

**SAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday March 27, 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**John Wanless Public School in the Library**

**Admin Update for SAC Mtg to be held March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Staffing Update regarding the 2023-24 School Year**

The first phase of the staffing rollout for 2023-24 took place last week. Not surprisingly in light of the large deficit faced by TDSB, all schools across the system received the news about the coming cuts to staffing. Representatives of our SSC have just finished meeting with our SAC Co-Chairs and will be meeting with our entire staff this Thursday for the purposes of making some determination as to which model we will submit for approval. Please note that the model we will approve will have minor variations on the same theme but will include the following highlights:

Our school staffing model will include

- 5 kindergarten classes with 4 having a DECE
- 13 primary classes (1-3) with several split classes
- A 3/4 split (mandated) with 6 Grade 3 and 17 Grade 4 students
- 7 junior classes from Grades 4-6 with at least one split class likely
- 1 ISP class
- 5 prep teachers (French, phys. Ed & Health, Literacy, Arts)
- 0.5 ESL support
- 1.0 Special Education Support (0.5 teaching staff and 0.5 from the VP's teaching portion)

**What specific reductions do we know of so far?**

- FT VP allocation has been reduced to 0.5. The VP will have a half-time teaching assignment and will not be available in the Am/PM depending on time-tabling.
- Our allocation of 5 DECE's for kindergarten has been reduced to 4 meaning that 4 of our kindergarten classes will be at 29 and one at 15 without an DECE.
- Our Special Education support has been cut by 0.5 yet again meaning that we will only have 0.5 of a teacher and 0.5 of our VP available to assist students in-class. There will be no withdrawal resource support.
- Our office staff allocation has been reduced by 0.5. This means that there will be times when the office may be closed (for example at lunch when admin are supervising outside). There will also be a longer response time to open doors etc. Our best-case scenario will be having 3 adults in the office at all times.

- Our overall teaching staff allocation has been reduced by 0.5 yet again, possibly leading to school surplus.

Please note that at this time our SSC has noted that we do not have enough staff allocated to fully deliver prep to all classes without having to carve out from either the ESL/Special Ed. Allocation (this is not currently permitted).

Our aim is keeping the school day the same format with one minor variation whereby we extend lunch by 5 minutes to allow for teaching staff to supervise for 15 minutes either at the start or the end of lunch (currently we have no teachers supervising at lunch). This will also mean that the day will end 5 minutes later for both kindergartens and Grades 1-6 students.

Please note that there will be a second rollout in early April specifically regarding library allocations (whether we get any), lunch supervision (likely reduced); caretaking (likely reduced); Educational Assistants (likely reduced).

### **Facilities Update:**

The roof work is completed with the exception of the erection of a fence around the decking. Although this was not in the original plans, we have received confirmation that this fencing will be installed in the spring/summer.

Cake tiers/Outdoor learning corner are being refurbished. This work will likely continue for a few more weeks. A work order has been generated to have our front foyer walls primed by TDSB unionized painters. This will be paid for from the school budget.

### **System/School Update:**

The Student Census is coming! The Census is an opportunity to honour students' voices and learn more about their school experiences. Census data provides schools, parents/guardians/caregivers and the community with valuable information to help improve schools for the benefit of all students. The Board has committed to conducting a Census every five years.

### **How is the Student Census completed?**

For the first time, the Census will be completed online.

- Parents/guardians/caregivers will receive an email link to complete the Census at home on behalf of students in **kindergarten to grade 3**.

- A new consent process for **students in grades 4 to 6** will provide parents the choice of having their child complete the Census themselves at school, or at home.

**When are students and parents/guardians/caregivers receiving information?**

On **March 28 (tomorrow)**, an information letter will be shared with all parents. The letter for parents/guardians/caregivers of students in grades 4-6 will include information about the new consent process.

Based on responses to the information letter, on **April 17**, all students in grades 4 to 6 completing the Census at school will be sent a survey link to their TDSB student email. Schools have flexibility through April and May to schedule time for students to complete the Census at school.

**Other Information:**

*Mental Health & Wellness:* As a school, we are planning a comprehensive wellness day for our students in mid May. The day will consist of many different activities including attending a session by a guest speaker as well as rotating through a number of preferred activity centres run by our staff in small groups. Students will have choice in the activities they will participate in.

On Broadway- Shows will take place April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Spring After-4 programs are scheduled to start on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The spring concert is tentatively scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Athletics- Currently up on the TDESSA Calendar: Badminton, Co-ed Volleyball and Track & Field.