



Sir William Osler School Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	November 19, 2024	Time:	6:00 PM EST
Location:	Sir William Osler Library		
Attendees:	10 Parents, Principal (Richelle Bratuz) and Community Member (Lorraine Robinson)		

Agenda Items:	Topic:	Discussion:	Action By:
1.	Introductions	Attendance List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Hoo • Tamara Deneault • Dane Pedersen • Lauren Beckett • Helena Booth • Connie Brownhill • Breanne Blackburn • Sasha Pivarnyik • Amardeep Jagpal • Lech Szaja • Lorraine Robinson • Richelle Bratuz 	N/A
2.	Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were approved • Matthew Adams was added as an additional voting member after last meeting to have 13 voting members on the council 	N/A
3.	Child Minding	Child minding will be provided during school council meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child minding has been funded through the money received for the school council by the HWDSB • RB to add a note on School Messenger prior to the next meeting to let parents know about the child minding as well as a virtual Teams link 	RB



4.	Parent reaching Out (PRO) Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for funding submitted today • Maximum grant is \$1000 for parent, caregiver, and guardian engagement • Contingent upon funding approval, looking to have speakers present on mental health awareness and social media exposure 	N/A
5.	Playground Update	<p>Parent Playground Committee Members:</p> <p>Monica Palkowski, Monica Novak, Anne Pederson, Dane Pederson, Lauren Beckett, and Connie Herbert</p> <p>Site Supervisor Visit: LVDP shared the November 2024 SWO Playground Proposal with Rob Hinich, our Site Supervisor- he has advised that he has forwarded the proposal to his Manager.</p> <p>General Upkeep & Maintenance: Items such as sand, mulching and weeding come out of the fundraising budget – potential for contribution from the YMCA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Group to come up with a list of items required (i.e. mulch, sand) • RB to follow up with Site Supervisor Rob to look into the cost of turf <p>Kindergarten Pen Fundraiser: Goal is to enhance the existing play area to make it inviting and engaging.</p> <p>Proposed poinsettia fundraiser through Terra Greenhouse approved by the School Council. The fundraiser will be posted on School Cash Online and on School Messenger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up of the poinsettias will be December 13 between 10 am and 3 pm • RB is going to add an option on School Cash Online to support the outdoor play fundraiser if parents do not wish to purchase poinsettias <p><u>Action Plan:</u></p> <p>Step 1: Pen Clean-Up Recruit 5–10 parent volunteers for sweeping, power washing, and weed removal around the kindergarten pen.</p>	RB, Committee



		<p>Step 2: Painting the Shed Prep and clean the shed for painting. Kindergarten students will paint the shed (e.g. making handprints), creating a sense of ownership and pride. Playground Group volunteers will assist on painting days.</p> <p>Step 3: Refreshing Play Equipment Consult wish lists created by Kindergarten classes, then purchase new outdoor toys for the kindergarten area (e.g., trikes, balls, play kitchen sets).</p> <p>Green Day: Goal is to beautify the school grounds while engaging the school community through volunteer involvement. This project encourages SWO students and their families to develop a sense of responsibility for their school environment. No funding is required.</p> <p><u>Action Plan:</u></p> <p>Host a spring clean-up and planting day, focusing on pulling weeds, planting native perennials, and spreading mulch. Volunteers are encouraged to bring personal gardening tools, and food (e.g., pizza) will be provided.</p>	
7.	Silent Auction	<p>Silent Auction proposed as an idea for fundraising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would have to occur when parents are in the building (during a concert, open house etc.) • Idea to give classes a basket theme and auction or raffle off each basket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For example, a gardening theme, and each student in the class would contribute items to the garden basket (gloves, bulbs, etc.) • Other option for parents or teachers to collect donation items from the school • Idea for student ticket item fundraiser – students buy tickets for items that are donated (i.e. toys, puzzles, pencil crayons) and the students would place their tickets in the auction items for a raffle <p>Council suggested auction takes place in May during the school Open House – potential to set up in the gym.</p>	SP



		Sasha Pivarnyik will lead this initiative with a sub committee to be determined at the next council meeting.	
8.	Principal's Address and Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports went home today, parent-teacher interviews happening on Thursday and Friday this week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New online booking system for interviews • New early kindergarten – grade 2 reading screening tool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be reported on each year ○ New Reading Specialist at SWO this year • Many media consent forms not filled out on the Parent Portal (only 97 for the entire school) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reminder was sent via School Messenger last week, RB to send another reminder with instructions on how to fill out the forms • SWO Winter Concert will take place December 18th in our Gym 	RB
9.	Treasurer's Report	<p>Tally for food items from last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza \$12 000 • Sub Days \$ 4 500 • Popcorn \$ 3 500 • Currently \$1,947.11 in the account • We are currently on a wait list to get Square Readers for payment – ETA is January. There is a cost associated with the readers. • Rice N' Roll is available to purchase for lunches and will be delivered on Tuesdays. That makes Rice N' Roll Tuesday, Pizza Wednesday, and Subways Thursdays. 	RB, LVDP
10.	Next Meeting Date and Time	Tuesday January 14, 2025	6:00 PM