**November WFSA Meeting Minutes**

November 25th, 630-730PM 2024 - Virtual

1. **Welcome and Attendance**

**Parents:** Andrea T, Telma, Melissa, Delynn W, Brittani J, Cooper, Krista S, Ashley K, Melicia R, Daman T, Jasdeep, Polina, Andrea R, Lavanya, Chekeba, Andrea R, Arsela H, Farah H-M

**Staff:** Ms. Graydon, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Allen, Ms. Allen,

1. **Land Acknowledgment**

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

1. **Principal Update Ms. Graydon (Inserted)**
2. School Improvement Plan

**Professional Learning Plan**

*What is the most urgent need of our students?*

Science of reading / Early Reading - Self-Regulation Support - Math confidence

*What is the most urgent learning need of our staff?*

Science of Reading, Practices that Support Inclusion, Indigenous Education, Professional learning around Self-Regulation, Neurodivergence and Zones of Regulation

Working on Resource Allocation and Collaboration Time

1. Biidaaban – Truth and Reconciliation Strategy

*Biidaaban: Truth and Reconciliation Strategy, 2024-25.* collaborative inquiry focused on enacting Leadership in Decolonizing Education in schools and Families of Schools.

This strategy aims to:

* Enact the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to enhance Indigenous student well-being and achievement and ensure Indigenous education for ALL educators and students through School Improvement
* Investigate ways to support district and school leaders and staff to build reciprocal and respectful relationships with Indigenous students, families, and community members
1. Caring and Safe Schools Update

School-Based Caring, Safe and Accepting Schools Teams Looking for a parent volunteer -This team must be composed of at least one student (where appropriate), one parent, one teacher, one non-teaching staff member, one community partner and the Principal. Team will meet every other month or as concerns arise. Support items such as the creation of a school based code of conduct / bullying intervention plan (prevention, intervention and postvention)

1. **Teachers Update (Inserted)**

The Grade One team would like to thank WFSA for their support in ordering a number of new books for our Indigenous collections.  Each of the 5 classes will end up with a set of 10-12 books to use as mentor texts and for the students to use.  We decided to order from "Strong Nations" which is an Indigenous owned and operated bookstore located in British Columbia.  We look forward to the arrival of our new books!

1. **Treasury Report (Telma and Ashley)**
2. Financial Update
* Received invoices from the school to account for in our previously discussed buckets.
* Our balance should now be approx. $11, 924
1. Additional Fund Requests:
* French Allocation - $122.00 for Chef a L ’Ecole program. The school received a grant for $940 and WFSA will cover the difference.
* Coat rack for outside Ms. Yangs Rm 7 classroom - $411.00. It has been a health and safety issue for this classroom as kids are tripping in the class.
* An additional $644 for literacy - Forest of Reading - We will take this from the library allocation from funds we raised funds for the book fair.

**\*WFSA Approved additional requests above**

1. **Fundraising and Event Planning**
2. Game Night Community Event on **January 16th** – Free event hosted at the school. Will use library, gym, and classrooms. Bingo, Puzzles, Janga, Boardgames, Pictionary and Charades. Drop in and sign-up options.

1. Book Club - **February 28th**– landed on: ***Daisy Jones and the Six***. Staff and parents can sign up! Have a good group already. On Feb 28th we will get together in the school library and have a good conversation. A great way for us to role model reading.
2. An idea of having a crochet and knighting club for parents in the new year. Great ideas for non fundraising connections.
3. Raising Money for George Webster Model School. We at Wedgewood are lucky our community raises the funds we do. Others are not so lucky. George Webster school has a low income population and we discussed doing a grocery gift card fundraiser. Ideas such as having a toonie – cash drop box, grocery gift cards and or cash donation.
4. This year we are not doing Food bank as some items linger, and we want to avoid rodents this year. We can look at conducting a sock, hat and mitt drive.
5. Grade 5 Grad - Raised over 2K thus far. T-shirts are to be covered by end of year. Anything else we raise will go towards grad trip and bussing.
6. 75th Anniversary Cookbook – we have received 25 recipes thus far but are looking for more! New email address: 1088sc01@tdsb.on.ca – old email is being forwarded to new one.
7. **Pizza Committee (Brittani)**

a. Incentives and Profit Comparison for Winter Pizza Weeks –

* Currently with Pizza Nova.
* Discussion to change vendors to either Pizza Pizza or Gino’s Pizza.
* If we go with Pizza Pizza, we have a saving of $145.00 a week. Also have additional incentives such as free pizza for last order of the year and meetings They will also donate gift certificates for events.
* Pizza Pizza – is also a more pleasant company to interact with. Same size pizza will be offered.
* Gino’s – savings of $165 a week
* Checked with pizza nova – they won’t do the same as the two vendors above

**WFSA and parents approved the switch to Pizza Pizza**

**8. Health and Safety Committee**

1. Lice Protocol – is it possible to do a school-wide check? How bad is it?
* Ms. Graydon shared that it is fall and tis the season. There have been 3 effected classes. When there is an effected student in a class that class will be notified. Siblings are also checked. We do rely on families to let us know!
* Please let the school know if your child has lice. It is done in confidentiality.
* School check can be done – it is time consuming. We can look to schedule them to come in.
* Please remember to Check child weekly.
* No need to panic!

Comment from parent: A suggestion to prepare families about Lice and what to expect/clinics can do the service for you.

A consideration to send home a paper comms vs email.

**9. General Discussion**

1. Parent Advocacy - Air Ventilation and A/C – parents have been sending emails – parents pushing for cleaner and cooler air. Thank you for all that has sent emails.
2. TDSB Grants – led by Daman who is helping move forward grants. Narrowed it down to two grants that would be beneficial for Wedgewood. Playground and the STEM program. One is from Canada post – capital improvements such as the playground. Epson – technology company who would support things like robotics club.

We are allowed to apply for these grants and can move forward to use funds with board vendors.

**Meeting Adjourned**