

WMJPS School Advisory Council Meeting  
 June 19, 2019  
 Meeting Minutes

Chair: Julie Bisson (JB)  
 Vice-Chair: Adriana Avramova(AA)  
 Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)  
 Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

Present: Karen Madarasz (KM), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Adriana Avramova (AA), Damon Groves (DGr), Dean Grey (DG), Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis (KMN), Jill Malic (JM), Nancy Currie (NC), Jess Olsson, Verise Lue, Wayne Lue, Sheila Azevedo,

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB provides a very warm welcome!!</li> </ul>	
<i>Review and approval of April minutes</i>	<p><b>VG made motion to accept the minutes from, NC seconded</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>	

*Principal's Report (KM)*

- Edge Photography was selected for grad photos. Have heard positive feedback so far. Thanks to SAC for supporting grade 5s for funding. VG- any discussion on cap and gown? (KG grades did not have cap and gown in photos) KMN- no. KM- for next year we should note this. KM- Edge Photography attended June Fair this year as well with their photo booth.
  - Lego Club was fabulous for a second session this year. My suggestion would be to do the same (2 times) next year. Please pass this along to new principal.
  - Grade 4 and 5 track meet!! – Newsletter was sent out regarding the placements. Thanks to SAC for bussing costs! Weston Memorial had a finalist who competed in Scarborough!!
  - Mrs. DiVincenzo helped arrange the Volunteer Tea. Had about 15 or so volunteers.
  - Welcome to Kindergarten night was successful. Roughly 45 families attended. Thanks to SAC for helping to pay for Kindergarten bags.
  - June Fair was wonderful as always. Thanks to Julie, Val Ms. DaSilva. It's truly a whole community event and a wonderful
- Look into budgeting for buddy bench earlier in the year next year
  - SAC to consider 100 anniversary time capsule AND paying for Edge Photography bags
  - Keep buddy benches on agenda for next year

	<p>evening for everybody.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junglesport is happening this week. Each class gets three trips to the gym. Thanks to SAC for subsidizing \$4,100. Students were asked to pay \$5 each, which is very reasonable.</li><li>• Wearable Tech: arrived only a week and half ago. Mr. Carter is doing it now. KMN, Mr. Malone and Ms. Lynch will do it next year.</li><li>• Grade 5 grad coming up! Parents have signed up to help with decorations and refreshments- thank you! SAC is paying for buses to Rinx, thanks!</li><li>• Final notes on retiring: It has been an honour and privilege working with SAC during the past seven years. My goal has been to create relationships, and maintain transparency. Thanks to all SAC members and to all staff for attending. I feel very blessed to have been a part.</li><li>• Buddy Bench- we didn't get a chance to act on this. We only have \$6,000 in school account. At this time, we cannot spend more. We need to have money in the account during the summer, and for start-up costs in September.</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cassimassima emailed me to express appreciation to SAC about the luncheon, and wish list for teachers. Please consider that again for next year.</li>   <li>• Budget for next year: Would love budget for arts and crafts projects, and for music concerts.</li>   <li>• Scientist in the Schools- everyone seemed to like this! Perhaps we could do this twice next year?</li>   <li>• Would love to add to the tech budget for next year, specifically for data projectors. Replacement bulbs are \$250-\$300!! Some vendors want \$450. Please consider laptops on a cart, which can be signed out for teachers or students. \$5,000 per year for IT funding is mandated by the board. Possibly look into Chromebooks instead of iPads.</li>   <li>• JM- grade 2s went to Kortright for outdoor explorations. Learned about predators and prey. Thanks to SAC for funding the bussing!</li> </ul>	
<i>Treasurer's Report (VG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget is complete through end of May. There are still Fun Fair expenses pending. Started year at \$18,000. Admin. expenses come to \$975 (had to order new cheques) Childminding will go under SAC expenses. Fundraising income is currently \$13,900. This includes both movie nights and Halloween dance (\$7,700), and of course,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add</li> </ul>

	<p>Fun Fair. Fun Fair income budgeted @ \$10,000, actual is \$10,400 (unofficially). Bake Sake brought in \$183.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logowear came in as a loss. We pre-ordered children sizes. SA- can we make this more visible? And a way to pay other than cash ("Square" for credit cards). VG- perhaps we could sell some at graduation. JB- we can try to get this in the recent newsletter. Technology budget has not been reached. KM- didn't order second set of iPads. Chromebooks are cheaper, but less applications. Teachers will probably request iPads for many reasons. Perhaps Chromebooks with older students. DG- it's good to offset or explore the differences. AA- good to keep options open. Teacher resources: haven't matched budget, i.e. some teachers have not used their funds. Perhaps next year we will make funds available to teachers until Feb or March. If not claimed by teacher, then extra funds should go into new fund for teachers who can use it.</li> </ul> <p><b>DG makes motion to approve. NC seconds.</b></p>	
<p><i>Chair Report (JB)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PROG update: \$1,000 funded by the provincial govt. The school chooses a topic and applies for it. VG: looking for activities that draw kids and parents, mainly for parent's involvement like tech night, financial literacy. Right now, typically use this meeting to vote on a topic, however, govt is not accepting applications. PROG is "on hold" We certainly don't want to let this go if it becomes available. SA- what are some ideas in case? VG- Drumfit for families? Internet safety? JB- STEM, or tech based? DG- just noting that last year it was</li> </ul>	

	<p>uncertain, but did come through. JB- yes, but we were able to apply last year, this year we can't right now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June Fair- feedback was overwhelming positive. Although we did have some minor issues that can be improved. Cold burgers was one. The obstacle course was another one. Too many kids were allowed on at one time- the solution is more adult supervision. JB budgeted \$10,000 for profit. Perhaps not set the bar that high if there are weather issues that day. \$10,400 unofficial profit!! There were a lot of expenses involved, but we gathered \$4,000 in donations. DG- what is smart certify? JB- anyone handling food must be smart certified? DG- has been issues with burgers two years. JB- last year the local vendor brought his grill, this year he made them at the restaurant, and brought them. DG- should discuss doing it ourselves. KM- check with board about serving food, handling food. JB- PIAC is good for that.</li><li>• Next Year: KM- set a tentative date for SAC in Sept. Principal usually has a staff meeting in Sept. Staff would probably like Curriculum night around Sept 19<sup>th</sup> or so. SAC meeting on 25/26? Staff and new Principal has to meet to approve date. JB- since curriculum night is a Thursday, lets suggest 25<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) for SAC meeting.</li><li>• Other proposed dates do not need to be decided by Sept. Dance-a-thon fundraising is a bigger event early on. Lego Club. VG- Pizza Day as well. Lots of work initially. JB- this council will set-up Pizza Day for the</li></ul>	
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	<p>new council to consider. KM- Milk Program is done by Ms. Sestito, which involves a database, managing names, collecting money... JB- is there staff to take it on? If not, possibly SAC could get involved. VG- do parent volunteers have to be on site for Milk Program? KM- yes usually one or two adults help. KMN- seen a different program where students buy tickets and bring in as they want. KM- yes, but still have calculate to order proper amount. JB- how many kids do this? KM- almost half. JB- in that case, we should try to keep this going. JB- perhaps other lunch programs as an easy option for helping parents, not always seen as a fundraiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SA Shakespeare in Action is local and wanting to get involved in schools. And new artists with the Arts Scape.</li> <li>• KM- may I suggest that since the proposed daycare/childcare building will eliminate basketball wall, we could use a triple hoop on junior side.</li> <li>• Budget Planning- coincides with events. Will probably look like this year's, with minor exceptions.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Round Table/New Business</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG- should we investigate bringing a community member to SAC? There is room for ONE community member to attend SAC meetings regularly. Perhaps someone from Artscape can be recruited? Would be a great addition. DGr- I've been in touch with the Shakespeare in Action people, perhaps I can ask them.</li> <li>• DG- should we have a line item to assist students who have trouble getting to school? VG- We could change "field trip buses" to just "buses" or "transportation".</li> </ul>	

	<p>JB- brings a good point to have more of a goodwill fund, to assist students in need for more general expenses. SA- could be the principal's discretion. SA- or perhaps a family swap meet? Pay a cover and swap items? KM- we have supported WAES program, would love to assist them, some families here use their support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KM- TDSB has been overwhelmed by budget meetings recently, so we don't know who are new principal is quite yet.</li></ul> <p><b>JB motions to end meeting. NC seconds. Meeting ends at 8:12pm</b></p>	
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