***Winchester SAC Meeting Minutes***

***Thursday, February 20, 2020***

***6:30-7:30pm***

***YOUR VOICE MATTERS***

1. **Welcome, and Vice Principal’s Update**

* African Heritage Month
* Winchester to hold a Black Excellence Career Fair for grades 7 and 8
* Special visitors include, a nurse, female architect, doctor, firefighter and also former NBA player Joel Anthony
* York student nurses are in 2 times a week, Thursdays and Fridays, to focus on mental health and wellness
* Character trait this month is Fairness
* SAC events need to be postponed or cancelled due to current teacher job action
* Extension given for Grade 8 Grad trip due to strike
* Decision to be made by March 9th
* Grade 8 grad trip scheduled – April 15th – 17th
* If cancelled, all money will be returned to families
* Grade 8 Graduation Photos – March 9th
* March Break – March 16th – 20th
* Easter – April 10th – 13th

1. **SAC Housekeeping**

**BYLAWS UPDATE from Corrie**

* After attending a training on SAC Bylaws offered by TDSB, it’s become clear that we need a ByLaws committee to create a new set of draft ByLaws.
* There are provincial regulations and suggested guidelines that we should follow.
* Proper new ByLaws are an amazing gift that we can leave as a legacy to the Winchester SAC for years to come.
* The ByLaws are a foundational document that will define our membership, elections processes and standing committees. It’s a great opportunity to enshrine both fundraising and parent engagement into our structure every year moving forward.
* Developing new ByLaws by the end of this school year so that they are in place and functioning by the next school year is a great goal.  
    
  MOTION to strike a ByLaws Committee to develop a new draft ByLaws by our next meeting on April 22, 2020.  
  Moved by Corrie Sakaluk  
  Seconded by Chris J  
  Motion passed unanimously  
    
  Volunteers for the ByLaws Committee:  
  Cindy Kenyon  
  Chris J  
  Corrie Sakaluk

**Discussion on balancing fundraising and inclusivity**

* SAC is changing, want to reflect our parent population and address parental concerns
* One of our goals is to determine how to include/welcome all families to the school council
* Next steps are to establish which types of programs/workshops we want to bring into the school for parents/students
* Explaining/promoting how money raised through fundraising will be used
* Want to offer parent workshops every other month – include free food and free childcare
* Title suggestion is the Parent Engagement Committee
* Want to connect with families via email (outside of Class Dojo) to give updates on school events and provide resources for families
* Makoto to connect with Duane, our Community Support Worker for the school, to brainstorm on ideas for school workshops etc.
* Need parent feedback on top ideas for workshops they would find interesting and helpful, such as, bullying, mental health, social media awareness etc.
* Next Steps – Communications committee to send out a link on class dojo to find out when would be the best time to hold workshops for families - day/night/weekend

**Funding request for Indigenous Culture education**

* Motion raised by Chirag to have Indigenous Culture education workshop for the grades 4 and 5 classes
* Current ask is $500-$700 for the program
* Voted – all agreed
* Will take place in the next month or two

1. **Winchester Fundraising Events and Updates**

Art Matters

* Tentative date - Thursday, April 20th, 2020
* DeAndra said we are to proceed with caution – understand that if the strike is not resolved, the event will not happen
* Will need to edit letter to the community in case of job action interference

Fun Fair

* Saturday, May 30th, 2020
* Volunteers are needed
* Will need to edit letter to the community in case of job action interference

1. **Get Involved – We need your help!**

* Please join us to support your child’s school, and contribute to their success!
* Committee volunteers/leaders are needed
* If interested, please contact the SAC at [winchestersac@gmail.com](mailto:winchestersac@gmail.com)

1. **Committee and Events – Other Updates/News**

* Tabled till next meeting

1. **Getting involved and staying connected**

* Sign up for SAC emails at <http://eepurl.com/bNqEcr>
* Sign up for Class Dojo first thing in September
* Come to monthly SAC meetings
* Email [winchestersac@gmail.com](mailto:winchestersac@gmail.com) with any questions you have

1. **Future meeting dates**

Apr 22nd, May 21st

1. **Mark your calendars, next meeting is scheduled for -**

**Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30pm**