

Wilkinson School Community Council – 09 December 2013 – Approved Minutes

Next Meeting: 13 January 2014	09 December - Agenda: 1. Approval of Nov Minutes 2. Approval Of the Agenda 3. Principal's Update 4. Dandylion Update 5. Budget	6. New funding requests 7. Community Eco Initiative 8. Committee Reports 9. Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Law re Number of Committee Members
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Attendees:				A = Attend	R = Regrets	G = Guest	M = Missing
Y	Ruby Lederman – Chair	Y	Manpreet Chana, – (Dandylion Representative)	Y	Raihana Ingar	G	AnnaBelle Lougheed
Y	Erin Vaillancourt – Vice Chair	Y	Adriatik Alimerkaj	Y	Leanne Jeans	Y	Rob Jefferson
R	Jill Spellman – Secretary	Y	Sabmam Bharuchi	R	Kris Kearns		
Y	Sharon Hennessey – Treasurer	Y	Laura Bullard-Brezovsky	Y	Bruce MacDonald		
Y	Allan Kelly – Principal	Y	Angelina Diassiti	Y	April Moon		
R	Yasmin Buhariwalla – Vice Principal	R	Paul Dobson	Y	Deanna Rosolen		
R	Batya Levy – Teacher Representative	Y	Sarah-Jane Gillespie	R	Paula Weekes Kahn		
Y	Susan Jim – Teacher Representative	Y	Alison Howson	Y	<i>Catherine Hewlett (Zikkovitz),</i>		

#	Topic/Issue	Status/ Action	Who	When
1	Minutes	Correction to the November minutes: April Moon was missed from the list of council members on the Fundraising Committee. <i>Amended.</i> The minutes were approved by Angelina Diassiti and seconded by Erin Vaillancourt.		

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2	Agenda	<p>No conflicts of interest regarding the meeting’s agenda were declared.</p> <p>The agenda was moved by Laura Bullard-Brezovsky and seconded by Ruby Lederman.</p> <p>“The agenda for the 11 November 2013 meeting is approved.” - CARRIED</p>		
3	Principal’s Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Dandylion to coordinate input for All-Day Kindergarten • Meeting with FDK/ADK Tues 10th • Then have better idea of rooms being used. • 79 extended French applications, so not all will be offered spots at Wilkinson. Decisions are based on home address. • A flyer went home in kids back-packs for a Legoland 1 hr lunchtime program – \$62 per 5 weeks (once per week) and will see whether there is interest. The program provides instruction on building things utilizing Lego and is based on Ontario curriculum. There was some discussion about this concept by the council. Outcome: 1) Allan Kelly would consider having the flyer sent electronically next time enabling the parents to be informed first. 2) Further discussion in a later part of the agenda about providing guidelines for what Council feels would be acceptable programs for the school to consider in the future. • Aussie X sports program with anti-bulling theme. A program being put forth by Allan Kelly for funding by Council. The program is for all classes and children’s abilities. Other schools have completed the program and recommend it. The cost varies depending on the level the school signs up for. The costliest one would be approx. \$16 per child though Wilkinson would see the equipment used remain at the school. Parent council to fund/subsidize or veto. Action Item: AK to develop a detailed proposal and have someone from the organization present at the next council meeting. • As requested, AK provided council with pictures of two different types of outside Sign Boards for consideration. Council discussed the benefits of having a sign especially since parents are not coming into the school as often to view the Community Council Notice Board now that the front doors are locked. Action Item: AK to bring to the next council meeting quotes for the purchase and installation of the two types of boards. 		
4	Dandylion Daycare Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working hard on Health & Safety, repainting rooms, replacing light bulbs. • Getting ready for the Winter concert. • Discussed holding another community based talent show and trying to determine where it could be held, what should be done and whether it can be a kids fundraiser. • Working full steam ahead in regards to Full Day Kindergarten. 		

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5	Treasurer Report - Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget circulated - balance \$15K and does not include deposit for movie night. • Balance doesn't usually change much throughout the year. • Council currently has \$22K unallocated if our expected revenues are met. Reminder was given that Council, should look to carry forward to the next school year about \$8K in order that purchases can be made prior to revenues coming in, eg. Performances. • Wilkinson is having their 100th anniversary next year and a Committee should be struck to start working on this in New Year. 		
6	New Funding Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aussie X to present at Jan meeting. • Arts committee request – A Fine Arts program like the Scientists in the Classroom program. \$150 per classroom (\$3600). If we offered it to only the grades 4,5,6 then it would be \$1570. Each class gets an artistic educator catered to the age and curriculum. They work with the teachers to guide the focus of the session. AM voiced concerns that previously arts programming in the classroom was not well received by some teachers, but it could work if it was well vetted. <p>Action Item: Arts Committee to bring the idea to a staff meeting. It should be the teachers that bring the request forward, though the Arts Committee can facilitate it. Bring back in Jan for financial approval once the teachers have approved the program and the scope (grades).</p>		
8	Formalizing Committees	<p>Parents Reaching Out School Council Grant Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following have offered their membership: <i>Carmen Doyle, April Moon, Deanna Rosolen, Paula Weekes Khan.</i> • Has not met. <p>Action Item: AK talk to the teachers preparing a literacy event and ask if they want to link their event with the homework grant since the direction of the grant has not been finalized. As well, if the two do not link, then we might be offering a number of evening sessions for parents all around the same time.</p> <p>Arts Programming Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following have offered their membership: <i>Paul Dobson, Natalie Kauffman, Bruce MacDonald, Deanna Rosolen</i> • Has met see details above. <p>Communications Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following have offered their membership: <i>Catherine Hewlett (Zikkovitz), Alison Howson, Rob Jefferson, Deanna Rosolen, Erin Vaillancourt,</i> • Has not met. <p>ECA – Extra Curricular Night Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will consider in January. <p>Education Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO grant will feed into the Education Committee mandate. • Has not met. To liaise with PRO Grant Committee. <p>Fundraising Committee</p>		

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9	Other Business – By-laws (Constitution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby Lederman reviewed the guidelines on the TDSB website with regards to Council by-laws. Wilkinson is not allowed to have a process by which Members who do not attend meeting can be removed from the committee. However a member can resign. • Resignation: Ruby Lederman reports that Emma Reid has resigned for personal reasons. • Jill Spellman states that other members of our community can propose changes to the constitution but this will need to be done 15 days before a designated meeting in which amendments will be voted on. • Rob Jefferson states that it is difficult for new families to feel involved as they enter Wilkinson, that there is a lack of information provided. Allan Kelly states that information is provided at the point of enrolment or at the point of registration. Ruby Lederman mentions that there is a council rep in the JK registration. • New members: Ruby Lederman will propose an amendment to allow new membership. 		
9	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing swap and Wilkitchen on 18th, looking for some volunteers to help. • Holiday treat recipes are needed from all of us. • Consider scheduling one parent council meeting for the committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By-Law re Number of Committee Members – Ruby to send out voting information. Will 		

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		<p style="text-align: center;">end out by 13th Dec.</p> <p>Head-Lice: Catherine Hewlett talked about her learnings with regards to handling Head-lice. Only one public health worker in whole TDSB so there is no rigorous process for all students. Proposing NitWits come charge \$2 per child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Catherine Hewlett is writing something for the newsletter. Funding request for January. ○ April Moon suggested information for Kindergarten. ○ Catherine Hewlett to bring forth a funding request that would outline how much it would cost for Council to offer this service to all classes. <p>Guidelines for identifying appropriate lunch-time programs to offer Wilkinson Families: A fall-out of the discussion regarding the Legoland program offering that went home in kids back-packs, Council will take on the objective of setting guidelines that can be used for determining acceptable programs to offer. One And how we make that fair to the kids-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have set a precedent by setting up the Ukulele program, although this is subsidize. ● Alison Howson – thinks it depends on an individual program. ● The committee is in a position to provide input and advise Allan Kelly. ● Define a bar to allow a level (cost/type of program) to limit programs. This should happen at the January meeting. ● We also need to define the funding for the program. ● Allan Kelly will chose if he thinks a program has value. ● Allan Kelly agreed email distribution for new program, prior to flyers. 		
	Adjourned	<p>It was moved by Alisoin Howson and seconded by April Moon.</p> <p>“That the meeting be adjourned at 8.01 pm” – CARRIED</p>		

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