***Winchester SAC Meeting Minutes***

***Thursday, November 21, 2019***

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

***YOUR VOICE MATTERS***

1. **Welcome**

* Meeting began with welcome and to see if there were declaration of conflicts of interest (for example: TDSB staff)
* Declarations were made

1. **Principal’s Update**

**Teachers’ Strike**

* Teachers’ contract negotiations will begin on Tuesday, November 26, 2019
* TDSB will be sending updates to parents via email
* Parents can check the Winchester homepage (click the labour relations button for updates)
* As of now, the strike is not affecting Winchester students

**Construction Update**

* Rita is waiting to hear from the TDSB
* The big tree came down recently due to termites; a new tree will be planted

**Wellness Week**

* Just finished wellness week on anti-bullying

**Grade 8 Grad**

* Trip is booked to Ottawa
* Currently, the cost is $425 per child
* DeAndra is organizing the event and asked SAC if they can help donate money, Marjan is recording the request
* To subsidise the cost per student, DeAndra asked for volunteers to help with fundraisers. For example, selling popcorn or bake sale. If you are interested in helping, please speak with her directly

**Book Fair**

* Thursday, December 12th from 3:15-5:00pm in the Library
* Book Fair, book readings, hot chocolate station and food
* Toronto Public Library will also attend

**Annual Sing-a-long**

* Thursday, December 19th at 1pm

**School Closed for the Holidays**

* December 23rd – January 6th, 2020

1. **SAC Housekeeping**

* Makoto first reviewed bylaws that need to be updated
* He elaborated upon the definition of endorse – the SAC gives public support to someone or something
* In the past, endorsing certain activities has resulted in potentially alienating SAC members due to a conflict of interest between SAC members and their employers

Bylaw #3 – to change the threshold to 67%

Voted – majority to change to 67%

Bylaw #35 – posting on dojo: is an announcement, to spread knowledge/information

1st Vote – whether or not to endorse

Final Vote – staying the same

Bylaw #14 – Proposed change from 75% to 67%

Voted – approved

#36 – Proposed change is to delete

Voted – approved, to remain the same

#37A – SAC formal request to bring a topic to meeting, Class Dojo change to the request to be verbal during SAC meeting/in writing

Voted – approved

#37B – Amending to 50%+1 Digital Communications can use discretion having a stronger voice as one collective. Any planned SAC event may be posted without voting. For any other matter must be voted upon in advance (advertising, inflammatory, or political)

Voted – approved

Vote was taken to elect Corrie as Co-Event Project Manager

Voted – elected

**School Website**

* Parents mentioned the site is not up to date
* Rita agreed and said the TDSB is having technical issues and are working on it

1. **Winchester Fundraising Events**

Fall Fundraiser

* Has raised $4,288 to date
* One more week to go
* Parents can donate online, give cash or cheque
* A suggestion for next year, is to set up a table at one of the school events and talk to parents directly, explaining how their donations benefit the school. For example, show items which have been purchased with previous donations, such as sports equipment, library books, etc.

***\*\*\*UPDATE – total raised $6095***

T-Shirt and Hoodie Sales

* Orders are still ongoing
* Thea asked if anyone could help with the orders
* Chris offered to help

Movie Nights

* First movie night will be held Thursday, December 5th
* Details to follow

Night at F’Amelia

* Adults only fundraiser
* Monday, January 20th, 6:30-9pm

School Musical

* Date is set for Thursday, January 16th, 2020
* Script has been written and rehearsals are underway
* Last year’s budget was $1000
* Bev looking into having equipment donated for the musical to save costs
* Suggestion to have a donation jar at the musical to supplement

***\*\*\*UPDATE new date is set for February 2020***

Art Matters

* Has been moved to Thursday, April 20th, 2020
* Volunteers are needed, including a parent rep to join the classroom and help the teacher create artwork

Fun Fair

* Saturday, May 30th, 2020
* Volunteers are needed
* New Chairs needed for 2020
* Suggestion made to have the Classroom Challenge again – pizza party for the class that has the most parent volunteers

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**

* The SAC is looking for parent volunteers to attend the PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) meetings
* Marjan and Alim have volunteered to attend
* Update to follow at the 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**

Jan 22nd, Feb 20th, Apr 22nd, May 21st

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

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