

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Attendees: Michael Brum, Lesley Berry, Peggy Oei, Lucy Banfield, Amanda Hand, Charley Hooper, Mrs. Bellec, Madame Grondin-Albright, Salin John

Virtual Attendees: Pearl Tellis-Mane, Rohan Mane, Amish Parmar, Anita Molshi

Agenda

Item	Proposal/Discussion	Action/Who
2 min SAC 3 min	~ Welcome ~ Land Acknowledgment New members <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lucy (voted in), appointed as Treasurer	Michael Mrs. Bellec
Minutes 2 min	-To be updated on live google doc, saved and named, and printed for the council board in lobby -Completed by first Monday after meeting, preferably by next day <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Document accessible through infowellesworth gmail account, will be helpful for future councils for reference	
Principal's Report 5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pizza lunches - going well so far, money helps to offset some of the costs of trips, speakers, etc.- Grade 5 devices - will be getting them soon- Dental screening for the whole school coming November 12, 13, 14- Halloween/Spirit Parade - same as before, opportunity for students to see each other; recognize not everyone celebrates; parade at 1pm starting with kindies (meet at Door 2), walk through the community and back to classroom celebrations; snacks will not be served at school but will be brought home- Nutrition Program - emphasize that if a parent/guardian/caregiver is interested, they	Mrs. Bellec

	<p>can come any day of the week to help with cutting up food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jungle Sports (Board-vetted, already booked given high demand) - promotes climbing, crawling, swinging, and balancing, rock-climbing, ropes, etc. in a safe environment with qualified instructors in school, gym set up for a whole week (each class can go multiple times a week, gives children multiple opportunities to try), removes barriers for special needs students <p>Future dates/events to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 2025 - Literacy Night - Spring Concert (instead of Winter concert) 	
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>5 min</p>	<p>-Previous school bank account balance \$8283.91 -Discuss transferring of duties from Liz to Lucy</p> <p>Starting balance of the school year. Has CIBC transition completed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not sure. But CIBC allows for us to drop off checks at any location, but may need to discuss this further especially if it is a large sum of money <p>Starting balance of each school year varies year-by-year, last year was the highest so far. Last year, auction and donations from Fun Fair were very successful, and JumpStart gave us money. Generally, biggest fees are 1-2 parent engagement nights (i.e. Lego night), Fun Fair, and money to the teachers.</p> <p>We should never be in deficit and we cannot spend more than we have in the account. If we foresee a deficit, we would need to reconsider upcoming events, etc.</p> <p>We also need to spend the funds within 2 years for the purpose that it was raised.</p>	

	<p>Next Steps: Lucy/Michael will have a discussion with Nadia/Leanne with breakdown of each account (~4 accounts - grad, cash, board...), logistics of managing accounts, etc., treasurer needs to make sure that the money is coming out of the right account</p>	
<p>Council Purpose Discussion 20 min</p>	<p>-Identify core values, redefine SAC purpose -Explore who, what, where, when, why, how. Who is the school council? I.e what are the different types of people, exec, voting members, parents, etc. Also who do they work with- other parents, principal, teachers, etc. What is school council? I.e what is the purpose? What do we do? What are we responsible for? What can each person do, clear on roles for commitments Where is school council? I.e where are meetings,where do we engage? When is school council? I.e how often do we meet, etc. Why is there school council? I.e Help out with school events, both with volunteers and money. Communicate with, and represent the parents at WJS. How does someone participate in WSC? I.e Either as exec, voting, volunteering, or just sharing feedback. -Quickly go through PCCEO town hall doc -TDSB definition:</p> <p>School Councils</p> <p>School Councils work to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents and caregivers. They are legislated and governed by Regulation 612 of the Education Act.</p>	

School Councils work inclusively, recognizing that all parents/caregivers have an equitable place in our school's community, free from racism, classism, and other isms, intentional or unintentional. They recognize that participation can take many forms and work to:

- **offer parents/caregivers a variety of ways to share their voices, knowledge, and expertise**
- **recognize that relationship building is key to breaking down walls and barriers**
- **strive to identify and eliminate barriers to participation for parents/caregivers**
- **disrupt practices that contribute to oppression based on race, class, nationality, abilities, gender, education, or language**

Link -

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils>

Comments:

- Main focus of the council is not fundraising, but the reason that we do fundraising is to provide opportunities and incentives for the community to come together. The purpose is to bring together all existing and new parents together.

- Each family has their own expertise, skills, etc. to contribute. Our job is to provide opportunity for everyone to contribute, not just the same people all the time. There are some parents who may have time, but have barriers, e.g. language etc.

<p>Communication 15 min</p>	<p>infowellesworth@gmail account, move to TDSB account (PCCEO town hall)</p> <p>- If we do set up an account, we may need to set up auto-reply where it indicates that person should contact school if they do not receive a response within X days in case account is unreliable</p> <p>-Establish mediums and what we use them for- i.e email, whatsapp, others.</p> <p>-1 group for exec + 1 group for voting members + 1 group for all WJS community?</p> <p>-Get info on social media accounts- what exists, and who has access to? Who do we want to have access to?</p> <p>-What we say. This ties into our values, but we need to be mindful about certain things like respect and understanding.</p> <p>-Protocol / process during meetings</p> <p>- SchoolMessenger (board vetted) has the most common spoken languages for weekly updates, council has access to it. Put blurb into school messenger, the app will translate it all into different languages, can send it immediately or set up to send on another date.</p> <p>- Live translators are free but interpretation is paid (min 3 hours). May be better to have a person over the phone translate than live. May be beneficial if there is a cluster of families of a certain language group, can arrange for a translator for future SAC meetings.</p> <p>- For communication to all parents at the school, need to use every available method, i.e. emails, handouts, WhatsApp, etc.</p> <p>- We need to collaborate more with teachers, e.g. Google Form sent out by teachers - if parent/caregiver is interested, they can fill out that form with preferred methods of communication; flyers given out that state something like "council is interested in getting to know</p>	
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	<p>you, if you want to stay updated with the council, include QR code to be added to WhatsApp group”</p> <p>Next steps: Brainstorm more ideas on how to better engage with parents; identify and address barriers; better collaboration with teachers, i.e. teachers communicate to parents the available opportunities, send sign-up sheets in children’s backpacks</p>	
<p>Teachers 5 min</p>	<p>-Start dialogue from teachers, identify needs/wants -Clarify teacher spending from council</p> <p>Jungle Sports - 4-day week - cost is approx \$4,200-5,000 - request to share the cost with parent council (maybe half-half?) - JumpStart will likely not come through to cover this cost</p> <p>Next steps: Council will discuss and vote on funding for Jungle Sports in future meeting</p>	
<p>Year Events 20 min</p>	<p>-Discuss subcommittees for below Events -Grants (Pro Grant and Innovation Grant) - very specific parameters, we are likely ineligible this year, and may not be worth the effort anyhow -Gr 5 Grad -Silent Auction -Skating (last year started fittings in Dec) -Fun Fair -Engagement nights (math, lego, etc) -Fundraising -Special lunches -Pancake breakfast (last year was Dec 7) - this year will be on Friday, December 13</p> <p>Next steps: Vote on sub-committees at next meeting</p>	

<p>Upcoming 5 min</p>	<p>Next meetings- monthly? Nov, Dec(holidays - skip), Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- next meeting will be Thursday, November 21 (Peggy on for snacks)- for subsequent meeting dates, will depend on availability of voting members- once subcommittees are established, they can meet separately <p>Next steps: Canvas with voting members whether they are able and willing to be at the meetings, and subsequent meeting dates will be decided at next meeting when more members are present/available</p>	
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