

September WFSA Meeting Minutes

September 28th, 2026 | 6:30pm-7:30pm | In-Person & Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

1. Attendance

Andrea Thompson, Barbara Graydon (Principal), Georgia Graci, Julieta Franzoi, Michelle Weening, Emme Noorali, Melani O'Leary, Krista Speller, Tenika F., Joel Allen (Teacher), Jillian Southey, Suganya M, Telma Da Silva, Francine Montaldi-Lubecki, Victor Luong, JJ, Sara H, Harish Nair, Delynn West, Claude Zesseu (Vice-Principal), Delynn West, Hongyu Liu, Arsela Hoxhaj, Amale, Jenish Jayakumar, Candy, Carrie Chu, Katie Duarte, Scott Mahn, Ashley Brown

2. 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 Inuit peoples.

3. Elections

- Chair: Andrea Thompson
- Co-treasurers: Telma Da Silva and Scott Mahn
- Secretary and Grad Committee: Julieta Franzoi
- Events and Fundraising: Francine Montaldi-Lubecki
- Pizza Co-Chairs: Krista Speller and Melani O'Leary
- General Voting Members: Arsela Hexley, Victor Luong, Katie Duarte

4. Principal Report (Ms. Graydon)

Welcome Back

We welcomed 406 students back this year. We thank you for your patience with the many changes happening, along with new staff.

- **Vice Principal:** We welcome Mr. Zesseu as Vice Principal
- **Office Admin:** Welcome to Helia Pereira (Office Admin) and Ducisa Maric (Secretary) who join us as office staff
- **Reorganization:** One new class with grade 4/5 split, welcoming a new teacher and having less students per class
- **Attendance:** Reminder to report student absences or late arrivals. If a child will be absent for the morning, please report a full-day absence; office staff will adjust the record once the student arrives.
- **Bussing:** Routes have stabilized, parents/caregivers encouraged to sign up to Bus Planner for route information and delay alerts

Student Support and Special Education Programs

- **Supplementary Literacy Support Program:** Ms. Assaly is leading the program to help with reading confidence and fluency
- **EQAO Scores:** Improvement on all score percentages in reading and math
- **FDK to Grade 1 Transition:** "Bubble Lessons" led by our School Social Worker, Kathleen, to support kindergarten students transitioning to Grade

- **Staff Professional Development:** "Regulation and Learning Tools for Responsive Practice" a PD workshop for teachers facilitated by our Child & Youth Counsellor and Social Worker
- **Kindergarten Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Support:** Enhancing communication and belonging in Kindergarten through 2 days of teacher PD followed by in-class support

5. **Treasury Report (Telma Da Silva)**

Annual Overview

- Last year we planned on raising \$38, we actually raised \$58
- Last year we started the year with \$40,000 – this year we start with \$37,500
- We will continue the bucket system, along with special requests

Initial Approvals

- Approved a new carpet for Ms. Naccarato (\$500)
- Teacher spending: 24 teachers x \$300 each

6. **Fundraising and Event Planning**

Fundraising

- Pizza, Astoria, Lunch Lady and Hero Burger Lunches kick off next week
- Plans to bring back cultural night
- Spirit wear flyer is ready and will be uploaded soon to start online orders
- First event this Friday: outdoor movie night showing Toy Story

Fall Fest

- October 30th from 6-8pm
- Please donate to the class baskets and for the bake sale
- We need volunteers, sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/wedgewood>

7. **General Discussion**

General Road Safety

- We continue to remind parents about safety practices during drop off & pick up
- Our application for a crossing guard continues to be reviewed
- Students get general road safety instructions

Parent Advocacy

- School fundraising from parents is amazing and appreciated but it is also a "Band-Aid" to the issue of poor funding to the schools, we need parents to be actively advocating towards more funding for schools and education
- We have sent a request to have unused portables removed, may require parents to help advocate for this depending on response

Next meeting: October 26th, 2026 / 6:30pm-7:30pm / Virtual only