

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, November 7, 2016

John Wanless Junior Public School Parent Council Meeting – JWPS Library

Attendees:

Joy Futerman	Lesley Logan	Maria Smirnova	Liddy Beck
Deidre Deacon	Liz Phipps	Ray Fischer	Irina Issakova
Diang lu	Jana Ball	Kristina Clarke	Madeleine Loewenberg
Christene Hansen	Sheila Merer	Patti Ensor	Gillian Pearl
Sandra Larosa	Katherine Stuart	Heather Halnan	Mark Burton
Peter Boross-Harmer	Angela Newbery	Jeffrey Roberts	Linda Grant
Claire Rankine	Elaine Rapos	Sara Kussner	
Nicole Miles	Tina Lenehan	Susan Young	

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with the following agenda:

JOHN WANLESS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2016 – 7 PM-9 PM - JW SCHOOL LIBRARY

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions lead by Christene Hansen 5 minutes

Old business/updates 10 minutes

- Review of last meeting
- Review of all positions on Council: elected and acclaimed lead by Christene Hansen

New Business to be conducted by new Council

- Ward meeting review: Madeleine Loewenberg 5 minutes
- Education Advocacy Committee: Ray Fischer 10 minutes
- Budget Presentation: Deidre Deacon/Diang Lu 40 minutes
 - Budget Submission Presentations if required 15 minutes
- Community Survey: L Logan & M Loewenberg 5 minutes

Committee Reports

- Fundraising: Nicole Miles & Claire Rankine 10 minutes
- Music: Tina Lenehan 5 minutes

Principals Report 20 minutes

Questions 10 minutes

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Propose next date: Monday December 5

Agenda Item	Notes	Decisions/Changes/Action Items
Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 30 and October 5 minutes were approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes approved. - Madeleine Loewenberg confirmed that teacher requirements for the website were collected and the action item may be closed.
Elections and council roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christene Hansen stepped down as JWPC Chairperson - Lesley Logan and Madeleine Loewenberg assumed the roles of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively - The 2016-2017 council was introduced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications – Liz Phipps • School support – Sheila Merer, Jana Ball • Secretary – Elaine Rapos, Irina Issakova • Treasurer – Diang lu • Curriculum support – Joy Futerman • After 4 – Katherine Stuart, Angela Newbery 	
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new budget was presented by the outgoing treasurer for the upcoming 2016/2017 year. Appendix A includes complete details. - The budget is smaller than in the prior years. Technology will still be the largest item in the budget with a focus on maintenance. Technology expenses will decline. Other notable savings will be due to the change in the approach for lice check (moving away from a private provide to public health) and the community engagement programs, Scientist in the Classroom programs will be supported for younger grades. - Linda Grant presented information regarding the Sick Kids reading program training and tools which have been utilized this year in the Special Education program to help students with reading. The results have been positive and funding has been approved to allow for additional teachers to be trained. - Liddy Beck and Mark Burton presented discussed rationales for the increased use of tablets in the French and G1 programs. The required numbers of tablets was discussed and consensus was reached regarding the number of units to be utilized for each program. 	<i>Motion to pass the budget as presented and discussed, unanimously passed.</i>
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall Fair raised \$15K. The topic of wrist bands was discussed. Based on a small sample of interviewed parents, the bands were well-received. Changes to pricing might be considered in the future. - There was a discussion regarding the effects of the Direct Donation program. There might be ambiguity during the transition year regarding the impact of the Direct Donation program. For example, fundraising has been impacted during the Fall Fair. - The committee will manage communication around this change. 	Communication to parents to thank for participation in the Fall Fair.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee has been granted funding to address website deficiencies. - The topic of website advertising was discussed as a potential source of new funding. Advertising will be allowed in the future. TDSB is moving in this direction across the system, partnering with certain corporate sponsors. 	The committee will explore next steps by meeting with the web designer of the existing website (Jeffrey Roberts).
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paid speakers will not be engaged this year. - The Connecting Communities project will be expanded across all G6 during the year. Program details listed in Appendix B below. The committee is looking for camera donations to help 	The Council to discuss further whether Education Advocacy to become a standalone committee.

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	<p>facilitate the expanded program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The ward meeting was recently held at JWPS, the trustee and the superintendent were in attendance. There was good representation from JWPS and it was a good opportunity to discuss issues, including the system changes. – The Education Advocacy working group was formed, headed by Ray Fischer. There used to be a formal committee on this subject. This working group will address class sizes and will improve the working environment between TDSB, administration and parents. The class size issue has been a particular issue as JWPS's needs might be missed at higher level due to averaging of statistics. 	
Grad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An allowance was made in this year's budget – Going forward the budget allowance will remain static every year to enable constancy and reduce fundraising pressures. 	
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – November 11 – G4 Mr. Gaunt's class sings "Where have all the flowers gone" at the Sunnybrook cenotaph with guitar accompaniment. – December 9 11am – 2:30pm – G6 Chamber Choir performs at the Rotary Club's annual Christmas Luncheon at the Royal York. – December 12 10:30am – 11:30am – dress rehearsal for the Primary and Junior choirs. – December 13 6pm – Primary concert. – December 14 7pm – Junior concert. – Date TBD (January 30 – February 3) – Junior choir performs at the TDSB Music Festival. – March 8 7pm – Junior students perform in the Performing Arts Festival. – April – Toronto Children's Choir invites choirs to sign for each other. – May 15 10:30am – 11:30am – dress rehearsal for the Primary and Junior choirs. – May 16 6pm – Primary concert. – May 17 7pm – Junior concert. 	
Administration update	– See Appendix C attached	
Adjournment	9:05 PM	
Next meeting	December 5, 7PM	

**John Wanless Public School Council Budget
2016-2017 Budget Meeting**

2016-2017 Projected Fundraising Revenue

FUNDRAISING ESTIMATES PROVIDED BY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE FOR BUDGET

Net Revenue from Fundraising 2016-2017

Event	2016-2017 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2014-2015 Actual
Fall Fair	\$ 15,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,000	\$20,934
Magazines	n/a	N/A	n/a	\$3,749
Pizza Lunches	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,000	\$23,350
Parents Night Out	\$ 5,000		n/a	\$6,997
Movie Night		\$ 2,975	\$ 3,000	\$2,063
Spring BBQ	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,500	\$2,575
Spirit Wear	\$ 1,000		n/a	n/a
Direct Donation	\$ 15,000			
Spring Fling	n/a	\$ 28,023	\$ 30,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$56,000	\$67,798	\$73,500	\$59,668

92%

Additional Revenue	2016
After Four	\$ -
Chess	\$ 3,000
T Ball	TBD
Total	\$ 3,000

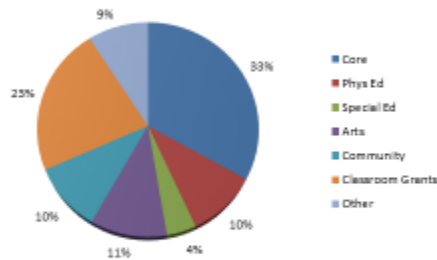
Fixed & General Expenses	2015-2016		2016-2017		Comments
	Actuals	Requests	Vs Year Ago		
Classroom Grants	\$ 15,306	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,694		38 classes \$300 in first half, \$200 by March 31st
General Expenses	\$ 3,353	\$ 3,000	\$ (353)		based on last years actuals bank charges, insurance, permits, ISP \$350 for lunch program
Web	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		proposal
Subtotal "Fixed & General Expenses"	\$ 18,659	\$ 23,000	\$ 4,341		
Budget Submissions					
Literacy	\$ 5,302	\$ 4,000	\$ (1,302)		levelled books & Library submission (Forest of reading system)
Numeracy	\$ 2,028	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,972		K-3 resources/books, contests for grade 4-6 \$500,
French	\$ 473	\$ 500	\$ 27		book
Special Ed	\$ 1,279	\$ 3,350	\$ 2,071		1/2 of Empower reading training \$5k, Reading prgm, headphones, sensory items
Science	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ (2,000)		Primary grades Scientists in the School, Junior grades Science initiative.
Technology	\$ 21,598	\$ 12,000	\$ (9,598)		\$6600 grade 1 laptops, projector/smart board maintenance and replacement
Phys Ed	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -		\$4500 equipment, \$1700 transportation, \$1200 officials, \$225 hockey
Music	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,500	\$ (1,000)		Accompanists \$3000, Transportation \$600, sheet music, donations \$500, instruments \$500
Perf Arts	\$ 4,203	\$ 4,200	\$ (3)		All grades prologue live performances
Curriculum Support	\$ 6,717	\$ 3,500	\$ (3,217)		\$2000 Connecting Communities, \$1500 program TBD
Safe Schools	\$ 4,230	\$ 1,500	\$ (2,730)		Sept 12th lice check
Community Relations	\$ 1,354	\$ 1,800	\$ 446		\$750 teacher lunch, \$300 holiday gifts, \$450 tea, \$300 year end gift
Roof Top Garden	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 800		lumber and install to be done by parent
Subtotal Submissions	\$ 68,684	\$ 54,150	\$ (14,534)		
Other Costs					
Grad	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -		
Community Giving/Partner School	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -		
Subtotal Other Costs	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ -		
Total 2016-2017 Requests	\$ 90,143	\$ 79,950	\$ (10,193)		

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Council Spending Framework

Literacy	\$ 4,000
Numeracy	\$ 4,000
French	\$ 500
Science and Technology	\$ 18,000
Total Core Curriculum	\$ 26,500
Phys Ed	\$ 8,000
Special Ed	\$ 3,350
Music	\$ 4,500
Visual & Performing Arts	\$ 4,200
Total Arts	\$ 8,700
Community	\$ 8,100
Classroom Grants	\$ 18,000
Other	\$ 7,300
Total	\$ 79,950

*doesn't include opportunity fund



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Connecting Communities:

TIFF project Lawrence Heights and John Wanless JR PS grade 6's

2016/2017

Overview/History

In 2016 a project was created to bring together two very different communities by creating a collaborative community awareness project. The Goal of this project was to have the students get to know each other in a safe way while sharing things about themselves, their communities and their goals. We believe this will start to *break down barriers, misconceptions and stereotypes* that the communities have of each other. Our hopes are that we can continually work together in creating a partnership for years to come. By utilizing various types of media and having the students work together at TIFF to create a documentary, not only re-enforces elements of the school curriculum but teaches students a very valuable lesson, that they aren't that different after all.

90 students will be invited to participate in the project this year from both schools and they have an opportunity present their videos/ projects to their own schools and communities.

Testimonials

Peter Chang Former School Superintendent WR3

Thank you so much for sharing this link with me. I agree that it was a big success based on the positive student voices of the students. There was certainly a common theme about a sense of belonging among all the students. I look forward to the documentary. Have a good evening.

Jennifer Arp Trustee, Ward 8, Eglinton –Lawrence

I love this so much!!! I didn't even know that it was happening. Makes me happy to see our communities coming together.

Peter Boross- Harmer, Principal John Wanless JR PS

These are absolutely wonderful. Lots of deep insightful information coming from all members of the group. I will be more than happy to continue working with you as well as David at Lawrence Hts to further expand on what has been done.

All the best,

Stacey Mendleson, Teacher

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE LOVE THIS. GREAT JOB JOY!!

We need more of these community building sessions. I'm happy to help in any way I can.

Youtube link to youth testimonials

https://youtu.be/rfi1ab1B_ng

Staffing Update:

We are currently in the process of conducting interviews to find Ms. Della Vedova's replacement following the rather prescribed protocol mandated under Reg 274. We are hopeful that we will have a teacher in place by the end of this week. Ms. Chau (6A) will be taking a short leave commencing Nov 9th. We are still uncertain as to the return date of Mr. Singh (2D).

System Update:

With the creation of the Learning Centre structure, TDSB is still in the process of figuring out of how to best service all of its schools. Meeting structures have not been set as the plan is to have schools with similar improvement goals come together to share best practices/ learn from each other. We are fortunate in the sense that our administrative team is the only representative from our Learning Network on several critical system-wide committees including Elementary Advisory, Special Education Steering, Principals' Advisory and Elementary Athletics. Membership in these structures is of the utmost benefit to our school as it allows us access to information well in advance as well as offer us opportunities to voice our ideas.

Our Trustee, in tandem with the two superintendents and PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) representatives, is also working on a series of workshops involving ALL of our schools (admin, staff, parent and student representatives) with the aim of bringing our communities and stakeholders closer together. The three sessions, to be held in 2017, will be focused on three main topics-Wellness & Resiliency, Mathematics/Literacy & 21st Century Learning. Once we finalise all details, we will be extending an invitation to members of our community to participate. Please note that the objective of these sessions is not to bring in SAC Executive members but rather parents from each community who have previously not been engaged in school matters and would like to take the first steps.

*****Upcoming Conference:** TDSB's 10th Annual Parent Conference is on **Saturday, November 19th** offered through PIAC @ Earl Haig SS- **free event.**

Please see [PIAC website](#) or www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference for online registration and workshop information. This year's theme: **Parents and Communities Partnering for Student Achievement.** Features keynote address from renowned author and speaker Jennifer Kolari (at JW last year!) along with a wide range of workshops, networking opportunities, and information about TDSB programs and services. Note: Child minding/ bussing/ interpreters are available through advance registration only.

Registration closes this Friday, November 11th.

Facilities Update:

Roofing/Solar:

We have been providing you with updates during the course of the past month regarding this ever-changing project. We still anticipate the completion date to be close to the end of November. The work conducted in the interior of the building (electrical room/roof cavity) has not interfered with the delivery of the programming in any of our classes.

Playground Slides: At our last meeting we disclosed that we were reassured by TDSB Facility Services that delivery would take place mid-October. This clearly did not happen. In fact we were receiving messages from facilities on the 17th asking us if the slides were delivered to our school. After much scrambling on our part, it was discovered that the whole process of purchasing the slides was halted on June 16th of last school year as a feasibility study needed to be conducted and 3 vendors needed to be contacted for quotes. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN. Fortunately we have been now able to expedite the process with all parties involved and a purchase requisition and subsequent order has now been placed and released. This essentially means that the two items will be purchased, delivered and installed at some point this year.

Other News/Upcoming Dates:

- Cross- Country Closing Ceremony- Nov 8th at 9:15 AM
- Paul Davis Cyber- Safety Presentation for Gr. 4-6 students @ 10:30; Parent Presentation @ 7 p.m.

- Remembrance Day Assembly- Nov 11th followed by a trip to Veterans' Hospital (Choir)
- Hockey tryouts at Larry Grossman Arena Nov 10th & 14th at 8:30 AM
- Progress Reports sent home- Nov 15th
- Parent-Teacher Interviews-Evening of Nov 17th & morning of Nov 18th (PA Day)
- PIAC Parent Conference @ Earl Haig- all day (register online by Nov. 11th)
- Educational Advocacy Mtg- Nov 22nd
- Photo retakes- Nov 24th
- Grade 3s @ Black Creek Pioneer Village- Nov 24th and 25th
- Grade 6 Girls' Basketball hosting all day Nov 28th
- Dec 1st- Grade 1s to Legoland; Gr. 2s Sherwood and Waye @ Forest Valley
- Dec 2nd- PA Day

School Focus for 2016/17

Our school improvement plan continues to evolve. As was discussed at the WARD 8 Forum meeting (attended by several members of our SAC Executive), TDSB has allowed each school a great deal more flexibility in being able to choose relevant goals and paths to achieve these objectives. Our three goals will deal with issues of EQUITY, Health & Wellness and Academic Achievement. Once we have finalised our plan, we will share it in detail with all members of our community/post it on the website.

Professional Development for Staff

One of our ongoing goals is to ensure that our staff have opportunities to enhance their learning and thus improve their classroom practices. We have set a considerable percentage of our annual budget aside for this purpose. So far, a number of our teachers, ECE's and support staff have attended sessions on ORAL Communication in Classrooms, HOW TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS as well as the use of APPS in kindergarten classrooms. We have also had a number of our staff attend Mental Health & Wellness training sessions. It is an expectation that any time someone attends a training session, they share their learning with colleagues either formally at division/staff meetings or informally through daily co-planning sessions.

Caring and Safe Schools

Our Committee has been enlarged with the addition of two parent representatives. We have provided our parents with regular updates regarding routine changes (example: inclement weather lunch routine/entry supervision routine). Should you have any concerns regarding any aspect of student safety/wellness, please contact school administration so that we could add the matter to our next mtg. agenda! PC Shari Spivak is our school liaison officer from 32 Div., who will be supporting us with school goals. She has already met with our junior students last week to discuss bullying and is scheduled for another 2 visits- Dec. 1st and Dec. 20th for our primary and kindergarten classes.

Wellness and Mental Health Committee

This is a committee that falls under the Caring and Safe Schools umbrella. It is the most active and involved committee, currently with 15 staff, Admin and 5 parent reps. The committee has led our last staff meeting with

an in-depth look at mindfulness and its impact on education and learning. Specifically, on meditation and its impact on brain function and wellness. Many teachers are implementing mindfulness activities in their classroom already, however, we wanted all teachers and support staff to experience this first hand and understand its importance. Resources and class strategies were shared by committee members. We are committed to developing staff awareness and experiences in wellness, by making it a priority item at every staff meeting this year.

The learning and information shared with staff on Nov. 3rd include the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNCB1MZDgQA> ; <http://www.mindfulschools.org/about-mindfulness/research/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoLQ3qkh0w0> ; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq8loZlpa_8

<http://www.onlinemeditationtimer.com/> ; <https://www.gonoodle.com/>