

Wedgewood Family & School Association



MEETING AGENDA

Monday, November 29th, 2021
6:30pm - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Staff: Ms. Crljen, Mr. Hollingsworth

Parents: : Heather Schnurr, Stephanie Holden, Pinar Ozyetis, Nicole Hensen, Farah Hasham- Mackinnon, Sarah Welstead, Sarah Kelleher, Hari, Pokhrel, Nidhsih T

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

- **Sign-Up:** Will proceed with the renewal for \$100 USD (pre-approved at October meeting). We likely won't need it for skating volunteers. Ready to go for Pizza in September
- **Water & Snacks Donations:** Sarah W. hasn't been contacted further about the community outreach discussed in September's meeting, so we will continue to proceed with Sign-Up.com when needed.

We are running out of snacks – ***donations are appreciated and welcomed!***

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

Attaching Principals Remarks:

5-11 year old children- Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic at Wedgewood Save the Date 1 Dec. 13 & 14, 5-9 pm

TPH is running school-based vaccination clinics across the city. They informed me that they will set up a walk-in vaccination clinic in Wedgewood's gym, Dec, 13 & 14, 5-9 pm-Flyer and information will be provided, but hold the date if those dates are convenient for your family. Communication will be sent to families once I receive the information.
(Bloorlea has a pop up clinic on site if anyone wants to take advantage-no appt necessary)

If you have any specific questions related to Covid-19 vaccination for children between 5-11 years old, please contact TPH directly @ 416-338-7600 or for other questions such as travel outside of Canada.

Information webinars are being held on different days over the next (refer the recent Friday parent weekly update for dates and times) while to provide parents information directly from TPH to help parents who have questions and concerns about the vaccine to help them make the best informed choice for their children.

This continues to be an evolving situation and the Covid-19 school operational guidelines are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the changes from TPH and provincial authorities responsible for managing Covid-19.

Facilities Update

Wifi upgrade in Nov

Eaves repair by Door 1 (drip by the door) Work Notifications in Paved path from the bus loop to the front door Lighting at the back of the school by Portable 3 PA System speaker repair at the back of the school

Program Update

Gr. 3 CCAT-7 universal screening test for Gifted completed Nov. 19 New this year- Online format Not Ontario-curriculum based assessment (like EQAO)

CCAT-7 Tests reasoning ability- verbal, non-verbal and quantitative Scoring based on age-referenced norms 100% participation rate for Gr 3 students (77 students) both in-person and in the virtual class participated. Upcoming Dates

CCAT-7 assessment results and cover letter were sent to parents with an individualized reasoning ability profile based on scoring results for each student.

Following Spec. ed. procedures for students who met the criteria for next steps.

Outdoor Skating Program

5 classes-Gr 4 & 5 & Portable 3 (Gr 3-4) will participate, starting mid-January. Oldest student classes selected because due to current Covid-19 guidelines, no parent volunteers are permissible at this time so will run with Wedgewood staff. Parent survey was sent today to collect information about helmet and skate needs.

Mathup Online Update- Gr 5 teacher, Chris Hollingsworth
Overview & Cost \$699/year (Good for both Grade 5 classes)

Health and Safety

School Zone Traffic

Almost 500 students- 8-1:15 am

Observation- more busy before school, then after Gr 1-5 Kiss and Ride - working for families who are using it- Thanks for starting it up again Limited by how many staff are on duty schedule City parking lot is busy Walk to school encouraged Slow down message to drivers No parking areas Stop at stop signs (larger size) Pedestrians stay alert to your surroundings

Holiday Video

Every class is preparing a short message or skit to wish Wedgewood families happy holidays. The video link will be sent to families the last week before the holiday break.

Upcoming Dates:

UPCOMING DATES (Subject to Change)

Nov. 30 - Basket Raffle Draw @ 7 pm via Zoom

(Meeting ID: 835 2916 4594 & Passcode: 2b69RA)

Dec. 2 - Photos Re-take Day & Sibling Photo Day (Please remind your children)

Dec. 6-10 -Daily Bread Food Bank -Holiday Food Donation Drive Dec 13 & 14 Vaccination Clinic (gym- 5 - 9 pm)

Dec.13-17 -‘Socks 4 Souls Canada’ Charity Sock Drive

Dec.13-17 School Spirit Week- More info to come.

Dec. 16 Holiday Video link sent

Dec.17- Last Day of School 2021

Dec. 20-31 -Winter Break

Jan. 3 -Day 1- School Returns

Days of Significance- November to January

Nov. 28 - Dec. 6 – Hannukah (Judaism)

Dec. 12- Birthday of Iman Aga Khan (Islam)

Dec. 21- Yule- Winter Solstice (Wiccan/Pagan)

Dec. 25- Christmas (Christianity-Gregorian Calendar)

Dec. 26- Jan. 1- Kwanzaa (African Canadian/American)

Jan. 1 -New Year’s Day (Gregorian Calendar)

Jan. 7- Christmas (Christianity- Orthodox, Julian Calendar)

Jan. 9 - Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday (Sikhism)

Jan. 13- Maghi & Punjabi Lohri (Sikhism)

Jan. 13- Pasha Putrada Ekadashi & Mankara Sankranti (Hinduism)

Jan.14 - New Year’s Day (Christianity-Orthodox, Julian Calendar)

Jan. 14-17 -Thai Pongal (Hinduism-Tamil)

Jan. 18 -Mahayana New Year -1st Full Moon (Buddhism)

Jan. 27- St. Sava Devine Day (Christianity- Serbian Orthodox)

More on Math Up: Mr. Hollingsworth provided us a Demo if the program

- Program is board wide in Halton
- Math program with lessons and professional guides
- There are topics and lessons for 5 days. Has interactive videos
- There is assessment for learnings and learning goals.
- There is also extension work if student is mastering current topic
- Can copy link and send to student if they are home – work from home capability- posted to google classroom.
- Downloadable – PDF and whiteboard format to project on screen
- Act as a guide for teacher. Updated/Current math lessons.
- Showcases what successes looks like
- Can additionally assist students on IEP – different entry points.

- A class can work through the problem together
- Also delivers coding and financial literacy lessons
- \$699 per class a year.

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

- a. School Statement of Needs (SSON) Feedback: This is developed annually in the fall and is due end of November. The superintendent will complete their section when it becomes known that there may be a principal vacancy. The School Statement of Needs document shall reflect needs that are specific to the school and community.
 - i. Wedgewood SSON 2021-22 Draft - minor updates from last year, new suggested addition of *"Supportive of our Outdoor Green Space and EcoSchool Certification"*.

- b. Secondary School Review - Specialized School and Programs Consultation: The Policy Consultation will close on **December 17th, 2021**. For feedback - take their online survey, or share with thoughts, questions and recommendations by email at secondaryreview@tdsb.on.ca

Applies to parents to our school. Available equally across the board. Equity. Something to note.

- c. Bylaw Update: The Board will be rolling out a TDSB bylaw template for all School Councils for adoption. We will be required to amend the existing constitution to align with the TDSB template.
 - i. Stephanie attended the TDSB Bylaws Zoom Workshop on November 18th 10am-12pm and is awaiting to receive the new template. We will discuss this at the January meeting.

This will effect how we vote ect.

- d. TDSB Email Account for Council: Chairs are required to activate the TDSB School Council shared email account: SC.wedgewood@tdsb.on.ca - gives WFSA access to TDSB Zoom account and SchoolMessenger (enables broadcast email messages to be sent to the parents/caregivers of Wedgewood - the list of parents/caregivers is automatically updated daily by TDSB)
 - i. Currently having technical difficulties getting set-up, contacted TDSB and awaiting reply. Many councils seem to be experiencing the same issue getting set-up.
 - ii. Once set-up... Let's continue with our current process for the remainder of the year and consider switching over to the TDSB email as a clean switch in September 2022? Less confusing to switch over at the start of a school year?

- e. Fundraising Vendors: A survey will be shared with School Councils to gather input on the fundraising vendors they wish to see added to the [list of approved vendors](#). By completing the survey, schools are entered into a draw and may win a prize donated by an approved fundraising vendor.
 - i. Stephanie has reached out to the TDSB contact to find out the timeline for the survey. No response yet.

- ii. Should WFSa ask the greater school community to send in any suggestions (via Google Form?), or should we just discuss vendor ideas at the following WFSa meeting when we receive the survey?
Some suggestions: *Oliver's Labels, Bake Sale, Domino's, Pizza Nova, Poinsettia Fundraiser (i.e., Bradford Greenhouses)*
 Some that are connected to the community. Increased set of vendors.

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

- a. Funds for Council from TDSB: Each September councils are allocated funds within the school budget to support the priorities of the School Council. \$1.25/pp (477 students at time of budget x \$1.25=\$596). These funds can be used for things like photocopying, supplies, movie license, caregivers at in-person WFSa meetings, etc.
- b. Funds for Council from Ministry of Education: In December, the MOE allocates council \$500 to support parent/caregiver outreach. For example, a speaker or workshop that benefits the parents/caregivers of Wedgewood.
 - i. If anyone has any ideas on a good topic or speaker, please let Stephanie know or email wedgewoodfamilyandschool@gmail.com and we can discuss options at the January meeting - *Ideas: Mental Health? Parenting? Anti-Bullying? Home-to-School Connection? Anxiety? Teaching kids to be safe online? Pandemic Parenting.*
- c. TDSB Grants: School Councils may submit one request for up to \$1,500 to support initiatives/activities that engage parents/caregivers (including virtual), and build School Councils' capacity around [Human Rights, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Indigenous and Anti-Black Racism](#).
 - i. **Applications are due no later than 5:00pm on December 3, 2021.**
Examples of activities: *Workshops, Training session, Information sessions with guest speakers, Parent Resource Creation, Conversation Circles, Artistic evenings expressions. Not eligible: Student initiatives, Staffing initiatives (appreciation, payment for presentations, etc.), Equipment purchases, Previous year expenditures*
- d. Monthly Cash Flow & Remaining Allocations:
 - Grade 4 - Allocation Scientists in the School? (Knowledgehook used instead of MathUp)
 - Grade 5 - Allocation for Math-Up or Scientists in the School?
 - March 2022 All School Performance? - \$1200
 - Balance of Teacher Allocations? - \$1200
 - Movie License - \$429.40 (from TDSB funds)
 - Parent/Caregiver Outreach Workshop/Speaker (TBD) - \$500 (from MOE funds)
 - Human Rights, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Indigenous and Anti-Black Racism Engagement (TBD) - up to \$1500 (from TDSB grants, if we apply and are approved)

Voting process via Zoom: 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

Summarizing the **approved** allocations:

Scientist in the School - Grade 4/5 = $\$230 \times 5 = \1150

Math up - Grade 5 - \$699

School Virtual Performance - \$1200

Remaining Teacher Allocations $\$50 \times 24 = \1200

Total = \$4249

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

- “Slow Down” lawn signs provided by Councillor added to Swan last week of October
- Morning Kiss & Ride with Staff Volunteers re-launched week of Nov 15th (thanks Sooky!)
- Request for Crossing Guard Update – application submitted principal’s request. Councilor to do this as well. And not heard back.
- [VisionZero](#) assessment status – speed signs - zebra marked

7. Fundraising & Initiatives Update (15 minutes)

- a. Oliver’s Labels update - Steph
 - i. We are at \$37.37 commission
- b. Spiritwear update - Melissa
 - i. **1-2 volunteers needed for the sorting** week of December 13th, date/time TBC - please reach out to Melissa directly or email wedgewoodfamilyandschool@gmail.com if interested
 - ii. Pink t-shirt sales total $53 \times \$1 = \text{Total } \53.00 for WFSA Donation to International Day of Pink (Heather has mailed the cheque, thanks Heather!)

Funds raised: \$3300 for Spirit wear.

- c. November Basket Raffles - Steph
 - i. Reminder: Zoom draw tomorrow night (Nov 30) at 7pm
 - display: run generator/share screen **Steph**
 - announcer: announcer for winners **Heather**
 - helper: double check/record winners **Farah**

Fund raised: \$4291

- d. November Virtual Scholastic Book Fair (Nov 8-21) - Steph
 - Total Sales = \$632.70
 - Scholastic Rewards Earned for Wedgewood = \$126.54 (*plus carryover of \$54.24 from last year for a total of \$180.78 - 24 months to redeem from fair date*)
- e. Holiday Food Drive (Dec 6-10)
 - i. Stephanie picked up 2 bins for the school for collection

- ii. We will donate the food to the Fire Station on Burnhamthorpe or the Daily Bread Food Bank Warehouse (near QEW & Islington) - **would anyone like to volunteer to transport the food?**

Thank you, Sarah for volunteering to deliver the food.

- f. Winter Sock Drive for Socks 4 Souls Canada (Dec 13-17) - Stephanie
 - i. We are looking for new pairs of adult socks for our Winter Sock Drive for Socks 4 Souls Canada. Please send in your donation with your child to add to the bin at the Main Office from December 13th to 17th.
 - ii. Why Socks? Socks are the item of clothing most needed in homeless shelters. They're also the least donated. Clean socks keep feet warm and dry and prevent skin breakdown, blisters and infection. This is important for a homeless person because their feet are their main mode of transportation – to get to shelters, to get to meals, to get to job interviews.
 - iii. Socks 4 Souls Canada is a non-profit, primarily volunteer-run organization committed to providing homeless people with warmth, comfort, dignity, mobility and health through new socks. Good foot health has a tremendous impact on one's ability to seek food, shelter, medical care and other social services. Learn more at <https://www.socks4soulsCanada.com>
 - iv. Stephanie will pick up the socks on the 17th, bundle and deliver to Socks 4 Souls (we will incur a small expense of clear bags and elastics to bundle as per their standards - tbc)
 - g. For Discussion: Cupcake Vouchers with Bake Sale at Six Points
 - i. Stephanie has confirmed with Bake Sale that they are interested and confirmed pricing
 - ii. Voucher for 6 cupcakes for \$18, Retail Value \$22.80 (last year was Retail \$21.60) - WFSA makes \$6 per voucher
 - iii. Do we want to run this and what is our purpose for fundraising: School Performance? Field Trips? Literacy Resources? Classroom Resources?
 - iv. Do we want to increase pricing to fundraise more since retail has gone up?
 - v. Who wants to coordinate this year? (Pinar coordinated last year)
 - vi. Proposed dates (one or both?):
 - 1. Pre-Valentine's January 24-February 4 (distribute cards by Feb 11)
 - 2. Pre-Easter/Spring March 28-April 8 (distribute cards by April 14)
 - vii. On the back of the cupcake flyers, do we want to 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!
- We will hold off on cupcakes and discuss again in new year.
- h. Grade 5 Graduation - Pinar
 - i. Grad Photos with sash and gown by Clear Images will be on May 3rd. Covid-19 protocols will be in-place. All students will be photographed for the graduation composite and parents wishing to order additional

individual enlargements will have the option similar to regular school photos.

Sash and Gown – provided to families.

Grade 5 camp – likely not over night but possibly a day trip. Outdoor – Excursion.

8. New Business (5 minutes)

- Other new business from the floor?
- Next Meeting Date - January 31st at 6:30pm - Part 2 Budget Meeting (no December meeting)

9. Adjournment - See you in the new year!

Note: On-hold for Future Discussion

- *TBC: Pizza Days vendor selection - Ashley & Melani*
- *Staff Appreciation Lunch (to be discussed at January meeting)*
- *Spring Spiritwear (t-shirts including orange and baseball cap? maybe a zip-up hoodie? do we want to try an online shop without a fundraising component for spring?) - Melissa*
- *May Oliver's Labels pre-camp advertising - Steph*