**October WFSA Meeting Minutes**

October 21st, 630-730PM 2024 - Hybrid

1. **Welcome and Attendance**

 **Parents:** Chakeba, Ashley, Telma, Andrea, Farah, Christina H, Krista S, Esmerelda I, Brittani, Behnoush, Sarah K, Delynn W Anne P, Melicia G, F, Francine M, Jasdeep, Mansih(Arvi), Krista S, F Everest, Anna P H, Daman, Kyong – Oh, Rick R, Asma F, Tetiana, Jalpa, Daman, Kimberly B

 **Staff:** Ms. B. Graydon, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Morrone

**2. 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.

**3. Principal Report (*Inserted)***

1. School Staff Parking Lot - thank you to the community for supporting the closure, we acknowledge this has been an inconvenience but appreciate your support of student/staff safety.
2. Immunization of School Pupils Act Compliance - these letters are being sent out by Toronto Public Health, not the school.  For follow up regarding these letters call Toronto Public Health @ 416 338-7600
3. Outdoor Classroom - we are looking to install log seating in an amphitheater style for the front and back of school, we have also put in for a facilities review to look at placement of a potential tree for the 75th anniversary and additional areas for planters.

New planters such as corn, squash, beans – a great appreciation with the land.

**4. Treasury Report (Telma and Ashley)**

1. Fund Requests

The team would like to discuss and try a new way of approvals for allocations this year. Looking to create buckets of expenses. Based on previous years’ data, we will look to approve lump sum spending to provide the school with some autonomy.

For e.g.: Items such as a tech budget. We would set a limit of XX dollars and the staff would be able to spend that amount.

Reason for change: reviewed over the past few years and found the requests were repetitive.

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| Proposed Buckets for 24/25 Budget |
| **Literacy** | $5,000  |
| **Library** | $1,000  |
| **Tech** | $2,000  |
| **Recreation (Clubs/Teams)** | $5,000  |
| **Events/Trips** | $5,000  |
| **WFSA Expense** | $2,000  |
| **Teacher Allocation** | $5,000  |
| **Graduation** | $1,500  |
| **Movie Night** | $2,000  |
| **SIS** | $6,250  |
| **Special Requests (Rot)** | $3,000  |

* There could be special requests for our rotary teachers.
* We would still obtain the invoices.
* Anything outside these buckets – we will spend time discussing in our meetings and approve or decline.

**5. Fundraising and Event Planning**

1. Fall Fest – This Friday October 25th. There will be Craft rooms, DJ, bake sale and pizza, class baskets, silent auction in library etc. If rains we will arrange different rooms as the dance will be in gym. Still need 18+ volunteers and contribution to bake sale.
2. Community involvement: ideas such as a Book Club, art show, parent social, Family game nights. This would bring in families and create more intercommunity connections. There was interest in the room.

**6. General Discussion**

* 1. Skating Program for Grade 3 – 5. Waiting on rink times. Permission forms will go out after. If you would like to volunteer, please ensure background checks are completed.
	2. Parent Advocacy – 2 petitions for fund our school library, Ontario fed of labor – heat, QR code – air ventilations – to get our schools with proper air condition.
	3. Cookbook submissions – for our 75th anniversary – we need more recipes which can include breakfast, desserts, dinners. IT will also include student artwork of their favorite recipes – deadline November 30th. We can buy the book as Buy Christmas gift. Money will go towards the 75th anniversary party. Anniversary party - no date yet.
	4. Grocery Card Drive – other schools councils are less privileged than Wedgewood and possibility to support other communities. Other school such as George Webster Elementary who have asked if we could support them for Grocery cards and other Drives. More discussions to be had. Loop back in November.
	5. Intermural Sports vs Competitive. Spoke about the possibility of creating an intermural team so all children who didn’t make the competitive team can feel included and have fun!