**Wedgewood Family and School Association**

MEETING Minutes

January 27th 630-730

Virtual

1. **Welcome and Attendance**

**Staff**: Mr. Marrone, MS Graydon, Ms. Mensinga

**Parents/Caregivers:** Andrea T, Ahsley M, Delynn W, Quyenn N, Polinam Krista Sm Brittani J, Shaun, Telma, Ariel L, Akalyazh, A, Carel, Jasdeep, Danh L, Farah H-M

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.

**3. Principal Report (inserted)**

Ms. Graydon

Self-Regulation Support for classrooms (Update on school focused support based on community feedback and educator needs) Our Social Worker is coming in to plan and co-teach lessons with teachers around Personal Space, Boundaries, responses to conflict.  Social Worker and Child and Youth Worker just hosted a full day PD session with our Grade 1 staff around supporting neuro-divergent students and co-regulation strategies, will follow up with in class lessons.  We will continue with the WITS program as recommended by staff and caring and safe schools committee. Sensory support items in class - wobble seats, sensory putty, and a sensory cruiser bike (with thanks to WFSA for the support!).

Mr. Marrone

Indigenous Education - Land based learning, appreciation and spending time outside, Grade 1 mentor texts purchased, looking to purchase for additional grades - Admin will read “When we are Kind” - follow up from the “Be You” lesson., library partner time finished working on Garden of Relatives and will review “The Sharing Circle”  and we will be standing in circle for the Land Acknowledgement every Monday moving forward - asking the students “ What does acknowledging the land look like to me?”

Additional comments/Discussion around principal remarks:

* Cushion to help with students’ core, attention needs and sensory cubes.
* Fidget toy workshop – a parent suggested this.
* Plant Garden – corn, beans and squash, possibly a Semi-circle garden

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Ashley and Telma)**

Fund Requests for winter boot treys. Request from our caretaking staff to ease winter mess. Approx: $150-200 – this request doesn’t fall into pre-approved bucket. APPROVED

Planned spend of $37,750 for the year and spent approx. $12000. We have $25,000 remaining. With our fundraising to date: $28,700 and have a surplus of $3000. Doesn’t account for the second half of year for pizzas and hero burgers plus fun fest is coming up.

Discussed if we could use some funding for a vegetable garden. A good addition to our outdoor space. Will continue the discussion

**6. Fundraising & Events Committee**

1. Games Night – good turnout and observed families having fun. This was a low-cost event and easy to put together. Thanks to all that helped organized! Some parents mentioned/suggested a crafting night such as learning how to knit or crochet. Another free event to cater to our community.
2. Fun Fest is set for May 31st, from 11 – 2pm. Inflatables, taekwondo area, face painting, button room, cookie decoration room – buy a cookie and decorate, used book sale, and silent auction. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, please reach out. Also, if anyone knows a small biz to support the silent auction or sponsor inflatables – it would be welcomed.
3. Anniversary Party – Joint event with school and WFSA. 75th Wedgewood anniversary! Set up along the hallway there will be memories of the past. Also selling cupcakes and community cookbook!

Retirements:

Some teachers will be retiring this year. We do accept donations for teacher appreciation lunch and can extend a little something special to those who are retiring as well as parting gift.

**7. General Business**

Fruit Program - Lump Sum Donation – we did put out a request to bring in fruit. A parent was willing to donate lump sum to purchase a Loblaws gift card.

Looking for volunteers via signup,com/go/wedgewood

**Next Meeting: Hybrid – Feb 24th 6:30 -7:30**