



2017-2018 Wilkinson School Community Council January 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes - Approved

The 2017-2018 Chair, Angelina Diassiti called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Agenda

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| 1. Approval of January Agenda | 4. Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wood Car Derby- Car Cutout Night- Sweetheart Bakesale | 5. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lice Checks- Permit Update- 6. Adjournment of Council Meeting |
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Attendance

Present:

Allan Kelly (Principal)
Angelina Diassiti (Chair)
Ben Elling (Treasurer)
Joel Krentz (Staff)
Manpreet Chana (Dandylion)
Jennifer Fenrich
Rob Jefferson

Stephanie Lamb
Lilian Ling
April Moon
Brenda Ohngemach
Michela Pasquali
Julia Warrender

Guests:

Fernanda Perdikaris

Regrets:

Shanna Breslin (Secretary)

Absent:

Jenny Georgiou (VP)
Dan Dumitrescu (Vice Chair)
Neng Chu Wu
Chris Danells
Kris Kearns
Safran Lafeer
Erin Vaillancourt
Raihana Ingar

1. Approval of January Agenda

- Lilian and Michela approved.

2. Approval of November Minutes

- Michela and Lilian approved.



3a. Principal's Update – Allan Kelly

- No update this month, but he invited Q & A at the end of the meeting.

3b. Guest Speaker - Roland Acheampong

- Allan invited Roland in to talk about Denise Wild's Sewing Studio, an organization which offers hands-on sewing programs (JK-Gr. 8) that focus on confidence, self-regulation, creativity, mindfulness and a growth mindset > are especially beneficial for students who struggle with attention / focus. (See brochure)
- Westwood, a school in our family of schools, greatly enjoyed participating and connected Roland with Allan.
- Students complete and keep their own projects by learning to sew on a sewing machine > the school will acquire a new sewing machine to keep.
- The cost is \$15 per student (JK-6) or \$25 per student if we book 2 visits. A minimum participation of 150 is required. Proposed dates: Feb 13-15 2018.
- Council members pointed out the merits of such a program. Joel welcomed the opportunity for student creations in the library back wall.
- Questions for further discussion: Can council afford this program for the whole school? If not, can we fund it for certain Grades? How about making it a repeat program for Grades 4-6 every 3 years? Can we commit the funding to bring it in next Fall? ***Ben will prepare a financial report and we will discuss further.***

4. Committee Reports

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives.

Wood Car Derby and Car Cutout Night: Rob Jefferson and Julia Warrender

- Derby registration and Pizza Lunch Term 2 registration will happen in tandem: Jan 23, 25 and 31st. Unofficial cub car outlets: Movie Night Feb 2nd, school library (ongoing via Joel).
- Posters will go up in the school before registration dates. Please email copies to Manpreet so that she can put them up at Dandylion as well. > ***Reminder to please only use sticky tack or painter's tape to minimise damage to the paint and glass.***
- Rob has compiled a list of volunteers for Derby registration and day of.
- Brenda has offered to organize the concessions stand for Derby night.
- Car cut out night will happen again at the Tool Library > date and details to follow.
- Discussion included the number of cars registered to race and the most efficient way to



keep the students well clear off the track.

Sweetheart Bake Sale: Lilian Ling

- Due to the loss of the use of Room 3, the Feb 14th bake sale will take place in the lunchroom until 11.30am sharp, to allow for lunch time use by students.
- Allan has approved. Lilian is the lead.

Direct Donations – Angelina Diassiti

- Erin and Julia led another successful Direct Donation campaign!
- Zlata has deposited all the cheques that qualify for 2017 tax receipts.
- The few cheques made out to TDSB or to Council will be deposited by Ben into the Council account or returned if they cannot be deposited.

Arts Committee – Angelina Diassiti

- Two of this year's Council funded arts programs have taken place so far: visual arts with Irene Luxbacher and an introduction to opera called *Milan and Faye*.
- Student reviews and feedback were collected and will be circulated by Council.

Wil-Kitchen – April Moon

- We had good attendance and the event was a great experience!
- One Council member who attended for the first time with her son in SK really enjoyed the event and the way that it brought together different cultures and religions within the community through cooking and baking and the sense of pride and accomplishment that it gave her son.
- We will fill out the legacy planning document to ensure this event continues and details are recorded (e.g. the bulk of the cooking utensils and pans purchased by Council to run Wil-Kitchen are locked in the Lunch Room and the key needs to be collected from the office (during school hours).
- Some photos from the event are posted on the Council website in a Wil-Kitchen homepage post. Photos that do not pass TDSB regulations for distribution can still be printed and displayed around the school > *April and Jennifer are sending in their photos to Joel for this purpose.*
- Recipes from the event's menu will be compiled and circulated.



5. New Business

Permit Update: Julia Warrender

- The process has become more stringent and we now require a full 6-8 weeks' notice for a permit.
- If we need to make inquiries or changes, we will not be helped before 15 days have elapsed from the date the permit was requested.
- Please keep this in mind when scheduling events.
- Allan offered to intervene on our behalf if the permit office is not helpful.

Lice Checks - Angelina Diassiti

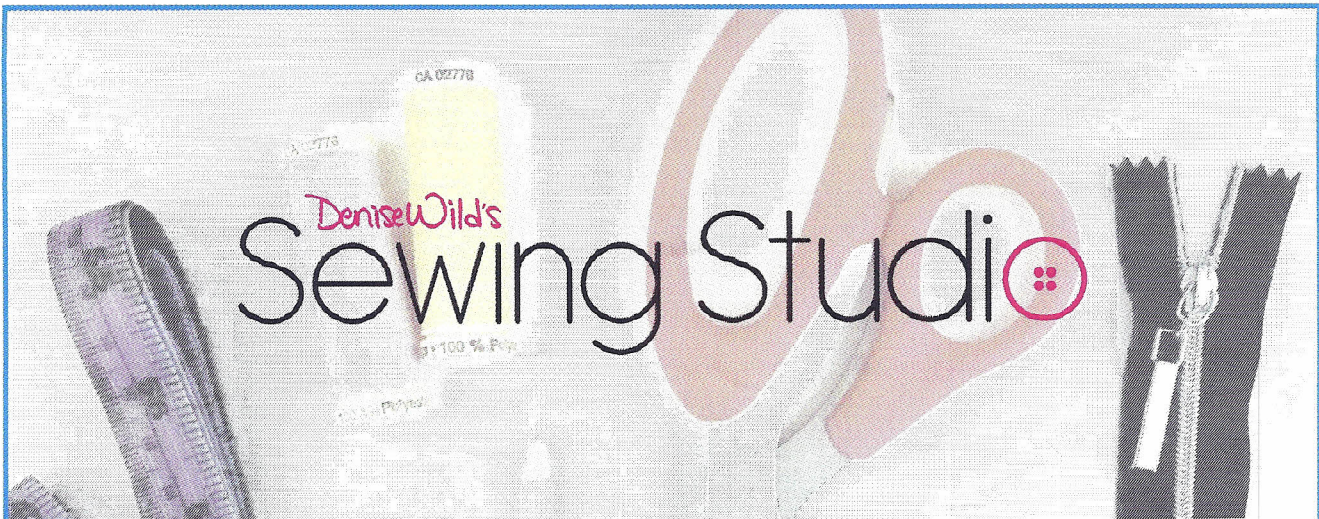
- The Lice Squad will come in to do lice checks on the last week of January.
- We will communicate this information to parents/guardians in the Monday email (the week prior) > No need for printed information for backpacks.
- At this point, Council is funding this initiative fully; we hope that the success of the checks will encourage (at least some) parents to pay for 3 checks a year going forward. The cost to do this is too much for Council to fund alone, but is manageable with a small yearly contribution from families.

Treasurer's Update – Ben Elling

- Everyone's help in keeping the finances on track is much appreciated > thank you for sending in your receipts.
- A full reconciliation of the finances is underway. As soon as we have a clear idea of the projected net bank balance at the end of the school year, we can discuss possibilities for bringing the Sewing Studio program to the school.

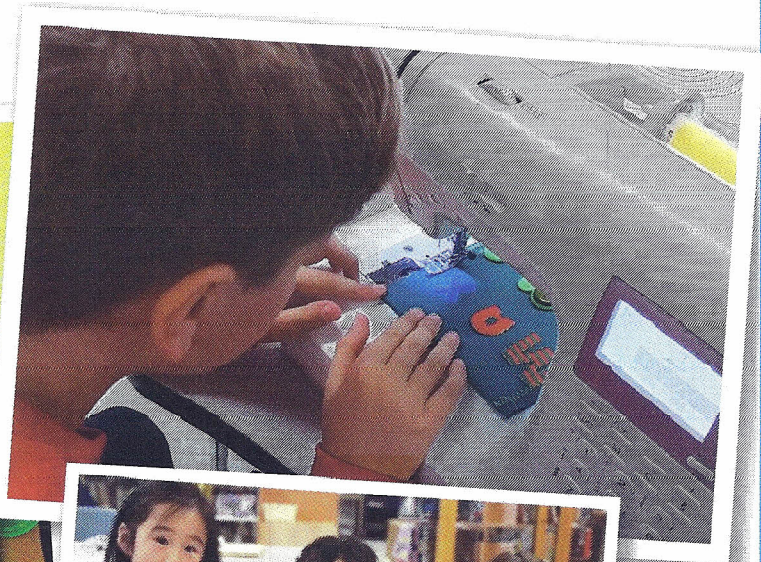
6. Council meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

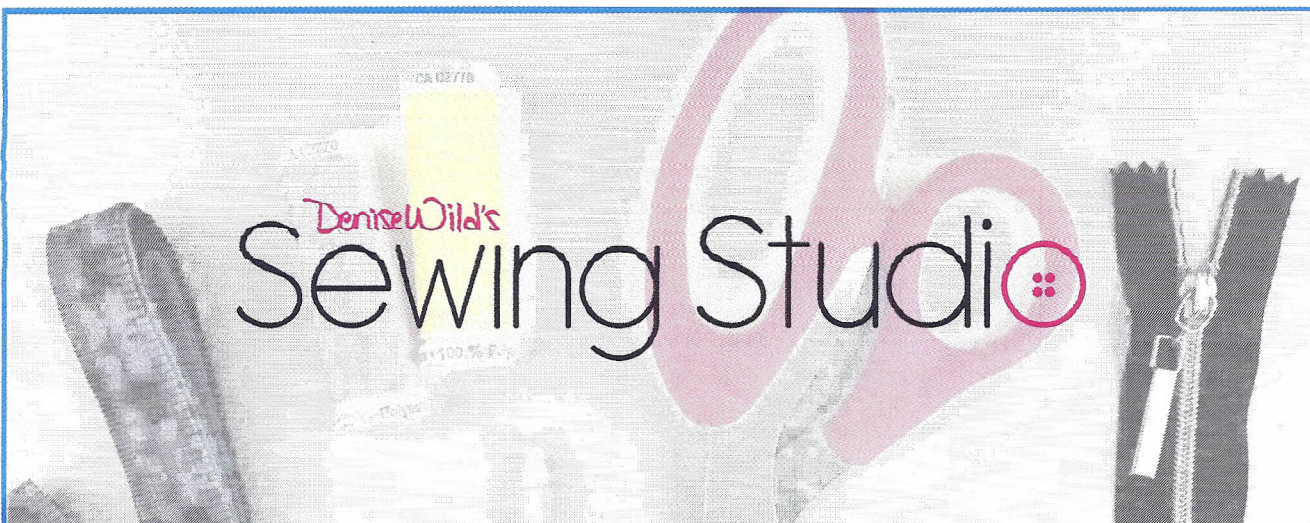
The next meeting of the 2017-2018 Council will be held on Monday, February 5th, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Library.



Participating in **sewing** and arts and crafts helps increase **mindfulness**, **self-regulation**, and your overall **wellness**.

JOURNAL OF POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY (2016)





TV host, sewing and craft expert, author, and magazine editor Denise Wild offers hands-on sewing programs that focus on confidence, self-regulation, creativity, mindfulness, and a growth mindset.



DENISE WILD,
CO-FOUNDER

In 2004, Denise founded what became the largest sewing school in North America, teaching adults, kids, and teens how to sew while spreading the love of creativity. Denise opened four locations of her sewing school in Toronto and New York City before selling the company to the largest craft publisher in the world after 10 years.

MORE ABOUT DENISE

- Host of Holiday Makeover, the first original series by the DIY network Makeful
- Guest expert on Cityline, the TODAY show, CP24, Morning Live, The Morning Show, Your Morning, and Breakfast Television
- Fashion instructor at George Brown College
- Editor and editorial director for top national magazines including FLARE, House & Home, Anokhi, and Faze magazine
- Founder of LoveSewing magazine
- Founding editor of BurdaStyle US magazine



ROLAND ACHEAMPONG,
CO-FOUNDER

Roland has over 20 years of experience in corporate sales, executive management, business development, and entrepreneurship. He has an extensive background in mentoring children through sports and recreation, and in 2002, Roland co-founded a sports- and mentorship-based after-school company, which ran programs across the GTA for 12 years.

MORE ABOUT ROLAND

- Senior sales executive and director at companies including TSN, IBM, Canon, CTV, GreyMatter, Dell, and OMNI Television
- Started the Canadian division of Warren Buffett's Business Wire
- Founder of BlackStar Group, an international trade and real estate organization
- Former All-Canadian athlete, record holder, and National Track & Field team member
- Motivational speaker, focusing on overcoming obstacles and surpassing expectations

DeniseWild's Sewing Studio

PROGRAMS

CONFIDENCE YOU'RE A SUPERSTAR

You are unique, and so is everything you create. Sew hands-on projects that focus on what makes you special.

No one can stop you from being a superstar.

Sew something that shows off your individuality, your creativity, and your personality.

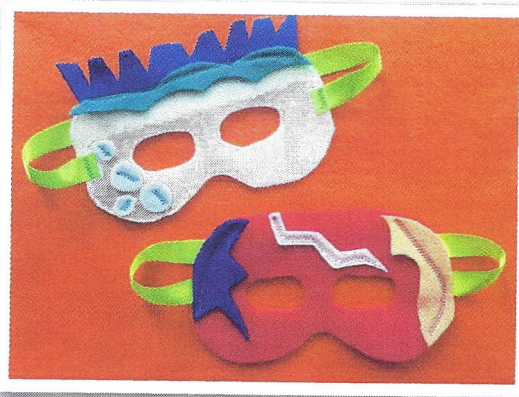
KINDERGARTEN

Your future is bright! Let your light shine by sewing a pocket pouch that you make by yourself.



GRADES 4 TO 6

Sew your own #ThisIsMe bag that represents your interests, your passions, and your inspirations. Fill it up with your favourite things, or hang it somewhere for all to see.



GRADES 1 TO 3

You're a superhero and it's time for you to soar! Sew a superhero mask that shows off your personality and your powers.



GRADES 7 TO 8

You have a style that's all your own – now here's your chance to show that off! Sew a cool, made-by-me pouch that you can make again at home using a pair of old jeans.

Each class features a sharing aspect where kids are encouraged to discuss their experience with a classmate.

PROGRAMS

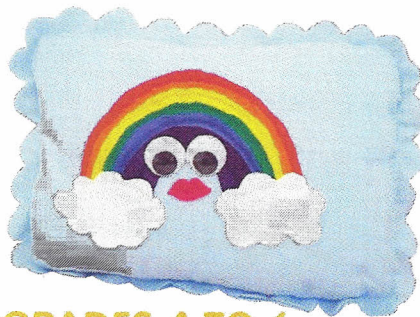
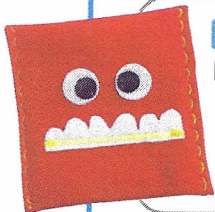
COMMUNITY

♡ GIVE WITH LOVE ♡

Giving to others is great for the soul, whether it's someone you know or someone you've never met. Sew a project that's thoughtful and practical, then pass it along — it'll put a smile on someone's face and a light in their heart. **Creativity is meant to be shared!**

KINDERGARTEN

Friends make us smile, so let's return the love. Sew a silly monster pocket, then pass it to your classmate.

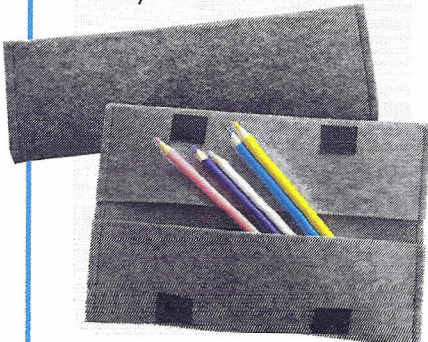


GRADES 4 TO 6

Having something to hug brings us peace and warmth. Sew a pillow friend that will be given to someone who needs extra love — it'll lift them up and let them know someone cares.

GRADES 1 TO 3

We're so lucky to have big schools to learn in and great supplies at our fingertips. Sew a pencil case for someone who doesn't have the same — they'll feel love each time they learn.



GRADES 7 TO 8

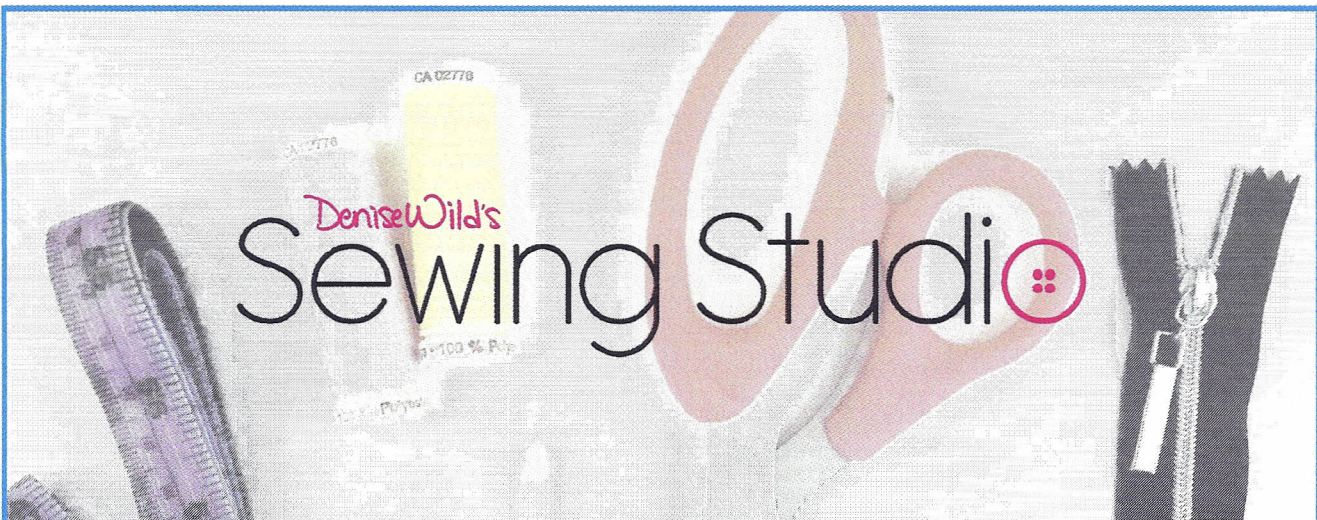
Imagine if you had only a few possessions. Sew a carryall tote that will be given to someone who will fill it with what's most important to them.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- Every project from the Community program (except for those made by the Kindergarten students) will be given to children in need —locally and abroad— including kids living in poverty, kids from underdeveloped regions, foster children, and children in hospitals.
- A personalized video message or a handwritten thank-you will be returned to the school from the project recipients.

Each class features a sharing aspect where kids are encouraged to discuss their experience with a classmate.



HOW OUR SEWING PROGRAM WORKS

- Your entire school will learn how to sew on a sewing machine, with boys and girls (K to 8) all completing a fun project.
- We design a schedule that mirrors your class timetable, and each classroom joins us for a full period.
- Program days run consecutively, allowing a sense of eagerness and excitement to spread through the school.
- We teach with 1 instructor for every 7 students, providing an incredible, hands-on experience.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Our instructors introduce the program and its core values.
- Students engage in high- to low-energy activities centred around self-regulation and focus.
- Each student learns how to sew on a sewing machine.
- Students choose their own materials and adornments for the project.
- Students cycle through various creative stations to complete their project.
- Each student will be encouraged to share with their fellow classmates, detailing what they learned and what inspired their creative choices.



For the week leading up to your program, we'll provide you with daily "Did you know?" sewing fun facts that can be read with your morning announcements.



THE SET-UP

- Our team organizes a creative sewing space in one of your available classrooms.
- We bring 15 to 20 sewing machines as well as all materials, supplies, and accessories.
- We look after a thorough clean-up, leaving the classroom exactly as we found it.

THE NEXT STEPS

- Choose if you want to run **CONFIDENCE**, **COMMUNITY**, or both programs.
- Select the program days based on your schedule.
- Provide us with your grade breakdown and timetable. (We'll email you a schedule for approval at least two weeks before the program.)