

Wedgewood Family & School Association



MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 31st, 2022
6:30pm - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Welcome and Attendance - Steph & Sarah W. (3 minutes)

Attendance:

Stephanie, Sarah, Ms Crljen,

Staff: Ms. Crljen, Mr Keil

Parents/Caregivers: Stephanie Holden, Sarah Welstead, Heather, Brittani Jarvis, Heather Schnurr, Pinar, Charu Bisht, Ashley Mehta, Naho K, Audrrey, Nicole

2. Update on Takeaway Items from Last Meeting - Steph (2 minutes)

- **December Snack Donations:** We quickly filled the three spots on Sign-Up. Thank you to everyone who donated for December!
- **January/February Snack Donations needed!** A new sign-up has been posted for January/February: <http://www.signup.com/go/wedgewood> Thanks Will for posting!
- **Holiday Food Drive Recap:** A big success with two overflowing Food Bank bins. Thank you to everyone who donated, and to Sarah W. for transporting the donations! We also received a very nice acknowledgement from the Daily Bread Food Bank, which included this: "Please take a moment to [watch this short video](#) that highlights the incredible impact you have enabled in 2021."
- **Winter Sock Drive Recap:** Thank you to everyone who donated socks to our first sock drive for Socks 4 Souls Canada. We donated 519 pairs of socks!!
- **Spiritwear Delivery Update:** Thank you for everyone's patience. Toques/fanny packs were sent home early last week. Hoodies and t-shirts arrived late last week and are in the process of being sent home (we are still chasing down 8 hoodies and 3 t-shirts from the supplier, more information to follow). Thank you to Melissa for coordinating!

PLEASE NOTE: If you have not received your Spiritwear, or received anything in error, or would like a refund, please send an email to wedgewoodfamilyandschool@gmail.com and we'll get you sorted.

3. Principal's Report - Principal Crljen (10 minutes)

School Safety Update: Vehicle traffic Drop-off Times

- Drop-off times most challenging due to all K-5 students starting school at 8:15 am
- End of day is better due to the offset dismissal time for kindergarten classes
- Kiss & Ride is strongly encouraged for Gr 1-5 students – It is well-used presently which is good to see; Yard duty starts @ 8:00 am so parent can drop-off and go with staff supervision in place.
- Parent message- Be patient. Be vigilant and aware of people around your car. No idling cars please.

Class Composite Photos

We are in the process for reviewing the class composites for accuracy. Once we send the edits to the photo company, they will create the final class composites for us to review again before their photos are printed. The large number of photo re-takes had to be matched to the correct class so it is taking extra time to get it right. Class group photos or composites are provided at no cost to students so all students will receive one.

Covid-19 Protocols

Based on the most updated TPH [COVID-19 guidance](#), **being in the same classroom cohort is NOT considered a close contact** because preventive and protective measures (masking, physical distancing, HEPA filters, etc.) are in place at school.

Daily ministry reporting of daily absentee #s

30% school absenteeism may result in school closure decision in consultation with TPH

Covid-19 Testing Methods

RAT & PCR test results are equally valid. 2 RAT tests were sent with each student last week.

As of today, 5 positive cases of students reported; no staff although close contacts so staff have been self-isolating. Out of the 5 student positive cases, 4 were verified using a RAT (convenient & accessible).

PCR testing with Sick Kids hospital continue until our school supply of PCR tests run out. No information about whether more RATs will be provided (based on supply chain & ministry funding)

Covid Communication:

- No more school-wide letters to notify of positive cases; only individual classes and staff notified
- parents notified to make informed decision about whether to send their kids to school
- Enhanced cleaning of the room when positive COVID is reported (part of COVID protocols)

Takeaway message for Parents/caregivers

- Ensure you complete a daily active screening using the health screening paper pass checklist or the App. It is essential to actively screen every morning before the child comes to school (not before)
- Follow the student & staff Covid-19 decision flow chart (Please call the school office to check if unsure)
- Reminder of TDSB mandatory mask policy – including the sidewalk near the kindergarten yard

Teachers will continue to use Google Classroom to post work for students who remain at home or are self-isolating.

Wedgewood devices

- Chromebooks -217 distributed, including Grade 5 1:1 devices (42)
- March 2020 central couriered devices to be returned to school -have been following up. Most of WJS device returned
- Another charging cart was ordered to house the returned chromebooks (32)

Valentine's Day

We will use the same protocols as we did for Halloween:

- No food-sharing policy (no eating of shared cupcakes or other treats in class)
- Valentine's day cards can be given out. Practice hand hygiene before students handle the cards to give out. Please make/use individual bags/envelopes for student to hand out in an organized physically distanced manner (e.g., small groups of students at a time)
- OPTIONAL CANDY/TREAT Class Donations: If families would like to donate candy or treats to your child's class, they can send it to school by **Thurs. Feb. 10th, 2022 to go home on Feb. 14th**.
- All donated candy/treats **must be individually wrapped and in unopened commercial packaging. NO NUT or PEANUT PRODUCTS!**
- Feb. 14th Spirit Day -Pink & Red or Wedgewood Spiritwear Clothing Day

March 10- 2 virtual performances, virtual interactive show times TBD

Michael Bourada Magician- Anti-bullying message focus

K-3 and Gr 4&5 (anti-bullying, social media/cyber bullying- safe internet use)

\$450 X 2 = \$900.

Michael the Magician/Mentalist - Canada's Most Followed Magician on Social with over 2.7 Million Followers!

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<https://bouradamagic.com/virtual/>

Pre-March Break (March 7-11) School Spirit Week Activities - Mr. Keil

Planning in-school activities for students – Final plan TBD but some possible activities are: school bingo, outdoor activity stations, art/colouring contest, door decorating challenge, inquiry of the day, etc.)

Mr Keil noted there would be an emphasis on in-school, participation-focused activities this year, to minimize the 'left-out' feeling of kids whose parents may have forgotten to dress them in a specific outfit or hairdo or whatever each day.

Ward 2 & Ward 3 Joint Ward Forum Virtual Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Trustees Nunziata and MacLean invite you to attend a meeting to discuss Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy in Wards 2 and 3. Special Guests Andrew Gowdy, System Planning Officer, Strategy and Planning, and Daniel Castaldo, Senior Manager, Planning will be in attendance to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Members of the South Eatonville Residents Association (SERA) will also be in attendance and will provide a presentation.

If you are interested in attending, please register:

<https://forms.gle/2DxBNrXGEky8EPgeA>

The meeting will be hosted on Zoom. Registrants will be sent a meeting invite with a link and call-in details for the session, on the day of the meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

- February is Kindergarten Registration Month
- Feb 10, 7-9 pm Ward 2 & 3 Joint Ward Forum Meeting- registration required
- Feb. 14 Pink & Red Clothing or Wedgewood Spiritwear Day
- Feb. 15 Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home (or emailed to virtual class families)
- Feb. 18- P.A. Day – (Parent-teacher Interviews) No school for students
- Feb. 21- Family Day – No School
- Feb. 22 – In-person & Virtual School Switch Start Date
- Feb. 28 @ 6:30 pm -WFSA Parent Workshop with Speaker Ann Douglas
- March 7-11 Pre-March Break In-school Activity Week
- March 10 Michael the Magician Virtual Interactive Show (K-3 & Gr 4&5, showtimes TBA)
- March 14-18- March Break

4. TDSB School Councils Update - Steph (10 minutes)

- a. Bylaw Update: We received the new template on January 11th and we need to determine which optional by-laws we will include in our new by-laws. Please review and provide feedback and input: [WFSA By-Laws Draft](#) (we will confirm at our March meeting our final selections)

Stephanie has attended the prescribed TDSB meetings for Family & School organizations like ours and has made some selections/edits to our bylaws that make sense for WFSA, including around social media, the way the bank account is handled, roles and their responsibilities, and how many representatives are required. Parents are encouraged to review the bylaws and submit their questions or concerns.

- i. With the new by-laws this is what our [WFSA Election Form](#) could look like for next year. Google Doc is open for commenting - we will confirm at our March meeting if anything needs to be adjusted.
 - ii. Next steps: We will adopt the by-laws by voting at the March meeting. Then Stephanie will complete the online by-law template on behalf of WFSA for submission to TDSB's Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO). The final by-laws will be sent back to Stephanie and Sooky within 1-2 business days for distribution to council members and parents/caregivers at the April meeting. We will also need to upload them to our webpage so they are easily accessible to parents/caregivers.
- b. TDSB Email Account for Council: Still having technical difficulties, Stephanie emailed TDSB again on January 7th. No response yet.
 - c. Fundraising Vendor List Survey: No update from TDSB yet.
 - d. TDSB Policy Survey - Naming Schools, Special-Purpose Areas, and Teams: To establish guiding principles and criteria for the naming and renaming of schools, special-purpose areas, and teams consistent with the Board's Mission, Values and Goals Policy and the Equity Policy commitments. [Survey](#) closes March 14th, 2022.

5. Treasurer's Report - Heather & Brittani (10 minutes)

- Budget Review and Allocations for second half of the school year
We will have another budget review and allocation at the May meeting to prepare for September 2022
Zoom Voting: all attendees (one per household) can vote when voting is called for
 - **For** - no action required

- **Against** - raise hand via Zoom
- **Abstain** - write "abstain" in chat
- As a result of some of the challenges with Spiritwear, we have had to adjust our profit levels from \$3300 to \$1700 on that initiative
- Because the kids will not be skating during phys ed this year, we have put \$500 back into the budget
- We are currently in a small budget shortfall of about \$850 if all items we've allocated are in fact used. This is not a huge concern at the moment, but it does mean that we will not be allocating any more funds until we have a cash positive standing

6. Health & Safety Update - Sarah K. (5 minutes)

- Request for Crossing Guard Update – nothing yet at all
- [VisionZero](#) assessment status – as per the Toronto Police, she has submitted the request and documentation but has heard nothing yet

7. Fundraising & Initiatives Update (15 minutes)

- Oliver's Labels update - Steph
 - i. currently at \$47.72
- Parent/Caregiver Outreach Workshop/Speaker - \$500 (from MOE funds) - Steph
 - i. [Ann Douglas](#) will conduct a Parent/Caregiver Zoom Workshop on February 28th at 6:30pm (in lieu of our regular meeting) use regular zoom link
 - ii. WFSA community was surveyed on 3 topics to choose from for the Workshop (13 responses total) and the most popular vote was **#2 - Happy Parents, Happy Kids** (77% of the vote)
 - iii. Ann's honorarium is \$850 plus HST. We will use the \$500 from MOE and then WFSA will cover the remaining cost.
- TDSB ProGrant: Human Rights, Equity, Anti-Racism/Indigenous/Black Racism - Pinar
 - i. Pinar applied to TDSB for the ProGrant on Friday December 3rd for an experienced diversity and inclusion consultant to conduct two virtual workshops that would be shaped based on a short survey sent to families for their perspectives (Thanks Pinar!)
 - ii. Pinar reports that we were turned down for the \$1500 grant, but that this appears to be simply that they had more applications than anticipated. We will apply again for the next round of grants.
- Cupcake Fundraiser for Scientists in the School - Brittani
 - i. We have confirmed with Bake Sale that they are interested and confirmed pricing: Voucher for 6 cupcakes for \$18, Retail Value \$22.80 (last year was Retail \$21.60) - WFSA makes \$6 per voucher (Brittani is confirming if other items are available to sell vouchers for)
 - ii. Proposed date: Pre-March break. Look for promotions to begin the last week in February.
 - iii. On the bottom of the flyer we will put a call for financial donations:
Cupcakes not your thing? No problem! You can donate funds directly to the school to help fund classroom resources, and receive a tax receipt. Visit schoolcashonline.com and login to your account. Click the Make a Donation button. Select Wedgewood Junior

School from the school dropdown menu. A donation receipt will be emailed to you. Thank you for supporting our school!

- May Staff Appreciation Lunch - Sarah
 - i. 49 staff this year
 - ii. We will be getting the 'lunch boxes' (pies + side dish) from Pie Commission along with cookies from Bake Sale
 - iii. Date: Tuesday May 3rd (also is National Teacher/Educator Appreciation Day)
 - iv. As always, we will be asking parents to contribute to this. Promotion will begin in mid-April.
- June Grade 5 Graduation Update - Pinar
 - i. Grad Photos - May 3rd (currently on hold due to Covid-19 protocols)
 - ii. More detailed planning for graduation will need to wait on TDSB guidelines for permissible activities
- Community Building Activities and Family Support - discussion lead by Sarah W
 - i. Looking for an opportunity to bring the Wedgewood community together in a way that would let us all have some safe social contact. Does not have to be a fundraiser.
 - ii. Ashley proposes an outdoor family scavenger hunt, and this is seconded by Stephanie.
 - iii. Ashley, Sarah K, Sarah W and Stephanie are meeting to map out some details and will report back.

8. New Business (5 minutes)

- Parent/Caregiver Workshop with Ann Douglas - February 28th at 6:30pm
- Please note that the February WFSA meeting will be replaced with the Workshop with Ann Douglas.
- Next Meeting Date - March 28th at 6:30pm

9. Adjournment

Note: On-hold for Future Discussion

- Spring Spiritwear - to be discussed at the March meeting
- Spring Outdoor Toy Drive - to be discussed at the March meeting, should we run in April?