

WESTON MEMORIAL JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Advisory Council News – Jan/Feb 2020

Greetings to everyone! We hope you all have had a great start to 2020! SAC has hit the ground running and we have plenty of info to share with you.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MacMillan's fundraiser this past fall. The school made almost \$1,000, which will go a long way to supporting our initiatives this year! A big thanks to Sheila Azevedo for her efforts in organizing the fundraiser!

The money raised over the past months is being put to good use with the recent purchase of 25 new Chromebooks for the school (\$7,000), resources selected by teachers for each classroom (totaling \$2,500), and a DrumFit day for students on January 29 (\$1,100). Thank you for helping us make these things happen!

SAC News

We are happy to announce a new member of our School Advisory Council. David di Giovanni from Shakespeare in Action has joined the council as our Community Representative. Shakespeare in Action is a not-for-profit organization that has a new studio at Artscape Weston Common. The organization hosts drama classes for kids, runs theatre programs in schools, and puts on productions including summertime Shakespeare in the Shell at Little Avenue Memorial Park. We are very happy to have David on the council, and hope this change will foster a stronger connection between the school and the Weston community and facilitate future theatre programming in the school.

For those of you who might be interested, Shakespeare in Action has established a **Weston Young Theatre Makers Access Fund**, which supports low-income children and youth who live in/around the Weston community. The fund offers subsidized spots or full scholarships to Shakespeare in Action's performing arts classes. Email info@shakespeareinaction.org or call (416) 703-4881 for more information.

SAC Meeting - February 27th

We plan to discuss a couple items at our February meeting that we would love to hear your feedback on. We want to explore different lunch program vendors, so if you have specific requests/preferences please give us your input. We are also considering helping the school with the purchase of new drapes for the stage in the gym. We want to know if this is something that families would like SAC to support, and will be discussing possible ways to raise money for the drapes. Come out on February 27th or email us - westonmemorialipssac@gmail.com.

Fun Fair and 100th Anniversary Celebration

Planning for the June 4th Fun Fair and 100th Anniversary Celebration is already underway. We are excited to host this amazing school and community event and will need participation from all our families. Big events like the Fun Fair simply cannot happen without adults from each family stepping up to share a little bit of their time and talents! More communication and information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Movie Night - February 21st

This is one of our favourite and most popular school events and we would love to see many Weston faces come out for a fun night. As always, admission is free. You can look forward to our amazing concession stand, famous popcorn, free colouring contest, 50/50 tickets and much more. Pizza order forms and movie options will be sent home soon.

Upcoming SAC Events

- JAN 31st Pizza Day
- **FEB 21**st Movie Night
- **FEB 27**th SAC Meeting 6:30PM in the Library. Child minding available.
- MAR 28th Parents as Partners Conference, Toronto Congress Centre. Registration will be available online through the TDSB.
- APR 1st Staff Appreciation Lunch