



Weston Memorial Junior Public School

School Advisory Council News – November 2020

Greetings! We hope all our Weston Memorial families have been able to enjoy the beautiful fall season. It is hard to believe the Winter Break is only a few weeks away. As we prepare to move forward in this uncertain year, we wanted to send you an update on our current initiatives.

School Advisory Council Meetings

Our SAC meetings will remain virtual for the foreseeable future. It was wonderful to see strong participation at our meeting on October 21st. Thank you especially to Ms. Fata for valuable information about school protocols, safety and how the staff are navigating these unprecedented times. It was also amazing to hear about all the cosmetic and systems improvements that have been underway inside and outside the building. Thank you to the teachers and staff that attended the meeting and shared their insights as well. We encourage and invite all our families to join SAC meetings. Now, more than ever, it is important that we all work together to build a connected and supportive school community. Our next virtual meeting is on:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH @6:30 VIA ZOOM

Public Health Nurse Presentation

Ms. Fata has arranged for a Toronto Public Health (TPH) Nurse from the COVID-19 School Liaison Team to provide a presentation for our families. SAC is proud to add this presentation to the agenda for our November 24th meeting. Public health nurses support schools with COVID-19 prevention measures, and promote mental health and well-being. They also conduct outbreak management, case investigations and contact tracing if someone at the school develops COVID-19. To maximize our time, we will prepare questions for the nurse prior to the meeting. We are asking our families and staff to submit questions for our Public Health Nurse to westonmemorialjpsac@gmail.com by Monday, November 23rd.

School Statement of Needs

Every year the council is responsible for submitting a School Statement of Needs (SSON) to the TDSB superintendent. It outlines the parent/community priorities for the school that the superintendent will use to identify a principal if one needs to be appointed. It is a record of the main priorities of the parent community and the school board for that specific school. The SSON is due on December 3rd. If you would like to contribute to it or have suggestions please email SAC.

Council News

*Logo Wear is coming soon! We are working on an easy online ordering process for our families to purchase Weston Memorial JPS swag. We are hoping to launch it before Christmas.

*The Buddy Bench has been installed! The Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendships on the playground. It is intended to spread the message of inclusion and kindness and we are thrilled to have it added to the schoolyard. The Buddy Bench was a SAC initiative and is lovingly dedicated to our former principal, Ms. Madarasz, who retired in 2019.

*Thank you to the families that completed the survey that was emailed earlier this week. We are taking time to review all the responses and appreciate those who have submitted their answers and provided valuable feedback. We will be sharing the results from the survey at the SAC meeting on November 24th. If you have not completed the survey yet, we kindly ask for you to do so by November 22nd. If you have not received the survey, please contact us.

Your input and suggestions are important to us. Please let us know what you would like to see from the School Advisory Council.

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