



2018-2019 Wilkinson School Community Council January 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes - Approved

The 2018-2019 Chair, Angelina Diassiti called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Agenda

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| 1. Approval of January Agenda | 4. Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pizza Lunch- Wilkitchen- Sweetheart Bakesale- Wood Car Derby | 5. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Snack Program- Junglesport |
| 2. Approval of November Minutes | | 6. Adjournment of Council Meeting |
| 3. Principal's Update | | |
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Attendance

Present:

Allan Kelly (Principal)
Jenny Georgiou (VP)
Angelina Diassiti (Chair)
Ben Elling (Treasurer)
Shanna Breslin (Secretary)
Anthea Moreau (Dandylion)
Sophie Barbier (Staff)
Rob Jefferson
Lilian Ling
Elizabeth Manafò
Brenda Ohngemach

Michela Pasquali
Fernanda Perdikaris
Jennifer Stiff
Dayna Tekatch
Lisa Zivontsis

Guests:

Aisha Bhayat
Kelly Dymont
Farah Ganpaul

Regrets:

Stephanie Lamb (Vice Chair)
Elizabeth Dhuey
April Moon
Julia Warrender

Absent:

Safran Lafeer

1. Approval of January Agenda

- Michela and Rob approved.

2. Approval of November Minutes

- Lilian and Angelina approved.



3. Principal's Update: Allan Kelly

- Lunchroom: The new model will be put in place as of Jan 21.
 - Concerns that were brought forward by parents, staff and students have been discussed and we'll work to incorporate them into the new process.
 - Both models worked well in terms of noise and congestion. The scheduling was the most challenging piece.
 - We are moving forward with the split/staggered lunch option (Juniors will be outside first and will come in to eat when the Primaries go out to play). Eating in the classrooms was not a good fit in terms of safety and supervision.
- We have a new Office Administrator - welcome Debbie! She comes to us from another school and is adjusting well.
- EQAO: May 21 to June 3 is our testing block this year. We will choose our testing dates from that period. The rest of the period is used for administration etc.

4. Committee Reports

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives.

Permits: Angelina Diassiti

- A new person took over at the permit office and is not currently approving Friday events. Also our dates that were submitted in November have not yet been approved.
- Because we're a PSI (Priority Schools Initiative), they recommend that the Council submits all permits at the beginning of the year because outside organizations may have priority over bookings.
- Anyone who has event dates should send them to Jenny now so that they can be entered > she has been speaking with the permits office.
- Allan is going to contact Facility Services about the issue.

Pizza Lunch: Michela Pasquali

- Registration has begun.
- To be more environmentally friendly, people will print out their own forms this term if they want to register in person.
- We are now using Papa John's and the service has been much better.
- Within the community there has been some discussion about the company and the politics of the company's former CEO.
- While the committee does not support him, we do support our local franchise owner



who has offered excellent service so far. The food quality has been superior and they provide Halal options.

- With the staggered lunch, can we have the pizza delivery come twice so the pizza isn't cold? *Michela will look into this and figure out a new plan.*

Wilkitchen: Angelina Diassiti on Behalf of April Moon

- The event will be on Feb 13th (the night before the Sweetheart Bake Sale).
- Some of the baked goods will be sold at the bake sale the next day.
- Babysitting is provided if kids get tired and don't want to help out.
- It's a fun community builder.
- There are some current Council members and alumni already on-board, but April needs more volunteers to help get people started at the stations. *Please let her (or the Council email) know if you can help out.*
- Note that there is another Wilkitchen before Fun Fair to prepare some of the food that is sold at Fun Fair.

Sweetheart Bake Sale: Lilian Ling

- Lilian will lead again and requests for volunteers will go out soon.
- It will be held in the lunchroom and will end at lunch like last year.
- *Reminder to Jenny to please unlock the lunchroom that morning.*
- *If you'd like to help out, contact Lilian or the Council email.*

Wood Car Derby and Car Cutout: Rob Jefferson

- The event will be on Friday, Feb 22.
- Registration dates: Jan 23, 24, 29. We are not combining with pizza lunch this time because we like to allow for 4 weeks between registration and the Derby so people have time to build.
- Are we able to offer online registration as well? The distribution of the cars is an issue.
 - When we've run out of cars at registration in the past, we've hand delivered them to teacher mailboxes.
 - If the majority of parents register online, that will end up being a huge amount of work and a possible issue for teachers.
 - Could they do a pick-up from the front hall one day? Maybe this complicates things too much.
 - It does offer another method for parents who can't make it into the school.



- Angelina is volunteering to hand cars to teacher mailboxes if we decide to do online registration.
- *Rob has collected the names of volunteers to help with registration and will contact them with instructions and to arrange for the drop-off of cars and registration packages.*
- Car Cutout Night: the Tool Library has closed.
 - We can't hold the event unless we can find a new venue. We need a place that has tools and saws and trained people so that families without these tools can go and shape their cars > the event runs about 3 hours.
 - Suggestion: some of the junior high and high schools may still have their shop rooms that we can permit. They won't come with staff though.
 - Suggestion: perhaps the man who designed and built the track can help to cut some cars or maybe some staff members have the means to do this as well.
 - *Rob will follow-up on these suggestions > If you have others, please email the Council.*
- Each year there are cars that are disqualified because they don't adhere to the rules and this is very disappointing for kids. We need to make sure that people are aware of this.
 - Perhaps we can mention this in the communications and at registration and also remind people about the fundraising portion of the event.
 - Cars that are harmful to the track can't race, but other cars can race but can't qualify to win (this is explained if they are disqualified at the event).
- *Requests for volunteers will go out shortly. If anyone is interested, please contact Rob (or email the Council).* We need lots of help at the event.

Fun Fair: Angelina Diassiti on Behalf of April Moon

- We need to sort out the permits > date is June 15th.
- There are roles for everyone - not everything requires helping on the day of. There are small and large tasks, things on the day of and things to do in the weeks and months before. Whether you have 30 minutes or 3 hours, we have a task for you!
- April is with us this year and next and then we will need a new Fun Fair lead. This is our biggest fundraising event and a really fun social event > we'd really like to keep it going.
- April will be sending out emails shortly to begin the process > *if you're interested in helping out, email April (or the Council).*



Movie Night: Brenda Ohngemach

- Would a May Movie Night be better at the beginning of the month or the end?
Beginning.
- *The Movie Night team could also use more hands. If anyone is interested in helping out, please email the Council.*

5. New Business

Snack Program and Food Rescue Project: Aisha Bhayat and Kelly Dymont

- Aisha runs our snack program and is a lunch supervisor.
- Kelly is a teacher, a former Wilkinson parent, and is now running programs at Blake.
- The Food Rescue Project was created by Second Harvest and is currently being run at Blake.
- Instead of unsold food going in the garbage, Food Rescue partners with organizations (stores, bakeries etc) to divert usable food to people that can use it so it's not wasted.
- The school partners with nearby businesses and is notified when food is available.
- We then send a volunteer driver to pick it up and bring it back to the school for storage in the fridge or freezer.
- Right now there is a lot of bread, but as more organizations join, we'll be getting more fruits and veggies as well > the food is free of charge for us.
- At this point Blake sometimes gets about 8 texts in a day and food that can't be used at Blake is sent to a local food bank or SEED alternative.
- We can build relationships with stores by speaking with them > the Loblaws on Leslie was recently added to the program and we're hoping to add the location on Millwood.
- Since Blake has been a part of this program, they have saved money on food and have been able to purchase better quality foods for their meal program.
- It may also help us to supplement our events > we could freeze hotdog and hamburger buns for Fun Fair.
- We may be able to purchase a second fridge or deep freezer with snack program funds to support this if we are getting large volumes of food.
- *We are looking for volunteers to make this program possible.*
 - Drivers need to be available during school hours to bring food back to the school to be refrigerated.



- We want to build a list of volunteers so that when food is available, we can send an email out and see who can go and grab it. More volunteers means fewer pickups per person (we'd be looking at less than a handful per month)

- *Snack Program: we're also looking for volunteers to help with our snack program.*
- *We will put a call out for volunteers for both programs in our Monday Update.*

Junglesport: Sacha Bozabalian

- Thank you Parent Council and Wilkinson families for funding this program!
- The program has exceeded our expectations. The feedback from the kids and staff has been overwhelmingly positive.
- It's a challenging apparatus so there's a physical component (fitness, coordination etc.), but the program has also been a huge confidence builder for many kids.
- We've seen kids who are scared or have anxiety or low self-esteem feel intimidated when they see the structure, but we've encouraged them all to try it. They clearly feel a huge sense of pride when they conquer their fears and participate and they go back for more. It's really incredible.
- Everyone is on it at the same time- no one's in the spotlight, everyone's engrossed in their own activities. It alleviates that feeling of self-consciousness.
- Every day or two the staff modify the apparatus and add new elements - this week there's a zipline!
- The staff have been great > encouraging, helpful and letting the kids figure things out by themselves (really gaining a sense of independence).
- We spent a similar amount for Aussie X to come for one day a few years ago, but the program was not as well-received.
- Junglesport really has been money well spent. We can't say enough about it. If the Council is going to consider funding it again, know that it is completely worthwhile.

6. Council meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next meeting of the 2018-2019 Council will be held on Monday, February 11th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Library.