

WMJPS School Advisory Council Meeting
September 25th, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Chair: Julie Bisson (JB)

Vice-Chair: Adriana Avramova(AA)

Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)

Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

Present: Susanne Fata (SF), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Adriana Avramova (AA), Damon Groves (DG), Dean Gray (DGr), Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis (KMN), Jill Malic (JM), Nancy Currie (NC), Sheila Azevedo (SA), Monique Gregory, Chantel Raimundo (CR), Pedro Malone, Paula Casamassima (PC), Sandra DiVincenzo (SD), Negin Frate, Mark Dos Reis (MDR), Chris Wells, Marjorie Richards, Maretta Chase (MC), Liz Samson (LS), Franco DiLisi, Denise Billington, Sarah Osei-Bonsu, Christopher Carfagnini, Maria Russell, Shadi Shokra, Tracy Gilchrist

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JB provides a very warm, introductory welcome featuring synopsis for all new attendees!!	
<i>Review and approval of June minutes</i>	SA made motion to accept the minutes from, NC seconded <i>CARRIED</i>	

<p><i>2019/2020 School Advisory Council Election</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acclaimed positions: Julie Bisson- Chair Valerie Groves- Treasurer Damon Groves- Secretary • Votes for Vice Chair: Candidates: -Dean Gray Vice Chair -Sheila Azevedo- Co Vice-Chair -Adriana Avramova- Co Vice-Chair • Votes were tallied. Congratulations to Sheila Azevedo and Adriana Avramova for assuming roles as Co Vice-Chairs. 2019/2020 SAC Council is now finalized. 	
<p><i>Principal's Report (SF)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am very pleased to be Principal of Weston Memorial. Changing Principals is quite a process • It was wonderful to see many people at Welcome Back BBQ. We had a great turn out • We look to continue the strong bridge between Weston Memorial and the surrounding community • EQAO came out today. We will need time to analyze the complete results. Overall results for WM Grade 3's: Reading came in at 79%, Writing at 81%, and Mathematics at 60%. Math was 61% last year. Reading and Writing both up from last year. EQAO is just part of the data we use with staff to create meaningful foci for student development. School resources, parent engagement, and staff improvement are also very important for student 	

development

- We have many deadlines to meet at end of October, so staff will be very busy
- School budget has not been received yet from TDSB. Typically we have it by end of August
- WM did not required class reorganization. See chart for enrolment/class organization:

Class	Projected	Actual
Rm 2, JK/SK	14+14=28	12+12=24
Rm 3, JK/SK	15+14=29	12+13=25
Rm 6, JK/SK	15+13=28	12+14=26
Rm 4, Gr ½	14+6=20	14+6=20
Rm 5, Gr ½	14+6=20	14+6=20
Rm 7, Gr ½	14+6=20	13+7=20
Rm 9, Gr ½	15+5=20	15+5=20
Rm 8, Gr 2/3	15+5=20	14+6=20
Rm 16, Gr 3	20	18
Rm 15, Gr ¾	6+17=23	6+15=21
Rm 14, Gr 4	22	22
Rm 17, Gr 4/5	10+12=22	14+9=23
Rm 12, Gr 5	22	22
	294	281

- We feel fortunate that our class sizes are reasonable compared to some other primary class sizes around the province
- Terry Fox walk was last week. Thanks to Mr. Sovran for the music. Mr. Malone led the students in a stretching routine. It was a great day weather wise. We raised \$780!! We are of course sharing that with Terry Fox Foundation
- Cross Country is underway. Thanks to Mr. Carter, Mr. Malone, and Ms. Milton for organizing. First Cross Country meet next week. Oct. 2nd
- Weston Memorial's 100th Anniversary Update: Official date is in Oct. which is too soon to plan for. TDSB is fine with us celebrating in Spring of 2020. We would like to consider combining 100th

	<p>anniversary celebration with June Fair. It will mean an open school for community members and alumni. SD- it will bring more people to June Fair. JB- initially daunting, as June Fair is SAC's biggest event by far, but WM staff would be responsible for planning the 100th celebration. Could we set a date? MDR- can we reach out to Weston Historical Society? PC- yes, we have done that already! SF- we are applying to TDSB for funds, 100 years equals \$1,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB calls for vote to combine June Fair with 100th Anniversary celebration and setting date of June 4th. The vote is counted in favour. • DG- there is a new superintendent? SF- Yes, Vicki Branco is new Superintendent for our ward. • We are now working on a cashless registration system. Parents would be able to pay online for pizza day, etc. Funds would go into school's budget. Then school writes a cheque to SAC. It's a great system for all involved. We will also use it for field trips. Parents would also get an email reminder for things like pizza day. It reduces work load for our staff and parent volunteers. MR- did we not already register for something like this? SF- We are looking into that with the idea of getting it spread far and wide 	
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<i>Treasurer's Report (VG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started last year with over 18k. Shows our budget and actual spending. \$24,869 in total fundraising last year. June Fair 10k, \$7,700 for Halloween. Gave \$27,000 back to school. Bigger items: iPads and cases. Also allocated funds for each classroom for resources not covered in school's budget. Also grade 5 graduation, busses for field trips, presentations in class (Science in schools), digital piano, order for upcoming buddy bench, jungle sport in gym. Ending the year (going into this year with 16k) We don't budget to have that much money in the bank (ideal would be more like 3-5k) but still have items in budget that have not yet occurred, or we budgeted more than actual expenses. These next few weeks are crucial for planning budget for this year. DGr- why do we have a carry over of 10k plus, if we should only have 3k? VG- hard to know what exactly we should have carried over. LS- most income comes 	

	<p>during Fun Fair, in June, so it's also a cash flow timing issue. MDR- the financials show that we are spending a bit more than we are bringing in, so that's very important, not like we are hoarding cash.</p> <p>LS makes motion to approve. DG seconds.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
Chair Report (JB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future dates to consider: PIAC elections are Oct. 17th. Next WM SAC meeting is Oct 23. Movie night tentative date is Nov. 8th SF- we have less care taker hours (until 9pm only). JB- looking at shorter films. Nov SAC meeting is Thursday, Nov. 21st • School statement of needs: What we think us unique. SAC Execs will work on it. Sending newsletter to parents for input. Will make it available for all parents. Will provide a link in newsletter TDSB. • School Walk-In scheduled for Oct 10th. Walk-in is a protest to changes in education. Helps rally and voice opinion against cuts. Meet on John Street before school starts, not interrupting school. Standing with participating teachers. • Freshii Lunch Program: Have done Pita Pit before. Would the school be interested in participating in? Seems like an easy program as far as work load. Menu includes items like: wraps, salads, freshii bowls. \$5 per meal. Protein is \$1.5 extra. Parents can order and pay online. This is not for fundraising. MC- one concern is waste? AA- it is paper, compostable. SA- would be great to know if they can accommodate the "litterless lunch" • Budding Artists: teachers, is it easy enough for you and your students? Fundraising by having students make crafts/art. Parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look into specifics of Freshii program. Menus, waste, logistics, etc. • SAC and Principal Fata to look into whether TDSB would support purchase of Youtube subscription

	<p>can buy mugs, clothing etc featuring child's artwork from Budding Artist website. We would love to get it done now for holiday season. SD- how about for 100th? Does require planning and procurement of supplies. Teachers are mixed. SA- Parents would love to have merchandise for holidays. PC- also not everyone celebrates during holidays. DG- Valentine's Day? JB- let's put it on backburner for now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot to cover in Oct. Budget is our biggest concern. Teachers- please consider what you need, what do the students need? AA- could we buy a subscription to Youtube, so teachers who use it in the classroom don't have to watch ads? 	
<p><i>Round Table/New Business</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR- Math Prodigy is a great math skill learner. Perhaps should we recommend for teacher's curriculum. SD- lots of teachers use this, yes it is great. SF- this is also great about parents reaching out especially with math. MR- are WM math numbers above average? Yes. But is 60% something to be proud of? JB- not a fan of EQAO testing to assess student development. But hopefully our influence can reach parents so they can engage in math with children at home. PC- we have to keep in mind how many students take test in our school. We examine data to see exactly where the issues are, and dissect data. MR- can you share info with SAC? SF- absolutely. It is also important to see the student's survey. Do students like math, do they think they're good at it? As a staff we look at student attitude around math. • GD- Did we lose lunchroom supervisor? SF- Yes because our Kindergarten classes were reduced. We have made adjustments and are fine • LS- Let's look into a Science Fair? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of a science fair? • Look into alternative options for PROG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG- PROG (Parent's Reaching Out Grant) is not an option. We should look into other options • CR- Felt very awkward reading TDSB dress code. Why was it so specific? SF- TDSB reviewed dress code policy. That is new dress code policy. TDSB sought views from students, and that may be part of the specific nature. Most likely from older students, middle/high school. • SO-B- Any way for schools to work together (CR Marchant)? Some WM and CR dates are on same night. JB- perhaps better communication between schools would be very helpful • SO-B thanks for the basketball hoops!! <p>AA motions to end meeting. VG seconds. Meeting ends at 8:22pm</p>	
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