**Wedgewood Family & School Association**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 22, 2024

6:30pm – combined in-person and virtual

1. **Welcome and Attendance**

**Parents**: Andrea Thompson, Brittani Jarivs, Sarah Welstead, Nicole,

 Brenda S, Ashley M, Krista Speller, Telma

**Staff:** Mrs. Graydon, Principal, Mr. Morrone, Vice-Principal

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. It is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

1. **Principal’s Update**

Review of allocation of classes for next year.

Resources that were initially planned for JK/SK can be reallocated to Grade 1 and other classes.

 Question: Will there be more portables next year?

Answer: It looks like we’ll be able to stay the way we are, but with French and Music portables for next year.

APRIL PA DAY: There was a focus on literacy. They were able to plan for literacy for each grade for next year. Shifting from decodable books to other resources. There will be PoRs (persons of responsibility) in each area who can lead the various literacy efforts.

PoRs are Amy Allen, Eric Lindstol and Christine Mensinga.

RE: Notification from the TPS about incident at Our Lady Peace school. Mrs. Graydon said that she shared it as a matter of community safety and a reminder for all the kids in the neighbourhood. TPS did not believe that it was strictly necessary and there is no immediate danger to Wedgewood students.

1. **Financial update**

Ashley Mehta reminds us that we have been on a bit of a ‘spending spree’ in an effort to ensure that we adhere to TDSB guidelines that funds raised by the school are used in the same school year.

We have a little less than $1500 that has not yet been allocated. It does not include any projections for Fun Fest.

We have ‘found’ money because we’ve allocated money earlier in the year that has turned out to be more money than was actually required. For example, we were able to return $1000 to our coffers for Raz Kids that we did not need to spend.

SUGGESTION: Could we make a poster of some kind indicating how we’ve spent the WFSA money this year, that could be displayed at the Fun Fest/in the school so that everyone knows what WFSA is doing?

ASHLEY NOTES: We had allocated about $1100 to a new kindergarten classroom setup that is no longer needed. This will be reallocated to a grade 1 classroom setup.

**ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS:**

T-shirt order for Grade 5 + $200 for additional supplies: We have this covered already from existing fundraising.

REQUEST: From Amy Allen for $130.52 for two additional sets of decodable readers.This is because the earlier sets that the school purchased were successful and they’d like to have the additional sets. Approved

$300 for Cultural Night Support. No previous funds have been allocated to Cultural Night from WFSA. This money is simply to buffer for extra food for the potluck and will likely not all be spent. We’ve had 400 RSVPs but expect more based on last year’s over-performance. Approved

$123.56 for outdoor toys for all grades (balls, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, etc.). Ms Graydon says that we already have a supply of these toys and have been giving them out. Tentatively approved.

TV for room 14 because their SmartBoard isn’t working. Not approved today. Further discussion with the tech team to determine when we can get there. We can also approach this after Fun Fest when we know more about what funds we have.

Different grades want to use different readers so the kids are more interested and they have a wide range of options. WFSA efforts will help diversify our supplies and ensure that each class has a set that they can refer to.

1. **Budget overall**

Telma says that we have overall done a great job of raising funds and doing the right things with them – general agreement to this.

Andrea suggests a lip sync battle as an additional fundraiser if needed.

1. **Library update**

So much of what we’ve bought – furniture, vinyls, books, etc. – has already arrived and is getting put in place. Not everything has been installed and put on shelves yet but they’re still working really hard!

We got some great cards from the kids to thank WFSA for all the changes. Ms Farah says the students have been loving the new seating and carpets.

1. **Cultural Night - Friday**

12 displays on different countries made by members of the community.
Expecting a bigger crowd than last year.

1. **Fun Fest**

In a good position with this.

Good donation of coffee and we’ve organized good food trucks.

Don’t forget to volunteer!

1. **Staff Appreciation lunch, May 2**
* Sarah W is taking care of this.
1. **Pizza day survey - Brittani**
	* Brittani would like to send out a survey to parents to find out the preferences for frequency and suppliers for pizza.
	* Hoping to send this out in May so we’ve got data by June and can hit the ground running in September
2. **Adjournment**