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WFSA Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 27th, 2021

Attendees

Principal: Ms. Crljen

Staff: Ms. Allen (Grade 1)

Parents: Heather Schnurr, Jennifer Segalowitz (past Treasurer) Stephanie Holden, Sarah Welstead, Ashley Mehta, Farah Hasham-Mackinnon, Sarah Kelleher, Steve Keo, Katherine Keo, Sarah K, Melanie O'leary, Charu Bisht, Brittan J, Padma, Delynn West, Nicole, Will VanderBurgh, Sana, Suheel Mattas, Hari, Shivan Mishra, Maria Kartzi, Alyson, Allana

1. Principal's Remarks/Ms. Crljen

Thank you to the whole school community, staff, caretakers, office staff and parents for supporting a successful school opening

General school info

- Current enrolment is 502
- 49 staff
- 35 students virtual school this year
- 135 more kids back to in-person than last year.
- Every class and 3 portables being utilized- 135 students returning from VS last year.
- school reorganization attendance date is Thurs. Sept. 30- delayed from Sept. 23 due to organization of virtual classroom across the system. Up to Oct. 12 for school reorganization changes to take effect (Planning department monitors daily attendance #s for the opening month of the school year) Kinder class caps 29 (10 % of classes across TDSB can go over cap with cap exemptions granted)
- Gr 1-3 class cap 20 (10% of classes across TDSB can go over cap) Gr ¾ class cap 23 Gr 4-8 -target, no caps
- 21 classes K-5, incl 1 VS
- 5 Kinder
- 10 Gr 1-3 classes
- 1 gr ¾
- 4 Gr 4 & 5 classes
- 1 Gr 2/3 Virtual class

- WJS is hosting one Gr 2/3 Virtual class comprised of students from several area schools

Facility Update

- Summer Project- Rooftop A/C unit for library was replaced in July. Library will be designated cooling room for classes if needed – computer lab Additional water bottle filling station installed in summer for a total of 2 (West hall & outside main office) Austin commercial- grade Hepa units in every room Internet Strength upgrade PA systems installed Window screen replacement job notification Facility wishlist- floor tiling in South Hallway

Toronto Public Health

- Ongoing review and revisions as needed
- Parents are to contact the hotline directly for specific questions for families **416-338-7600**
- Mandatory Mask for all adults indoors and outdoors
- No food sharing- Covid-19 & Severe food allergy Use daily Health Screening Tool – Active daily screening Return to School Health Attestation form after illness with Covid-19 specific symptoms
- Covid-19 positive case reporting- Clear guidelines, communication letters are standardized; cannot share information beyond what is allowed due to legal obligation to uphold privacy
- Getting better with lates and no health pass line ups at the office.
- Fallfest/Fall fairs are not allowed

Office Contact

- 8:15-8:45 and 2:15-2:50 (school entry & dismissal times) are the busiest times at the office. If you need to contact us, thanks for your patience, If it's not an urgent matter, please call the school around these times.

Photo Day- Vendor mandatory vaccination verification of all photo staff

Curriculum Night – will happen, more info to come after reorg date

Bussing- Communication with school is being requested if child is not riding the bus to alleviate unnecessary delays

Program Update:

- Focus on mental health and well being
- TPH priority is to keep schools open
- Academic program – capturing baseline reading data (k-3); casi reading assessment baseline
- Library is open and teacher librarian (Ms. Star) was re-opened
- This year grade 3 – universal screen test for gifted learners (CCAT-7) they have moved to an online format (instead of bubble sheet) – test of reasoning ability

Technology Update:

- 3 boxes of chromebooks have been returned – which is majority of what was lent out.

- We are one charging cart short
- Ministry funded program – every grade 5 and grade 9 student will receive a personal chromebook
- We are in a good place for chromebooks

Emergency procedures – 3 fire drills, one full lockdown (in the fall and spring) to be conducted

Extra Curricular Activities: still on hold for now, focus on kids 12 and above; virtual clubs can happen

Upcoming Dates

- Wed. Sept. 29 - Terry Fox Walk/Run -afternoon
- Thurs. Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day- Remembrance of Child Victims -lost CHILDREN AND Survivors of Residential Schools
- Oct. 11 - Thanksgiving Monday- No school
- Oct. 12 - Saliva-testing Program Begins (Sick Kids Hospital Partnership)
- Oct. 21 - IEPs updated and going home
- Oct. 29 - Halloween Party - TPH to advise on what modified activities can happen (there will be something!)
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day
- Nov. 16 - Progress Reports Home
- Nov. 19 - PA Day Progress Report Parent-Teacher Conferences

2. 2020/21 Financial Update update/ Jenn Segalowitz (past Treasurer)

- Started 2020 school year with apx 15K
- Last year fundraising was limited but included: Spirit wear, Basket raffle and a few other items
- we raised apx 13K in revenue (5K in Cost) to net 8K
- Spent apx **23K** in total (bulk of it was 18K on technology – (including 21 chromebooks, smart tv, charging cart)
- Apx 4K remaining to start the 2021/22 school year
- Budget meeting to be held at next WFSA meeting on October 25

3. Voting for council

The following positions were filled:

Chair: Stephanie Holden

Secretary: Farah Hasham-MacKinnon

Treasurer: Heather Schnurr and Brittani Jarvis

Communications: Sarah Welstead

Health & Safety Representatives: Sarah Kelleher and Melani O'Leary

Grade 5 Grad Coordinator: Pinar Ozyetis

Pizza Day Coordinator: Ashley Mehta and Melani O'Leary

Spirit Wear Coordinator: Melissa Knight

Note: WFSA charter to be consulted to confirm which members are voting. **Steph** confirmed at next meeting.

4. New Business

Outdoor Toy Donations

- no immediate need for outdoor sand toys - revisit in the spring;
- drive for balls would be great

Water & Snacks Donations

In the past years WFSA parents have donated waters and snacks for kids that have forgot to bring.

Stephanie will co-ordinate with Judy/Rebecca in the office on requirements and work with **Will** to update Sign.up for parent donations

Question: was raised as to whether we would be open to solicit businesses for donations. **Sani** to reach out to Sarah Welstead with a recommended proposal.

Oliver's Labels - update from Stephanie – \$14.80 raised to date

School Photos – there is approval to go ahead with photo day. Board approved vendors are going through staff vaccination review.

Basket Raffle:

- there is a desire to run this event again this year. It was well received by students and parents
- **Steph** will send a description of what we did last year to Ms. Crljen to confirm no concerns to proceed.
- Further details to be discussed at next WFSA meeting

Next Meeting Date - October 25th at 6:30pm