

March WFSA Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 630-730PM 2025 – Hybrid- In Person/Virtual

1. Welcome and Attendance

Staff: Mr. Morrone, Graydon, J. Derezysky, Hern, D Kantartzis

Parents/Caregivers: Andrea T, Melissa K, Krista S, Ashely M, Farah H-M, Cooper, Jasdeep, Candy, Emme , Andrea R

2. Land Acknowledgment

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 Update (Inserted Principal Graydon)

(A) School Improvement Plan

- continued focus on science of reading in - Nelson Reading screener to guide teacher practice, decodable texts to support early reading strategies and intervention

- junior grades, student voice and making the learning visible

- continuing to purchase Indigenous education mentor texts for the Grades - stories that celebrate brilliance, joy, traditions and appreciation of the land - thank you WFSA for your support of this initiative

- combating hate and racism lead teachers - want all students to feel seen and heard, student announcements, diverse texts, heritage months

(B) School organization 2025-2026

Projected numbers for next year - 483 students

31 to 28.5 teachers as a result of 0.5 decrease in ESL, 1.0 Prep and 1.0 FDK

4FDK, 12 Primary classes, 3/4 Split and 5 Junior Classes

(C) School event updates

Ballet Jorgen, Student run talent show, Planned : TSO Junior Trip, X-Movement Wellness Day, Poet/Spoken Word Performer, Bus Safety Presentation

Save the date:

Spring Concert Thursday, May 15, 2025 (classes that did not perform at the Winter Concert)

Grade 5 Grad Wednesday, June 25th at BCI - 12:15pm

4. Treasury Report (Ashley)

- a. Financial Update:
Balance is just under 65K with 20K allocated. Put out an ask for additional fund requests.
- b. Current Fund Requests:
 - a. Log bench seating for an outdoor classroom/outdoor seating. This will be for the 75th anniversary. Total is approx.: 12K-13K and WFSA will contribute **\$3,500**.
 - b. Two more planters: **\$1000.00** – possibly vegetable or 3 sisters idea. Every class would have access to them
 - c. Sand toys for kinders and outdoor toys for all: **\$1000.00** + for storage and labels.
 - d. Grade 3 Science material- **\$520**. Items such as Lego gear bots, learning resources, building kits.
 - e. Total: \$6000.00

WFSA - APPROVED ALL ABOVE FUND REQUESTS

5. Fundraising and Event Planning (Andrea)

- a. Fun Fest is May 31st from 11pm to 2pm. There will be sign up for volunteer so please sign up for the fun day! We will be adding a cookie decorating room.
- b. 75th Anniversary is also May 31st and will be celebrated throughout the grade 1-5 hallway as a memory lane. There will be cupcakes and alumni can join to celebrate.
- c. Caregiver Book Club next meeting April 25th, 6-8PM in the library. Book is the *Left Hand of Darkness*. The first book club meeting was in February and was a success. There will be another one in June.

6. Parent Advocacy (Andrea)

- a. Nighttime Caretaking – our current daytime caretaker is great who is new to the school this year. The same level of service is not the same in the evening. If anyone is inclined to email our super and encourage that the tdsb allocate a suitable nighttime caretaking staff – please feel free to do so. We do need adequate nighttime support for our daytime support to be more effective.
- b. Pavement Repairs - asking for TDSB to repave the school plus add some additional playground games. Parent advocacy can help make it happen faster. Raising items such as adding a hopscotch or a basketball court that has a proper outline. Or to ensure our basketball nets actually have a net or to address any safety concerns.
- c. Proposed TDSB Policy for Fundraised Money – discussion around a vote that the TDSB will take a portion (% yet to be determined) of parent fundraised money and re allocate it to other schools with lower fundraising capabilities. They are considering hiring someone to manage this. Please sign the petition if you would like to express opinion on the matter or email our trustee: Dan.Mclean@tdsb.on.ca. The committee will vote on April 16th one weather the reallocation will be Voluntary or Mandatory.

6. General Discussion

- Next Meeting April 28th.
- Pizza feedback has been well received. Question about Ramadan next year and if there is a possibility of pausing for the month. There are always options.
- If childcare is required for you to attend next meeting in person please let us know ahead of time and we can arrange.