



2015-2016 Wilkinson School Community Council October 5, 2015

Meeting Minutes - Approved

The 2015-2016 Acting Chair, Erin Vaillancourt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Agenda

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| 1. Approval of October Agenda | 5. Committee Reports |
| 2. Approval of September Minutes | - Communications |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | - Arts |
| 4. Principal's Update | - Education |
| 5. New Council Elections | 6. Other Business |
| | 7. Adjournment of Meeting |
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Attendance

Present:

Allan Kelly (Principal)
Erin Vaillancourt (Chair)
Sharon Hennessey (Treasurer)
Angelina Diassiti
Dan Dumitrescu
Rob Jefferson
Paula Kahn
Natalie Kauffman
Lilian Ling

Anna McDonald
Michela Pasquali
Katherine Underwood
Julia Warrender

Shanna Breslin

Regrets:

Yasmin Buhariwala (VP)
Carmen Doyle
Christina Dumitrescu
Raihana Ingar
Kris Kearns
April Moon
Yashmeen Nakhude
Jill Spellman
Sultana Yeasmin Uddin

1. Approval of October Agenda

- Angelina and Julia approve.



2. Approval of September Minutes

- Michela and Rob approve.

3. Treasurer's Report – Sharon Hennessey

- Sharon tabled the proposed budget (see attached) and provided an overview of what council typically spends its budget on (e.g., scientist in the school, reading programs, performing arts etc.) and highlighted that council can consider new requests throughout the year.
- It was agreed not to count on funding from a Wilkie night since the parent that initiated it last year through a local college is no longer involved in the school.
- Alan clarified that the tech club is not a school-sponsored event because it is parent-run rather than teacher-sponsored. TBD whether there will be a request for a tech club this year.
- There was a discussion about the need to hire someone to update the website plus the need to budget for annual on-going maintenance of the site. Julia committed to contacting Humber College to see if there is an opportunity to get students to update the site.
- ***Motion to approve the proposed budget with two amendments (\$300 addition for Wilkitchen and \$500 increase for the communications website). Approved by Angelina and seconded by Julia. Carried.***

4. Principal's Update – Allan Kelly

- Congratulations to the new Executive.
- Wilkinson has been selected to host the launch of a corporate sponsor for the Uke Program in November. Some parents asked for information about the corporate sponsor. Any students involved would be required to complete the media release form. Alan indicated that he would follow up. Note: On Oct. 6, Alan confirmed that the corporate sponsor will be Sun Life and Sarah McLaughlin will attend the launch.
- A labour update was provided. Important information is being circulated by TBSD regarding all labour action being carried out by the teachers and support staff. Alan indicated that TDSB information is the most accurate source of information for parents. Alan clarified that parents can interact with teachers but that there won't be formal parent teacher interviews.



5. New Council Elections

- The vote for all executive positions will take place at the next meeting. Erin indicated that she would email the broader school community and let parents know that there are vacancies on the executive.
- WSCC meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month except for December and March. The 2015-2016 Council will meet on these dates:
 - 1 Meeting - October 5, 2015
 - 2 Meeting - November 3, 2015
 - 3 Meeting - January 4, 2016 - move to Jan 11
 - 4 Meeting - February 1, 2016
 - 5 Meeting - April 4, 2016
 - 6 Meeting - May 2, 2016
 - 7 Meeting - June 6, 2016
 - 8 Meeting - September 12, 2016 (Note: Labour Day is September 5, 2016)

6. Committee Reports

Present outgoing committee leads provided a very short description of some the committee

Communication – Rob Jefferson

- Main issue is that the committee needs more members to assist with the website, twitter and facebook. Members include Rob, Michela and Julia. The dates of upcoming meetings will be circulated

Arts Committee – Natalie Kauffman

- Members include Natalie and April.

Education Committee - Katherine Underwood

- Members include Kathryn and Anna. The committee will organize a financial literacy session this year for parents with funding from the province.
- Other committees include fundraising, greening committee and pizza lunch committee.
- The list of committees will be circulated via email to Council members with the encouragement to join any committee(s) of their choice.



7. Other Business

- Erin talked about a hat/scarf fundraiser that she would like to initiate. Approximately \$10 per hat.
- Groove Dance – on hold
- Natalie talked about an initiative re: 1000 schools to get schools and the community involved with refugee families. Alan highlighted that the TDSB has very strict guidelines. The initiative may already be underway in other TDSB schools.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2015
at 6:30pm in Room 3.**