

Wedgewood Family & School Association



MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 28th, 2022
6:30pm - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Welcome and Attendance - Steph & Farah (2 minutes)

Staff: Ms. Crljen, Ms. Allen

Parents: Sarah Welstead, Brittani Jarvis, Sareena, Stephanie Holden, Alyson, Sarah K, Farah Hasham-Mackinnon

2. Update on Takeaway Items from Last Meeting - Steph (8 minutes)

- January/February Snack Donations: Thank you to everyone who donated snacks to the office. We really appreciate the support! If you would like to donate snacks and/or water for March, please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/wedgewood>. There is quite a few spots still available.
- Winter Gear Donations (snow pants and mittens/gloves): Thank you to everyone who donated snow pants and mittens/gloves for the office to have on hand. Maybe we should consider running a winter gear drive next fall, TBD next year.
- Spiritwear Outstanding Orders: The outstanding t-shirts and hoodies were distributed the week of Feb 14th. Yay! We have 3 adult size large grey t-shirts remaining. If you would like to purchase one, please send a cheque for \$15 (made out to Wedgewood Family and School Association) to the office.
- February Joint Ward 2 & 3 Forum: Stephanie attended the evening virtual forum on Thursday, February 10th at 7pm:
 - Mostly focused on the increased amount of development in our ward and the pressure that it puts on schools, as well as it covered the need for funding for a large backlog of repairs board-wide for aging schools
 - Wedgewood JS was highlighted frequently in the presentation
 - Over 27,000 new residential units that are proposed, approved, or under construction within the attendance area of Ward 2 elementary schools

- **17,266 of those new residential units fall within Wedgewood's area**
 - Portables and/or residential development redirection to other Ward 2 schools are not the board's preferred long-term methods to accommodate students, these are more used for transitional periods to temporarily manage growth
 - A study will be conducted to consider relocating the Etobicoke Year Rounds Alt. Centre from the Silver Hill site to Burnhamthorpe CI
 - **The results of this study should make the Silver Hill site available for a new elementary school to be built to accommodate the growing enrolment in the Wedgewood area** (this included an estimated date of 2024-25)
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- February Parent/Caregiver Workshop: Thank you to everyone who attended this workshop featuring Ann Douglas. It was a heart-warming and thoughtful session. We learned that we are all doing our best as parents/caregivers, and we should try to cut ourselves (and each other!) some slack. Ann gave great ideas on how to alleviate some parenting stress and anxiety, while reminding us the most important things we can do for our kids is love, listen to, and support them. We had 26 participants joining Ann in the Zoom call.
 - February Cupcake Fundraiser for Scientists in the School: Thank you to Brittani for running our cupcake fundraiser this year. We raised \$496 for the Scientists in the School workshops!
 - March Community Scavenger Hunt: Thank you to Ashley, Sarah K. and Sarah W. for organizing this fun-filled event. We had 56 submissions to the Google Form, plus many more attended. Thank you to [Frenchie's Doughnuts](#) on Bloor (by Six Points Plaza) who donated three gift certificates for our prizes!

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

Inserting Principals Remarks:

March 28 WFSA Meeting – Principal's Report

Updated Covid-19 Operational Guidelines

- *with the changes, we continue to be committed to ensuring that we maintain a safe, caring, respectful, inclusive and school*
- *non-mandatory masks (personal choice respected)*
- *end of cohorting and designated yard playzones*
- *masks provided to all staff & extra masks to students who wish to use them*
- *use of hepa filters and ventilation measures such as opening windows continue*
- *RAT tests will continue to be provided as well as Sick Kids Outreach Program PCR tests (to be dropped of to designated locations)*

-student and staff should continue to self-assess for symptoms before school but no longer need to use the app or the paper health form
-still issuing class letters & staff communication to notify of positive cases
-daily student and staff absence reported is submitted to the ministry -music classes with no conditions

Other school operational details, e.g., Extracurriculars -- Can be introduced with a 'planned, thoughtful & phased-in approach based on local school needs & staffing.'

-Water bottle filling stations in use (2); water fountains remain closed
-group seating in class is allowed without physically distancing requirement
-in-person graduations
-extracurriculars can be introduced as 'resources allow (e.g., staff volunteers to facilitate)
-"In consultation with the Principal, School Councils may continue virtual or resume in-person meetings"
-"In consultation with the Principal, School Councils may resume fund-raising activities, including fun fairs. When booking vendors, please consider refund policies."
-Google Classroom online platform will still be active & in use for the remainder of the year

We discussed: Extra Curricular activities will be a planned phased in approach based on needs and staffing. Reliant on TDESSA (Toronto District Elementary School Athletic Association) An Association of teacher convenors who volunteer to organize sporting tournaments across TDSB.

Chromebook & Charging Cart Summary

-217 were lent out during last remote learning
-all organized as of last week- checked, cleaned and fully charged, ready for use

EQAO-Grade 3 Primary Division Test- New Online Format this year (on hold past 2 years)

-Timeframe to complete in all Ontario elementary schools is May to June 24.
-Teacher and Admin training sessions currently scheduled
-WJS Gr 3 Testing Dates TBD- Approx. week of June 13th (last day to complete June 24)

Grade 5 Grad- Photo Day- Tues. May 3 & Grad Celebration- Tues. June 28 @ 1:30 pm (In Person)

Class Composite Photos Update- Thanks to everyone for patience.

Final last approval this week, then ready for print. Printing is easy part- Editing process took time to get it right. Re-takes and photo codes added additional work. No-cost service from photographer- every student and staff receive one.

2022-2023 School Planning

Projected enrolment for September 500, currently 505 110% capacity Staffing Timelines established by Employee Services

Staffing timelines delayed until mid-April to reflect the parent request for virtual class online form that closed March 21, 2022. No switch dates for virtual class next year is planned.

City of Toronto Martin Grove Road Bikeway Stakeholder Community Consultation Meeting

April 6th @ 6:30 pm- All welcome to attend (link to follow)

Upcoming Dates (Info will be repeated in the weekly parent update, as well)

April 4-8 Outdoor Toy Drive

April 6 Martin Grove Bikeway Stakeholder Consultation Meeting @ 6:30 (link to follow)

April 13 International Day of Pink (Wear Pink to support Anti-Discrimination & Anti-bullying Awareness)

April 15 & 18 – No School (Easter)

Gr 1-5 Running Club starts Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tues. April 19th @ 11:05 am

April 22- Earth Day- School Yard Clean-up

April 25 @ 6:30 pm WFSA Meeting

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

- a. Bylaw Update: [WFSA By-Laws Draft](#) Vote to proceed with:
 - i. **Number of elected parent/caregivers**: entering 10
 - ii. **Conflict resolution timeline**: selecting 2-3 months
 - iii. **Opting in**: roles and responsibilities, detailed social media rules, finances with separate council bank account, committees guidelines
 - iv. **Opting out**: student rep, home and school rep, finances with non-board account

Zoom Voting: all attendees (one per household) can vote

For - no action required

Against - raise hand via Zoom

Abstain - write "abstain" in chat

Outcome: (No one opposed)

- b. New Election Form: Any adjustments for the [WFSA Election Form](#)? Send out at end of year – framework of positions. Any feedback please provide. Shared on google docs in the agenda. Open for comments from anyone.
- c. TDSB Email Account for Council: Sooky and Stephanie are working with TDSB on getting access.
- d. Fundraising Vendor List Survey: No update yet from TDSB.

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

- a. Monthly Cash Flow & Remaining Allocations
 - i. **Grade 1-5 Running Club** Supplies Proposal - \$1500 - Supplies includes: Name Tags to be placed on necklaces (shaped like a foot) plus use of QR Codes when students cross the finish line. Cookie fundraiser will go towards this cause!
 - ii. **Remaining Allocations**: \$7560 allocated to:

Scientist in School :	\$3,650
Raz Kids :	\$51
Grade 5 Grad	\$1000

Teacher allocation	\$2,300
Sign up	\$130
Parent Speaker	\$461.00
Virtual School Performance	(32)
Leaving \$263.03 based on no additional funding.	

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

- a. City Parking Lot - Bike Lane through Wedgewood Park - Steph
The City of Toronto's [Cycling Network Plan](#) plans: to build on the existing network of cycling routes, connect gaps in the current network, grow the network into new parts of the city, and renew existing parts of the network to improve safety.

Transportation Service staff are reaching out to stakeholders and the public to present design concepts including for a [potential trail connection](#) through Wedgewood Park and receive feedback.

A special virtual meeting for the Wedgewood School Community will be on **Wednesday April 6th from 6:30pm-8pm** via [WebEx](#)

- Principal Requested for More lawn signs to slow down.
- Participant questioned: House being torn down and rebuilt - Will this effect school traffic or create issues ?

7. Fundraising & Initiatives Update (15 minutes)

- a. Oliver's Labels update - Steph
 - i. \$47.72 (same as January's update)
Stephanie will request the cheque after our May meeting to put towards our 2021-2022 balance
- b. Spring Outdoor Toy Drive (April 4-8) – Steph
 - i. We are looking for donations of new or used outdoor toys in good condition for students to play with during outdoor time. April 4-8. Please send in any donations with your child(ren) to add to the main office bin. Thank you for your support!
 - Soccer Balls, Basketballs, Footballs, Tennis Balls, Hula Hoops, Sand Toys, Wiffle Balls and Rubber Balls
- c. May Staff Appreciation Lunch (May 3rd) - Sarah W.
 - i. Collect Funds: April 11 to 22
Collect Staff Orders: Monday April 25 to Thursday April 28

Place Order with Vendor: Friday April 29

Staff Lunch: Tuesday May 3 (delivery of food at 10:45am to main door)

- ii. Lunch will be ordered from The Pie Commission and potentially a baked treat from Bake Sale - 49 staff members this year

- d. We discussed: Pizza Days – Suggested every Thursday in May and June.
 - i. Pizza committee (led by Ashley), need to discuss vendor selection and guidance from TDSB/TPH
 - ii. Looking for volunteers to assist

- e. We Discussed: May Terracotta Cookies Fundraiser - Steph / Heather / Ashley
 - i. "Cookie Days" every Wednesday in May.
 - ii. CashOnline \$8 per student (for all 4 cookie days, \$2/cookie)
Cost to WFSA is ~\$2.54 per order, so we could make ~\$5.46 per order (depending on how many extras we order because it goes by case for ordering - 72 cookies per case)
 - iii. Collect via CashOnline April 11 to 22 (first week's order placed with Terracotta on Tuesday April 26)
 - iv. Terracotta cookies are individually wrapped, 100% nut and peanut free, and they are a TDSB approved vendor. All cookie ingredients can be found [here](#).
 - v. An invoice comes with the shipment and we can pay by cheque to Terracotta. Delivery is free over \$100 (which will be easy for us to meet).
 - vi. WFSA co-ordinator(s) would receive the shipments from Terracotta each week on Tuesday and break the cookies into delivery bags by classroom with a student list of who ordered for easy distribution each Wednesday by the Teacher before lunch?
 - vii. Suggested:
Wed May 4 - Chocolate Chip DeLite (cost \$0.63/cookie)
Wed May 11 - Vanilla Butterfly (cost \$0.65/cookie)
Wed May 18 - Fudge Chip DeLite (cost \$0.63/cookie)
Wed May 25 - Funfetti DeLite (cost \$0.63/cookie)
 - viii. Could this support Grad? or should it support RAZ Kids? or maybe Running Club? – To Support Running Club – confirmed.
 - ix. Staff could also order if they are interested :)

- f. For Discussion: Fun Fest "Light" Sat May 28, 11am-2pm (guidance from TDSB/TPH?)

Funfest Light: Leave all the food to the food truck, bouncy council, silent auction, a DJ

 - Will create a mini working committee to make it happen

- g. June Grade 5 Graduation Update - Pinar
 - i. Grad Photos - Tuesday May 3rd

- ii. There may be a day trip vs overnight.

8. New Business (5 minutes)

- Next Meeting Date - April 25th at 6:30pm
Final Meeting of School Year - May 30th at 6:30pm
Elections and First Meeting of 2022 - September 26th at 6:30pm
- Possible Middle School visit for Grade 5's – To local school BloorLea

9. Adjournment