

**WMJPS School Advisory Council Meeting
May 27, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Chair: Julie Bisson (JB)
 Vice-Chairs: Adriana Avramova(AA), Sheila Azevedo (SA)
 Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)
 Secretary: Damon Groves (DG), Sheila Ballantyne (SB)

Location: over zoom
 Time: 6:30-8:00

Present: Susanne Fata (SF), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Adriana Avramova, Sheila Azevedo (SA), Damon Groves (DG), Sheila Ballantyne (SB), Maria Russell (MR), Mr. Malone (MM), Melissa Morgan, Negin Frate, Josie Rizzardo, Courtnay Ricci, Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis

Minute Taker: Sheila Ballantyne

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	JB provides a very warm welcome. Thank you to all staff and parents who are joining us tonight!	
<i>Review and approval of Nov. 2020 minutes</i>	<p><i>Note: Minutes from the November 2020 meeting were not approved in the April 2021 to give everyone more time to look at them.</i></p> <p>VG made motion to accept minutes from November, 2020, SA seconded.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
<i>Review and approval of Apr. 2021 minutes</i>	<p>MR made motion to accept minutes from April 2021, VG seconded.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	

<p><i>Chair Report (JB)</i></p>	<p><u>Review of X-Movement Virtual Family Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Thursday May 27th over zoom 6:30-7:30 • Council had not accounted for the parent engagement grant of \$500 from TDSB. The event cost ~ \$500, so everything balanced out financially (no funds came from council). • Fun 1 hour event, that was an intense workout! More review to come from SF. <p><u>Grade 5 graduation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To celebrate grade 5 graduation, offering another virtual event from Arts Express, in place of a field trip that usually happens. • Mr Malone – some type of improv. The two grade 5 classes will do it together. JB – the event costs just under \$500 • JB – Can we do T shirts for the graduates? The ceremony will not cost anything this year. T-shirts will cost ~\$400 (40 students, \$10 per student). Have \$200 in budget, and am asking counsel to approve additional \$200. VG – confirmed the numbers MR – where is the money come from? JB – just from balance. We’ll end with \$3,600 in bank. • JB – Ms Fata suggested t-shirts can go out with report cards and certificates, so no shipping costs or logistical issues. <p>Motion to spend an additional \$200 on grade 5 graduation ceremony, for a total of \$400, to cover the cost of t-shirts. All parents on screen (7) approved, Mr Malone (teacher) approved. No dissents.</p> <p>Passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB – the shirts are grey or white, with: “2021 graduate” and “Weston Memorial”. <p><u>Pizza night</u></p>	<p>JB will order T-shirts for the grade 5 graduates.</p> <p>JB will contact Pizza Pizza about hosting a pizza night, maybe June 3, 2021.</p> <p>JB will find out when the \$1000 minimum starts over with the logo wear.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Pizza is hosting pizza nights, where families will get 10% off, and another 10% of all money will go back to the school. Pizza Pizza is tdsb approved. This could be a good option for future fundraising. On a certain night, between 4:00 and 8:00, there will be a special phone number. Hoping to have pizza night next Thursday (June 3, 2021), which would have been our June fair date. • Thanks Ms Mihaychuk for the lead! • SA - is it just one night? JB – I don't know, I will ask Pizza Pizza. At least one in June. <p><u>LOGO WEAR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had ~\$2000 in sales from 17 orders. We receive 10% on all sales above \$1000, so we made \$100. We can keep running this online store through summer and into the foreseeable future. The links remain active. Rebates come in June and December. \$100 is not a lot, but this was still a success. Did not aggressively advertise this, and we did not want to fundraise a lot during the pandemic anyways. • MR – does that \$1000 threshold start every term? When does it roll over? <i>[JB answered later in meeting: doesn't know, will find out].</i> <p><i>JB lost connection and temporarily left meeting. Chair report continues after principal's report.</i></p>	
Principal's Report (SF)	<p><u>X-Movement Virtual Family & Student Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program was held for all Weston students. Meeting remotely worked well with having many students at same time. • Purchased a subscription to the service and can continue to use it for the rest year and next. Affiliated with U of T, lots of health resources. Teachers 	SF will send out "save the date" to all grade 5 gradates for their graduation ceremony on June 29 at 1:30

	<p>incorporating this into courses. Can share access with families next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About 19 families participated in the evening program, a typical number according to X-Movement. It was very nice to see everyone! <p><u>Grade 5 graduation.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation committee is planning to hold the ceremony on June 29 at 1:30. Information on the event will be advertised starting in June.• A permission form will go out to all the graduates from tdsb for photos etc to be taken, and must be signed by June 10.• Event will be virtual, even if we are back to in-person learning. Lots of planning. Now experts at online events! It's not ideal, but doing our best to make it meaningful.• Mr Malone - Parents are looking for information, particularly when the ceremony will take place. SF – I checked with all the other schools in area for their graduate ceremony dates and the 29th should not be a conflict. I will communicate the confirmed date to the grade 5 teachers asap. <p><u>Return of devices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TDSB recently sent an email asking to return any borrowed devices. Waiting for more information, will send a follow up email soon to parents. There are two categories of devices: the IPADS that were borrowed from Weston (and other schools) and distributed around the city	<p>SF will clarify how borrowed devices will be returned, once she gets information from tdsb.</p>
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by Purolator, and the Chromebooks that went out at the last day before the current shut down just before Easter weekend. There are still a lot of questions.

- We do not expect any devices returned until the end of June. If you have a device, do not return it before end of online learning.
- We are still trying to figure out the how, who, and when we will accept returning devices. We are waiting for clarity from tdsb.

Picking up student items at school

- We may return to in person learning before the end of the school year, and so student belongings can be taken home then.
- If we do not return, belongings need to be organised and picked up. Last year the belonging pick up went really well. The teachers and other staff did an amazing job at organising everything. Maybe students can drop off devices then.

Daycare – report back from April questions

- When I became principal December 2021 was the completion date. Everything, from soil sampling to plans and drawings, is ready to go. Drawings are done and ready for tendering. Challenge now is waiting for ministry for final approval, and with that comes the funding.

- Breaking ground to completion is relatively fast because the pieces of building are pre-fabricated. Maybe 8 months from approval. Some tasks may need to be re-done (e.g. locates for utilities etc). Delay may be in part due to the pandemic.

Class placements:

- Preliminary conversations around class placements are happening now.
- TDSB sent out request to parents and guardians to decide between in person and remote for the fall (2021) by June 1. With vaccine rates increasing and new information developing, TDSB felt parents could make a more informed in mid-August, with a deadline of ~August 24, 2021.
- Schools will not have all the student data until the very end of August / early September. This information has effects on staffing, organisation, and time table.
- Hopefully by August everything will be in a much more positive place. Vaccine rates will be higher and the 3rd wave long behind us. More families may choose in-person learning. We will be prepared for anything.
- Virtual school as it is now will not exist next year. If families opt for remote learning they will likely be put into a learning hub, combining students from many schools. Maybe with up to 3 different grades grouped. It will be up to the schools to figure this out.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're asking that parents do not request teachers or classes. • JB – thank you for all the info. We appreciate that it is challenging to have everything always changing! SF – yes, change every day! Fortunate to be surrounded by a strong team of educators who are willing to be flexible, and supportive families. Thanks everyone. JB – right back at you! We know there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes! 	
<i>Chair Report (JB)</i>	<p><i>Chair report continued after the principal's report.</i></p> <p><u>Year Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not make fundraising a priority this year. We kept up with things because we came into the year financially strong. Despite everything, it was a good year for SAC! • Typically, we now look to plan back to school bbq, but we are very likely not having welcome back bbq [<i>because of the pandemic</i>]. • For over a year now, our typical ways we reach out to families has be different. No in-person events, no pick ups and drop offs at the school yard. It has not been easy. • Looking to next year, we will have to be creative. Fundraising has not been our main goal, but is required to do the things we want to do. Hoping for more passive fundraising ideas. 	
<i>Treasurer Report (VG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council received budget documents before meeting and viewed them on screen during meeting.</i> • Looking at end of April, 2021, there are no new transactions • We started 2020/2021 with \$14, 547.13 	<p>SF will look into where funds that are donated through the school website go (and if they can</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - +\$95 reconciliation from the 2019 Fun Fair - +\$300 pizza night is an estimate - Direct donations has been removed on this budget. We have talked about this a lot, and maybe we can do this in the future. • USAGE NOTES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$200 for Grade Five Ceremony will be increased to \$400. - The \$194.10 was for Arts Express - \$458.70 was for the RAZ KIDS licence • Our end of year balance is \$3,626,69 <p><u>Direct donations discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF – On every school website there is a link where the school can receive a donation. Tax receipts are centrally organised. • VG – Could we mention the link in a newsletter? Julie, will there be another newsletter? JB – yes. VG – I wouldn't want anyone to feel pressure, but I know there are a lot of people who would be interested in doing that. JB – agreed. • AA – I have tried the link on the Weston web page. There is no option to have your donation go to your school, it just seems like a donation to all of TDSB. Could we just send SAC a cheque? VG – I don't know. Is PACE still picking up cheques? SF –They stop doing pick ups in mid June. Challenging because we're not in the building. Will get clarification about how the website link works. JB – could we set it up like pizza day money? 	<p>go directly to the school).</p>
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	<p>SF – yes, but we should do this in September because all the staff are working remotely. We can't do e-transfers yet. It's OK if the money comes to the school and not SAC. Council would still have a say in how it's spent. There is a tax savings when the school spends the money anyways. VG – ok, sounds like we should wait until September. SF – I can get info on the link now. JB – we still have funds for the fall. We are in good shape. MR – this is a good time of year to ask for donations. People are used to donating at the June Fair.</p> <p>AA made motion to accept the budget. SA seconded.</p> <p>CARRIED.</p>	
<p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF – virtual welcome to JK will happen sometime in June. • Mr Malone – I've been doing grad for many years. Thank you SAC. It's commendable you're still running. I was prepared to pay for the t-shirts myself if SAC couldn't because the students really need something. Thank you SAC, and thank to Ms Fata for being the glue that keeps us together. JB- we just want the best for our families. Nice to see our community come together! <p>JB motions to end meeting. MR seconds. Meeting ends at 8:00 pm</p>	