



## 2019-2020 Wilkinson School Community Council February 3, 2020

### Meeting Minutes - Approved

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The 2019-2020 Chair, Angelina Diassiti, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### Agenda

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| <b>1.</b> Approval of February Agenda | <b>4.</b> Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bake Sale</li><li>- Derby</li><li>- Pizza Lunch</li><li>- Movie Night</li><li>- Eco-Events</li></ul> | <b>5.</b> New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Staff Feedback Survey</li></ul> |
| <b>2.</b> Approval of January Minutes |  | <b>6.</b> Adjournment of Council Meeting   |
| <b>3.</b> Principal's Update          |  |  |
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### Attendance

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#### Present:

Kim Jensen (Principal)  
Jenny Georgiou (VP)  
Angelina Diassiti (Chair)  
Angeli Mehta (Vice Chair)  
Shanna Breslin (Secretary)  
Anthea Moreau (Dandylion)  
Amy Cole  
Stephanie Lamb  
Lilian Ling  
Elizabeth Manafò

#### April Moon

Fernanda Perdikaris  
Jennifer Stiff  
Dayna Tekatch  
Julia Warrender  
Lisa Zivontsis  
Rob Jefferson

#### Guests:

Safran Lafeer  
Jonathan Steele

#### Regrets:

Sarah Chin (Treasurer)  
David Alexander  
Corey Fruitman  
Emmeline Hobbs  
Brenda Ohngemach  
Michela Pasquali  
Lindsay Reimers  
Shirin Shahrokni  
Champi Sevathiar

#### Absent:

Jordan Kanner  
Michael Ross

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### 1. Approval of February Agenda

- Julia and Fernanda approved.



## 2. Approval of January Minutes

- Julia and Fernanda approved.

## 3. Principal's Update: Kim Jensen

- Greenpeace held an assembly for all grades (split into 3 groups by age) > talking about single-use plastics.
- PA Day in Jan: Our CUPE support staff went to an OPAL workshop. We haven't trained the full staff yet because of the current job action, but the whole team will get trained.
- Kindy registration has begun. Most of it can be done online now. If you know of anyone who is new to the neighbourhood and has a child turning 4 before December 31, let them know to register.
- Shade Structure Grant: Our yard revitalization team is going to come in on Feb 10 to do a site review and give us some advice so we can move forward with the grant application. The deadline to build is October 31 and we hope to incorporate this into our yard revitalization plan.
- We were given \$1500 for Scientist in the School. While this donation is very generous, it will not cover a second visit for the whole school so a plan is being put in place to decide which rooms will use the money.
- Recess Rangers: This student leadership program is part of OPAL. Rangers are trained by teachers to support recess play and hold positions of responsibility (e.g. get and put away items). Right now this is on hold but we will move forward once labour negotiations are worked out.
- The school is given labour updates pretty much at the same time as the parents > please make sure you are signed up for TDSB [Updates](#).
  - Currently, all IEPs are being updated, teachers are teaching and assessing as normal, and parent-teacher interviews are being done on Feb 14th (whole day) for families who need to meet with teachers.
  - Will rotating strikes occur on the same days each week? We are unsure. 5 days notice must be given so the days could change.
- School Improvement Plan: The plan works within the 5 pillars of improvement and achievement.
  - Every school in the province creates its own plan. Ours includes equity, achievement, and well-being categories.
  - At this point, schools have identified initial goals. We are looking to raise our math competency and scores; we're doing work around self-regulation (academic),



anxiety, and student agency (in terms of learning and actions); and we're training staff around prejudice and privilege. Our goals are discussed and adjusted at every staff and division meeting.

- Generally, the goals are brought to Council and data and feedback is collected continuously (from students, staff, and parents).
- Our ECEs, lunchroom supervisors, and EAs (all support staff) are being trained in these areas now during labour negotiations > We want to make sure that all staff have the same rules and the same language when speaking to our students.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives.

##### **Bake Sale: Lilian Ling**

- This year the event will be on Thursday, February 13th (the 14th is a PA Day).
- Everything is on track. We welcome any additional volunteers on the day of.
- We have a new event lead to carry on next year (yay!).
- The silicone eco-bags will also be sold at the bake sale > students will get a free treat with the purchase of a bag.
- Request: Could the staff sign-up for a spot via google docs like we do with lice? It's better if the juniors and little guys don't overlap and signing-up is good for planning.
  - *Update: This has been done.*

##### **Wood Car Derby: Rob Jefferson**

- The Derby is on Feb 21!
- We sold about 135 cars this year, which is great.
- Mr. Pirso pre-cut some cars for us which was very much appreciated.
- We are in desperate need of more volunteers for the day of the event: collect sponsorship money (adults), registration, concession, clean-up, and crowd control (adults) are the biggest areas of need.
- High school students are much appreciated!
- Please sign-up online (the link has been emailed out).
- The event starts around 5 and we are gone by 9 pm. If you can only do one or two hours, we are happy to have you.
- Online registration was successful this year > almost half were registered that way.
- We have Raptors paraphernalia which will be bonus prizes. Woo hoo!



### **Pizza Lunch Registration: Angelina Diassiti**

- Registration went smoothly but the final numbers are not in.
- The Feb 7th date has been moved to Feb 28th because of the school strike.
- Apparently the pizza registration poster confused some students who read it quickly and showed up to school with no lunch. We will be clearer about this. Frozen pizza is kept in the lunchroom freezer for students who do not have lunch.

### **Movie Night: Angelina Diassiti**

- The last event had a fabulous turnout. The posters were up in advance, which helped.
- We got a lot of donations at the door and made \$500 on concessions.
- It is first and foremost a community builder, but it's really nice to see a profit as well.
- There seemed to be a lot of new people. The addition of the basket combo meals has been a huge help and is a great idea. They are easy to carry, easier to price, and easier to clean-up.
  - This will be done at the Derby because it has been so successful
- Join the committee - we can always use new members! (contact [council@wilkinsonps.org](mailto:council@wilkinsonps.org))

### **Eco-Events: Lisa Zivontsis**

- Method of Approach: We will begin by observing upcoming events and taking notes. We'll share the feedback with event leads and eventually the Council.
- Some things may be handled by event leads, some things we may standardize across all of our events
- We are trying to work within our constraints and do our best to make changes where we can.
- We have a template for observations that anyone can use > perhaps we will send this to event leads so they can record their own thoughts.

### **Fun Fair: April Moon and Lisa Zivontsis**

- Planning is underway for June 13th.
- We are looking for about 5 new leads and there are several areas which will need to be transitioned this year > replacements need to be trained.
- The permit for the 13th (day of) is in on the school side. The Council still needs to apply for the permits for the 11th and 12th.
- we are going to hold an open house this month where people can come and learn about the event.



- We are also addressing the environmental impact to see where we can improve. Note that we will use up the supplies we already have, instead of getting rid of them and will replace things as we go with eco-friendly options.

## 5. New Business

### Staff Feedback Survey: Shanna Breslin

- We distributed a survey for the staff to give us feedback about the events and programs that are funded (fully or partially) by the Council > do they see value in them. If not, why not?
- The staff participate in the programs with students and can see how students react to the programs. Being educators, they can give us a good idea about curriculum connections and quality of instruction.
- As always with surveys, there are a lot of opposing views but there are some trends.
- Clearly Scientists in the School and the ukulele program are quite popular, as well as the Forest of Reading books and Performing Arts.
- There are a few programs that we should probably look to change: Moving EDGEUcation is not very popular and the Grade 6 Grad Ceremony got mixed reviews.
- The Visual Arts program does not seem to be popular enough to justify the price. Perhaps we can consider a budget for art supplies if classes have specific projects in mind or stock a room that teachers can take from.
- There were a few comments about needing new Chromebooks for the Juniors > during the 2015-2016 school year, 20 Chromebooks were purchased by the Council to augment the existing 40 devices. *Kim is compiling a wish list from staff.*
- Teachers are looking for experiences that they can't support themselves (like sewing or cooking) and would like to see more Indigenous content.
- How can we address misconceptions around spending? There was a comment that funding for the uke program may not be equally available to all students. Teachers should be aware of the subsidies provided to communicate to parents who need them.
  - All students receive equal funding. Families can approach teachers if they are having trouble affording programs. How can we remind people of this in a way that is sensitive to privacy? Kim and Kenny will communicate this to the staff.
- We now have information, but how do we address it? We will provide a summary which Kim and Jenny will discuss with the staff at a meeting. *This has been done.*
- Would a Lego robotics kit be useful for classrooms? *Admin to inquire.*



- Also there are great AGO workshops, which are another way to provide visual arts instruction (use field trip subsidy).

#### **Other:**

- Is there going to be a Safe Schools committee meeting in the spring? Due to job action, we can't have a meeting at this point, but any concerns can come to the admin.
  - Comment about Boys washroom: Students have complained that they don't like using it because it never seems clean.
  - Recently some students did a feedback survey which has been presented to the custodial staff.
  - During Fun Fair last year, a parent noticed that the locks on many stalls in the girls' washroom were broken. In 8 or 9 stalls, there was only one feminine hygiene disposal unit and the stall lock did not work. Also the soap attached to the wall is very watery and the first two sink nozzles didn't work. By the time she found one that did work, the soap had slipped through her fingers.
    - *Admin are aware of the issues and are looking into fixes and solutions.*
- Can we run the textile recycling fundraiser collection in April? The EcoTeam helps to gather things and we used the back stage to store. Admin will speak to the EcoTeam to see if they can help with collections.
  - At the end of year there is a lot of lost and found. We did it in June last year and there was a bit of a conflict with Fun Fair and storing the textiles. Doing two is a lot of labour, but the end of April and early May is a good time to have it.
  - We will send an email about it again before March break to remind people to start collecting.
  - Details of acceptable items can be [found here](#).

#### **6. Council meeting adjourned at 7:50pm**

**The next meeting of the 2019-2020 Council will be held on  
Monday, April 6th, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Library.**