



# WESTON MEMORIAL JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Advisory Council News – April 2021

It is hard to believe that April is here and the spring season is upon us. We hope all Weston Memorial families are enjoying the return of warmer temperatures and longer days. While it has been a different and challenging year for all of us, the School Advisory Council (SAC) has still been trying to support the school community and we have several positive things to share with you.

## **Weston Memorial Spirit Wear**

We hope everyone saw the email Ms. Fata sent out with information about our spirit wear campaign. This is a great opportunity to buy some new school gear for the whole family! 10% of your purchase comes back to the school and there are some great deals (including \$7.50 kids' sweatpants and \$4.00 face masks!). Have a good look as there are a lot of different clothing, colour and logo options. Let us know if you have any questions or need assistance with placing an order.

<https://westonmemorialjps.entripyshops.com/>

## **How SAC is Supporting the School**

We would like to thank all the families that participated in the Arts Express Improv event on March 3rd! There were lots of laughs and we found it to be a very fun and engaging program. We hope to offer another virtual workshop like this within the next couple of months.

It can be hard to determine how best to support the school in these uncertain and ever-changing times. If you have an idea of something the SAC can do to better serve staff and students, please reach out to us via email. We would like to be able to share and discuss your ideas at our next virtual meeting. Especially due to the fact that our meetings have been few and far between, we hope many of our virtual and in-class parents and guardians will be able to attend. A ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent via email.

***School Advisory Council Meeting***  
***Thursday, April 29th @ 6:30pm***

We were fortunate to start this school year with a good amount of money in the SAC account. **So far this school year, we have spent \$10,800 to support various purchases for the school:**

- \$4,250 for 9 new Chromebooks and a Chromebook cart
- \$2,550 for new outdoor equipment
- \$1,925 for classroom resources chosen by the teachers
- \$850 for kindergarten Scientist is School virtual presentations
- \$570 for Welcome to Kindergarten bags for next year's JK students
- \$460 for an IXL Program to support Special Education
- \$195 for the Arts Express Virtual Improv event

**Thank you to all those that have donated and supported SAC events in the past – your generosity made all these purchases possible!**

While our fundraising options and opportunities are very limited this year, we still hope to raise some money to help support resources needed in the 2021-22 school year. We will be opening donations through School Cash Online later this spring, and greatly appreciate contributions of any amount.

As some of you may remember, the SAC has excess funds from last year's pizza lunch program because a number of the pizza days had to be cancelled. After discussion with the school, we are proposing to use these funds to support additional technology purchases. This may include new iPads and tools such as robots to support the new coding curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of this money, please contact us as soon as possible.

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We hope all of you are staying healthy and safe. Let us know if there is any way we can help support you in the coming months.

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