fo 8.99 20 7.19 7.19

9780358629399 1b Antiracist Kid,The: A B 18.50 20 14.80 14.80

9780525554226 1b Love Makes a Family 16.99 20 13.59 13.59

9781443107891 1b Nibi’s Water Song 19.99 20 15.99 15.99

9780807572368 1b Saturday at the Food Pa 24.99 20 19.99 19.99

9781849354042 1b We Move Together 23.95 20 19.16 19.16

9781644723289 1b We’re Better Together: 17.99 20 14.39 14.39

9781459825222 1b When We Are Kind 19.95 20 15.96 15.96

9781950500949 1b Young Activist’s Dictio 21.95 20 17.56 17.56

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