

**WMJPS School Advisory Council Meeting
Dec, 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Chair: Julie Bisson (JB)
 Vice-Chairs: Adriana Avramova(AA)
 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, Damon Groves (DG), Sheila Ballantyne (SB), Maria Russell (MR), Sandra DiVincenzo (SD), Christina Sciortino, Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis, Pedro Malone (PM), Muna Abubekar

Minute Taker: Damon Groves

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	JB provides a warm welcome. Thank you to staff who are joining us tonight!	
<i>Review and approval of Nov. 2021 minutes</i>	SB makes motion to pass minutes. MR seconds Motion Passed	- Revisit Parent Involvement Sub-Committee
<i>Special Toronto Public Health Presentation</i>	COVID-19 School Liaison Team Presentation: TPH Nurse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Canada Approved Pfizer pediatric vaccine for children 5-11 Nov 19, 2021 	-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal is to get back to a normal life for children• When majority of adults and children are vaccinated, the unvaccinated are at greater risk, including youth• Rate is highest for ages 5-11 currently• There are roughly 200,000 children 5-11 in Toronto. There will be enough doses for all eligible children• Why vaccinate? While most children have mild or no symptoms, some get very sick, and some symptoms last long after infection. Best way to protect everyone in your household is to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.• Get vaccine based on your child's current age, not weight• What is an mRNA Vaccine?- teaches our body how to make antibodies to fight COVID 19 infection. Takes two weeks after each dose to develop antibodies• Side effects: similar to what adults experienced. While typically very mild, they also mean your body is working to produce antibodies. Most common are pain /soreness at injection site, headache, muscle pain, fatigue.• Myocarditis and Pericarditis- Very rare side effect found in some adults. Symptoms include chest pain, shortness of breath, pounding heartbeat. To date no cases of this for children who have been vaccinated• COVID vaccines on fertility: over 7 billion doses have been given worldwide and NO fertility concerns identified. Vaccines are recommended during pregnancy and nursing because infections during which can be serious• Previous COVID infection? still get vaccinated. Anyone with symptoms should wait until they go away	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination sites- many options for booking. Online, city clinics, pharmacy, hospitals, pop-up sites • School operated clinics based on community needs- Weston Memorial has vaccine clinic Dec 11th from 10:00am-3:00pm • Preparing for COVID-19 vaccine appointment: drink water, loose fitting top or t-shirt. Re-book if you have any symptoms • Don't spread misinformation. Check source. Read beyond headlines, dig deeper. • 	
<p><i>Principal's Report (SF)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine Clinic @ Weston Memorial. Dec 11th from 10:00am-3pm • Sending home five rapid COVID tests for each student during holiday break • All students/parents will have a chance to switch between In-Person/Virtual school. Timeframe to switch is between Dec. 3rd-Januray 7th . Switch forms will be sent out via TDSB. Switch will take place in February • School Improvement Plan: Student Achievement- ability to use math and knowledge skills effectively, with specific focus on underserved students <p>Well-Being: Emphasising student voice, students having a stronger sense of belonging</p>	

	<p>Equity: Understand our own implicit biases and emphasize specific language (e.g., bias, privilege, barriers) and how this impacts our own teaching</p> <p>Indigenous: TBD</p>	
<p><i>Chair Report (JB)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Statement of Needs (SSON)- names priorities of parent community. Council is finalizing SSON and will send to superintendent. One concern from a parent asking for more support for students with special needs, including early screening and intervention as well as education for parents. <p>JB asks to pass motion to finalize SSON. VG and SB second</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Active fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entripy- Logo Wear. Go online to order! - Pizza Pizza- Thursday is Weston Memorial Pizza night. Call Pizza Pizza catering line to order and fundraise for WM. - School donation fundraiser- trying to get out on website for school funding. Outdoor fundraising, technology, presentations in class, Drumfit, Junglesport. SF- Technology: portable tech and accessories. As well as desktop computers (warranty is coming up). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule another Arts Express event - Send parents more info regarding Logo Wear - Reach out to teachers re: Scholastic Book Fair - Continue Involvement with SIA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO Grant (Parent Reaching Out)- short window of opportunity to apply. Our application has been submitted. Would like to team up with Shakespeare in Action (SIA). Program is a screening of “Nona’s Malaika” play about social media, mental health, featuring a conversation with experts and artists. • Scholastic Book Fair: looking into hosting a book fair. Used to be in-person, but now doing a virtual book fair. Parents can go online for shopping. Books go to school for distribution. School receives 20% credit for their library. 	
<p><i>Treasurer Report (VG)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021-2022 Budget <p>Projected Funds</p> <p>Projected \$210 from Logowear Hoping to raise \$3,000 through direct donations \$1,000 for virtual events \$203 for family pizza night</p> <p>Expenses</p> <p>\$2,500 technology \$200 grad ceremony \$2,300 presentations in class \$1,500 for outdoor equipment</p> <p>DG made motion to accept the budget MR seconds</p>	

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<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drumfit: running virtual classes, with a plan for schools to purchase exercise balls and drumsticks. SF- this could be a challenge to store them. SD- there is no space for the exercise balls, and no time to inflate 30 exercise balls. VG- Drumfit could be an easy way to engage parents and funding. Could switch it to outdoor equipment? SF- Wonder if Drumfit will return to in person soon? VG- perhaps it makes sense to put more funds into outdoor equipment for the time being • JB- are you seeing a difference in students math/reading scores this year? Any correlation with COVID closures last year? SF- seeing some numbers of lower marks in grade 3 and 4. SD- this year I've seen nothing remarkable in students results this year. PM- noticed a difference in students reading early on, but have seen a promising improvement in only 3-4 weeks. Proves to me that in-person is far superior to distance learning. <p style="text-align: center;">MR motions to end meeting. VG seconds. Meeting ends at 8:45 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to social worker for parent discussion about children and mental health, etc.