



2020-2021 Wilkinson School Community Council February 1, 2021

Meeting Minutes - Approved

The 2020-2021 Co-Chair, Lisa Zivontsis called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of February Agenda2. Approval of January Minutes3. Principal's Update | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Committee Updates | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Event Proposal- Virtual Coffee Update- ROM Virtual Tours- Science Workshop Update6. Adjournment of Council Meeting |
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Attendance

Present:

Kim Jensen (Principal)
Lisa Zivontsis (Co-Chair)
Angeli Mehta (Co-Chair)
Vince Chan (Treasurer)
Shanna Breslin (Secretary)
Anthea Moreau (Dandy Lion)
Amy Cole
Rob Jefferson
Stephanie Lamb

Brenda Ohngemach
Fernanda Perdikaris
Norah Shaughnessy
Chantal Sweeting
Dayna Tekatch
Rose Ullah

Guests:

Maggie Blouin Pearl
Elizabeth Manafo

Regrets:

Ryan Wozniak

Absent:

Lindsay Reimers
Deborah Shub
Jennifer Stiff
Erin Vaillancourt

1. Approval of February Agenda

- Brenda and Rob approved.

2. Approval of January Minutes

- Dayna and Stephanie approved.



3. Principal's Update: Kim Jensen

- School Closures: Although we don't get information before the general public, we're studying the new TPH requirements for schools to ensure that we're compliant once schools reopen.
 - The screening process may be enhanced > one possible change is that no one without a screening form will be allowed in the building.
- The last switching opportunity between virtual and bricks and mortar school is in February. Our projections show that we have a small number of students (under 10) requesting a change, so we won't have another big reorganization.
- Report cards are coming out electronically next week. It will be a central rollout throughout the TDSB which will go from Feb. 5 to 8th. IEPs will also be distributed electronically.
- Debbie Sisnett is back as our Office Administrator. Welcome back, Debbie!
- Ward Council: There is a Ward Council meeting on Thursday. Recently, trustees have been partnering to hold meetings together and discuss topics such as talking to kids about race and parent engagement.
 - Generally, each school council sends one parent volunteer to the meetings. The representative brings the information back to the school council.
 - *Dayna will attend the next meeting as our representative.*

4. Committee Reports

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives. We did not have any committee updates this month.

5. New Business

Event Proposal – Virtual Wilkitchen: Elizabeth Manafò and Lisa Zivontsis

- March is Nutrition Month in Canada. The Nutrition Month campaign is hosted by Dietitians of Canada, the professional association of Canadian Registered Dietitians. This year's theme is "[Good for You](#)", which recognizes that healthy eating looks different for everyone, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach.
- Elizabeth is a Registered Dietician who works in research and would like to provide information and inspiration about healthy eating to fellow Wilkinson families.
- Note that this event is in no way connected to Dietitians of Canada or to any other organization or product.



- The proposed community event will be 1-1.5 hours in length and feature two simple, healthy, and delicious recipes that kids and families can make together at home.
- The ingredients and recipes would be sent in advance and families would be responsible for getting the ingredients > the aim is to use pantry staples so nothing will be difficult to get and much of it will already be in people's kitchens.
- The event has two goals:
 - To provide an interactive opportunity for Wilkinson community members to connect while promoting their health and well-being through good food and social connection.
 - To promote food skills for children and adults alike sensitive to culture, food traditions, and personal circumstances. The suggested recipes will be culturally and personally adaptable and will consider economic ingredients/recipes to reflect possible financial constraints families are facing during this time.
- There is no financial request for this event. We would like the Council to help with communications and registration. *The Communications Committee will help with this.*
- Question: Is this more for parents or will it include kids? It's specifically geared towards children. The aim is to bring everyone into the kitchen together and provide an opportunity for kids (and parents) to ask questions about food and healthy eating.
- People are very excited about this event!
- We'd like to hold the event over March Break: *Lisa and Shanna will make sure there is no conflict with the science workshops.*
- Instead of sending out an interest survey, let's assume we'll do two events and then combine them if needed.

Virtual Coffee Update: Angeli Mehta

- We held one last week and it was a positive event. Most of the people that joined were new to the community and appreciated having the connection.
- A few people could not meet on that date and most were interested in attending another one, so we plan to host another in February.
- Is anyone interested in coordinating and organizing the next one? Angeli is happy to support and attend. *Please let us know if you'd like to host by emailing council@wilkinsonps.org*



ROM Virtual Tours: Angeli Mehta

- The ROM is holding free virtual tours for public schools. While many slots have already been filled, there is an opportunity to sign up and be notified of new ones.
- Kim has shared the info with the staff > Science Centre and Toronto Zoo tours are being used in our classrooms already.
- The AGO also runs great half hour tours for free. They involve viewing art and an art or wellness activity.

Scientists in School Update: Shanna Breslin

- Families who participated in our interest survey already had the opportunity to register for the workshops.
- Some of them didn't register and we have about 16 spots remaining. To avoid cancelling workshops, we're going to open the remaining spots to any interested Wilkinson students who have not already signed up.

Spirit Wear: Lisa Zivontsis on Behalf of Erin Vaillancourt

- Erin will need some help to move this forward > we need an order form and ordering process as well as a message to be emailed out.
- Is there strong interest in moving this forward and is anyone interested in helping? If not, we can table it until next year. The concern is that if we can't get this going soon, people are not going to get their stuff before the end of the year.
- It may be a good unifier to connect virtual and in-person students and connect virtual students to the school.
- Next Steps: Lisa will touch base with Erin who can place orders if she has the numbers.
- *Brenda, Dayna, and Lisa will work together on this. Communications can help with messaging.*
- Kim has the full set of virtual email addresses but can't send out anything about fundraising. Council Chairs have recently been given access to the lists via School Messenger.
- Lisa and Angeli do not have access to their accounts yet > They need to be set up.

6. Council meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

**The next meeting of the 2020-2021 Council will be held on
Monday, April 12 at 6:30pm via Zoom.**