

WMJPS School Advisory Council Meeting
Oct 23rd, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Chair: Julie Bisson (JB)

Co Vice-Chairs: Adriana Avramova(AA), Sheila Azevedo (SA)

Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)

Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

Present: Susanne Fata (SF), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Adriana Avramova (AA), Sheila Azevedo (SA) Damon Groves (DG) Monique Gregory, Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis (KMN), Jill Malic (JM), Sarah Osei-Bonsu (SO), Vipham, Paula Casamassima (PC), Pedro Malone (PM), Denise Billington, Maria Russell (MR), Franco DiLisi

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	JB provides warm welcome	
<i>Review and approval of Sept minutes</i>	<p>Two edits noted for Sept. Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shelia Azevedo was not listed as Co-Vice Chair• Correction of Principal's Report regarding EQAU results: Minutes read "... mathematics at 60%. Math was 61% last year." Should have read: "... Math was 52% last year." <p>VG makes motion second by AA</p> <p>Carried</p>	

<p><i>Principal's Report (SF)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made it to Thanksgiving! A minor milestone for being in a new school! • Safe Schools Update: we are mandated to have six fire drills and two lockdown drills per year. Fire drill occurred on Sept. 18. School evacuated in under two minutes. First lockdown was on Sept 20th. Protocols are in place for all evacuation procedures, meeting places, etc. • Front entrance needs to be addressed. Doors are always locked during school hours, but there are several avenues near the front doors. Working with design team to make modifications to entrance to comply with fire codes and evacuation procedures. Consulting with Before and After care as well. Will continue to update as progress continues • PALS program: Ms. Sciortino started this initiative with with Suglia years ago. It is a leadership program operated with a public nurse from Toronto Public Health and TDSB. We ask grade 4 and 5 students who were interested in promoting physical activity in yard with younger students. Leadership opportunity for older grades. Helps to alleviate bullying in yard. First training session is Oct. 18th. Great group of kids this year. Going to classrooms tomorrow for presentation. We have about 20 fantastic student volunteers this year with a good budget • School Improvement Plan: (Student Achievement, well-being and equity). We are looking at a lot of data, like EQAO, report cards, classroom assessments, census reports along with discussions and feedback from teachers during PD days. This is all in an effort to help guide us to authentic goals. EQAO- we can look at in-depth data like IIR (Item Information 	
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	<p>Report) We need to look further into results than “up this year” “down this year”.</p> <p>Census Data- helps us learn about student well-being. Do our students feel safe, involved...? We have not yet determined goals and would like input from parents/SAC in terms of areas of focus and goals of improvement plan. It is very important to engage families do learn about their needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Budget received last week from TDSB: \$56,431. This includes allotment specifically for IT, which is \$4,699. Budget is slightly less than last year based on enrollment. TDSB budget reduced by \$65 million. Schools with less than 300 students were not impacted nearly as much as larger schools. We are still awaiting specific breakdowns. Will continue to work with staff and budget committee to determine budget with school improvement plan in mind • Upcoming dates for Weston Memorial: October 25: Assembly & Pizza Day! October 31: Dance-a-thon November 5: Photo Retakes November 8: Movie Night November 13: Progress Reports and Initial Observations (FDK) go home 	
<i>Treasurer's Report (VG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today's budget is not finalized, but will be submitted to TDSB soon • No bank transactions this month so far • June Fair coinciding with 100 Anniversary could be risky. Back-up for bad weather during the Fair has always been inside, but if 100th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers to look into needs from SAC to assist with Arts Programs

	<p>Anniversary takes place inside, there's no room for Fair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upped Tech budget from last year. A set of iPads was requested. SF-school has some in budget for those as well. Looking to SAC for Tech Cart with Google Chromebooks. Working on inventory to determine what needs are • Teacher Resources: 18 teachers times 150 (?) • We increased budget for grade 5 grad ceremony based on parent feedback • We are hoping to do Drumfit again. Had great feedback from students • Arts Programs- looking to teachers to know how SAC can help. SC- we definitely looking into projects and will inform SAC • Outdoor Resources: KMN- glad to have access to some bicycles and shovels. Looking for tricycles for kindergarten grades. Good ones are \$200. There is enough room to store 4. VG- \$1,500 dollars is current budget for this. Please let SAC know if you want to revise it. • JB- ARTS, Indoor Lunch Resources and Outdoor Resources are what we are looking for input from teachers. VG – and tech as well. <p>SA makes motion to accept Treasurer's Report DG seconds</p> <p>Carried</p>	
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<p><i>Co-Vice Chair Report</i></p>	<p>Fundraising Update and Ideas: (SA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some schools have food truck nights where trucks come to schoolyard. 2 trucks are on TDSB vendor list. One Greek one Ecuadorian. Also promotes socializing with families. Perhaps for Spring • There are some companies that sell gift cards for small kickback to school. Teachers will have to deal with order forms, though. SF- don't forget we're going cashless soon! Rolling it out gradually. • (PC)- Big Box of Birthday Cards. Box costs \$33. Only involves distributing them when they arrive. Good ideas for holiday season • Re-useable snack bags. Kickback for us. Environmentally friendly. Litter-less Lunch! • Honey Jars- good profit. \$3-5 per jar. • (PC)- McMillan cookie dough forms! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAC to look into McMillan forms
<p><i>Round Table/New Business</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF- Perhaps additional building for daycare centre may cut into our space to add fun things to junior yard, such as basketball hoops. Sustaining condition of the yard once construction commences will be a challenge. MR- website says something like 2022 for daycare opening. Primary yard has draining issues, wood chips end up on 	<p>Look into logowear and logo items. Adult sizes too. How much should we add to budget? Where do the items ship? Add \$500 to budget? Will do a big range</p>

	<p>street, apparently. Want to revisit placement of boulders in primary yard. Have seen many injuries as a result. Perhaps move them to a less active space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Buddy Bench</i> is going in primary yard. Process in place to get it installed • Having Fair and 100 may be helpful for budget- putting tents up icould be an option for bad weather. MR- should we sell some logowear or other mementos to help fundraise? JB- yes, we have items online for parents to buy • PROG- Parents Reaching Out Grant- MR- there is something vague in the Provincial Education Dept for funding PROG. AA- it is on pause for now. SF- school applies for funds. Ministry Provides funds to TDSB for them to manage • MR- Math. How can parents learn how to assist with math? A little disconnect not knowing what the child is learning at school. Are there textbooks? SF- good point. But there are a lot beyond textbooks that teacher uses. I know OSIE speaker. Fantastic about talking to parents about how to support math at home. DG- sounds like a potential for Parent Engagement Night. SO- CR Marchant had a parent math night. There are also some online resources to help parents. PM- “Mathamantics” and “Khan Academy” are good resources. Make it simple and fun. PC- It’s not always as easy as following a 	of price points
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	<p>textbook. Majority of learning is in class with work ethic, active learning. Math has become dynamic now. Set students up for academic success later in student life. "Knowledgehook: Math Missions" related to TDSB curriculum. SF- "Youcube" is another great website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB- great to have these discussions with parents and teachers. Finding out what happens in class (students may not provide the most reliable feedback). • One student going to CC finals tomorrow. Good luck Luke!! • SO- I have three kids in school. Always get things in triplicate. Is there a way to send forms home with oldest child only? SF- currently updating systems. Work on a sibling list and give out to oldest kid • SO- no crossing guard at Pine and Queens Dr. Perhaps I can look into that • SF- we have recently renewed our movie license for school. JB- will try not to choose a full-length film. Do an hour-long movie with dance party afterwards 	
<p><i>Chair Report</i></p> <p><i>JB</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Statement of Needs:</i> It is a document developed each year due in Oct. It involves parent engagement to declare specific needs of our school. It is a major factor in determining new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB to look into Freshii lunch distribution - SAC to secure

	<p>principals, among other things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshii Lunch Program: It's a GO! Lunches will be on Thursday. Distribution has to be handled by parents or senior students. PC- one large order won't work. Pita Pit, for instance was separated by classroom, with labels for each student. Extra was sent to office in case of error. "Lunchboxorders.ca" have separate vendors for each day of the week. All done online. JB- yes, I saw this. Have very basic food options as well. I will look into Freshii and see how it's distributed. • Skate Night: we are looking into setting a date and procuring a permit. Usually the Wed. night right before school day off • Movie Night: Fliers will go out very soon! • Community Representative: We are allowed to nominate one community member to join meetings. This person does have a vote. DG- I have been in touch with Shakespeare in Action and David DiGiovanni, Director of Education, is willing to serve and has been nominated as Community Rep. Will likely be at November SAC meeting • Flag Football and CC: Thank you to the teachers for devoting time to physical activities, Cross Country and Flag Football!! • Library Club: There used to be a library club during lunchtime, with winter coming up, could we do • that again? SF- we will address this 	<p>permit and date for Skate Night</p>
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	<p>at our next staff meeting</p> <p>DG motions to end meeting. SO seconds. Meeting ends at 8:22pm</p>	
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