



**WMJPS School Council Meeting
October 19, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chairs: Julie Bisson (JB), Jamie Cameron (JC)
Treasurer: Adriana Avramova(AA)

Location: Weston Memorial JPS Library
Time: 6:30-7:30

Present: Susanne Fata (SF), Julie Bisson (JB), Jamie Cameron (JC), Adriana Avramova (AA), Maria Russell (MR), Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis (KM), Marya Williams (MW), Siobhan Carroll (SC), Jimmy Tran (JT), Kyra Tschesnokow (KT), Sandra DiVincenzo (SD), Jill Malic (JM), Misha Tamas (MT)

Minute Taker: Jamie Cameron

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Thank you to all staff and parents who are joining us tonight!	
<i>Review and approval of October 2022 minutes</i>	MR made motion to accept minutes from October, 2022. Seconded: AA CARRIED	
<i>Chair's Report (JB)</i>	Community Representative : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An optional member of Council, which for the last 2 years has been Shakespeare in Action. It's intended to be a mutually beneficial relationship. - Role is the same as parent members, with a vote. It provides an opportunity to bring a different perspective to Council decisions. - Shakespeare in Action would be interested in participating again, but can't attend meetings until January. 	<i>Action:</i> Give 2 weeks for alternative suggestions to be forwarded to Council.

	<p>Skate Night :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As in past, to be hosted at Downsview Arena on Wilson Ave., Wednesday December 21, 5:45pm-7:00pm (ice 6:00-7:00pm), with time to be confirmed - Costs are \$600 to run (\$400 for permits, 4x guards, snacks) - Downsview does have skate rentals - More discussion on planning to come at our next meeting. <p>Halloween Dance-a-thon :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have a successful track record of holding it on Halloween within the decorated gym. - Fundraising is through pledges - Communications have gone out, including forms emailed by SF. Forms allow cash or cheque. - We will need volunteers to help count money (2 people, in-person at the school) and to decorate (Friday after school) and tear down (Monday afternoon). <p>Pizza Lunch :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First lunch has been pushed to November, after getting TDSB's Cash Online set up. All families will need to register. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Currently only 35% of community is signed up for Cash Online, so we will need to drive registration - Intention is for it to continue on a monthly basis, typically the last Friday of the month. - Students are to be signed up for all 6 months, as a bulk purchase, on one form. 	<p><i>Action:</i> Council to provide SF with example form to be properly set up in Cash Online</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Question:</i> Is it possible to do hybrid money collection? <i>SF:</i> the Board has directed schools to minimize the use of cash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Update:</i> Nov. 9 email to community from SF indicated parents could reach out to Council directly if there were extenuating circumstances where Cash Online couldn't be used. <p>School Statement of Needs :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - document is intended to be the parent community's main priorities, which the superintendent would use should they be in a position where they need to hire a new principal. - The previous document will be circulated to Council members for review and to add input, followed by 1 week of community review. - It is to be submitted formally in November. 	
<p><i>Financial Report and Council Budget (AA)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The budget was developed by AA, JB, JC and VG, supported by information from MF and her team - The budget as presented is a draft, seeking input today (see attached document) - Fundraising events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Halloween dance: typically a large fundraiser with minimal expenses, for some incentives (t-shirt, award for class) o Spring fair: typically our marquis event, which in the past has net \$11k o Movie night – typically we have done 2 per year, but are budgeting for 1 this year 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technology – the school is moving away from tablets, earlier introduction of Chromebooks ▪ STEM consumables per class are now coming from the school budget, opening other options for direction of funds. ▪ Library will become a maker space, but it will also have bins to sign out per grade from library ▪ Consumables related to maker space activities, like construction wood, triangles, string, paper, etc. <p>- Suggestions from those in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decodable books related to early years learning for the library, using the TDSB vendor Firefly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SF: The school focused on updating the levelled text collection last year, spending \$6000 on level readers - Examples shared from York Region: indigenous theatre in assemblies, Earth Rangers (which the school has had previously) - Fundraising idea for the June fair -> parent noted another school had raised \$10k for pie-in-face for the teachers. Was noted that the TDSB specifically prohibits dunk tanks specifically. - <i>Question:</i> When does the fundraising plan need to be submitted? <i>SF:</i> Last year was November 30th, with the School Financial Plan due October 31. - <i>Question:</i> How much is bus rental? <i>SF:</i> \$270 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KT noted it may be possible to get TTC bus for school trip. - Motion - accept Council budget. Unanimously approved. 	
<p><i>Principal's Report (SF)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The calendar has been attached to school website. - Since our last Council meeting, SF has activated the co-chair email and messenger. - SF intends to Set up meeting between Ms. Fata and executive for expectations for turnaround time (virtual) - PA Day – October 7: The entire staff will be engaged in learning about early years reading, math, and science. Additionally, we will review report card data from June. - In the TDSB's Principal's meeting today, direction was given in a change in how School Improvement Impact done, with an emphasis on goals relating to System Goals #1, #2, with an equity lens embedded in each. - Update on scoring: Math highest, writing lowest, with a distinct discrepancies between male and female achievement in each level - Budget priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional development – including occasional teachers for coverage ○ \$500/grade for grade-level STEM kits ○ This year we will be analyzing math resources ○ Getting chromebooks in hands of younger students (currently now Grade 3). We are hoping to purchase a class set for the library. 	<p><i>Action: Council Executive to have meeting with SF regarding expectations & turnaround</i></p> <p><i>Update: occurred 17-Nov.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$300 is allocated to school council. This is typically used for child minding (\$32 per Council meeting, <i>recently determined as \$35.53</i>), as well as insurance for the June fair (previously \$170). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Question from SF: Do we want all meetings in-person?</i> <i>Answer: Yes, if possible.</i> ○ \$500 comes from Ministry to support parent engagement. - Events to note, with other schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nov. 10th – Telus Event on bullying (CR Marchant) ○ Nov. 22nd – Food handling course (HJ) 	
<p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Question: Can the \$500 from the Ministry be used to support Council child minding?</i> - Food drive - WAES is badly in need of food donations, particularly non-perishable items and used egg cartons to help distribute eggs. <i>Question: Has the school had any communications about running a food drive?</i> <p>Meeting ends at 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>Action: SF to determine limitations on use of \$500.</i></p> <p><i>Action: SF to report back on feasibility on having one near holidays.</i></p>