

SAC Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Attendees: Amanda, Natasha, Carolyn, Salin John, Leanne Bellec, Aaron, Dania, Peggy, Roman, Xawa, Zuhur, Liz, Saida, Oyindanola, Olabisi, Joanne Dias and Sharmini, Danielle, Dapo

Regrets: Lesley & Micheal

Approved by: Natasha and Amanda

Co-Chair Update: Amanda/Natasha

- Welcome everyone.
- Land acknowledgement read by Mrs. Bellec
- Thank you to Natasha/Liz for tonight's snacks
- New By-Law created specifically for Wellesworth. New by-laws will be presented at the next meeting. The intention is to make the expectation, for parent council election clear for next September. Posters to follow.

The last meeting, survey results were shared around events parents are interested in. Results showed 3 major interests (Magician, Bingo/ Art night)

- Magician will be at a school day event.
- Art Night might not work, very costly.
- Bingo Night, no charge (SAC to host) and tie to a fundraiser event.
- Bingo Night possibly the week before March Break (March 4-8) SAC to confirm date before or by next meeting

Comments/Suggestions:

- Bingo Night-no prizes allowed, as its considered gambling (Leanne to look into TDSB policy)
- Be mindful of the number of families attending (limitations in the gym)

- RSVP for Bingo night, to determine space allocations. Consider separating Kinders/gr1-5
 - Future planning, next year, families can donate \$5.00 towards Art Night
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- Treasurer position went from 2 person to 1. Anyone interested please step forward (Sharmini voted)
 - Money for grad (\$500)/Gift card for teachers to spend on classroom materials (\$100 x 13) Leanne to confirm the number of teachers for this year. Teacher gift cards approved.
 - \$500 grad donation to be determined at the next meeting.
 - This year Silent Auction will be from April 22-29. Pick up May 1st.
 - Funfair- proposed to have it end of May but might be a lot for teachers to participate (AEO etc..). To be reevaluated and discussed at the next meeting.
 - Fundraiser (Valentines Day event for students)-Purdy Chocolatier, lots of discussions around best way to approach this event (Financial concerns, might not be viable). To reevaluated and discussed at the next meeting.

Principle Update: Leanne Bellec

- Thank you, to all the families for the Food Drive donations and for the Holiday Concert contributions/participation.
- Thank you, to the skating committee. The first skating date was this Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The skating program will run for 4 weeks.
- Vision testing happened in December 2023. If there is a concern, please reach out to the school.
- Class trips are being planned. Some have gone already (Warren Park) other classes will go soon. More info to follow.
- Parents are always welcome to share ideas, concerns and comments.

Comments/Suggestions:

- Suggestion made for the school to invest in an industrial-size popcorn machine. Popcorn sale/incentive for students is a popular idea. The popcorn machine will be used multiple times throughout the year and it is a great investment for future school events. Mrs. Bellec to look into it.

Community Support Worker: Salin John

- Round table introductions to welcome new families and for community familiarity
- Look out for upcoming Newsletter and community workshops
- January 25, 2024, Mental Health workshop available (Virtual) registration/link to follow

Treasurer Update: Liz

- Donations are deposited into the TDSB account, to allow for tax receipts.
- Current account Balance is \$6447.76
- Some expenses through Jump Start \$2150.00(skating program) Spent \$1421.93 balance \$728.07
- All funds from Jump Start must be used for the skating program. Natasha to follow up to see if the money can be allocated for other events.
- Hero Burger made \$429.35 for council
- Graduation and Gift cards for teachers to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Kernels popcorn sale, Purdy Chocolatier, Terra Cotta fundraiser events to follow soon.
- Question regarding volunteers asked. Liz confirmed no volunteers are needed at this time. Liz to follow up if volunteers are needed.

Comments/Suggestions:

- Suggestion made to tie kernels to another event, like Bingo Night.
- It's important to be mindful of events associated with fees and make them affordable for all.

- Proposed “Fun Friday” theme and tie event to Terra Cotta cookies
- Be mindful that not all parents want a cookie for their child.
- Suggestion made to donate funds from Terra Cotta to graduation.

Up Coming Events:

- Family Skate Day-Sat Feb 10, 2024 @ 1-3 pm
- Families can pick up skates/helmets the day before, but to be returned by the following school day.
- Hot Chocolate will be served.
- Bingo Night March/April

Comments/Suggestions:

- Can families access skates/helmets for Kinders? Yes, follow up with Natasha regarding sizing.