**Waverley Drive School Council – Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 7PM**

**Library Learning Commons & virtual format**

**Attendees:** Marnie Taylor (co-chair), Britney Shawley (co-chair), Rupinder Kaur (secretary), Jonathan Walker (Principal), Janet Patrick (Vice-Principal), Wendy Salt (teacher representative), Jayme Sones, Sarah Mackintosh, Erin Peters, Elisha Pobega, Lee Kinnon, Caitlin Baker, Jen Brown

**Regrets:** Kyle Hellewel (treasurer)

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |
| **Land Acknowledgement & Anti-Racism Statement** **Welcome & Introductions**  |  |  |
| **Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes****Business carried over from January Meeting****Approval of February Agenda** | Moved by: RupinderSeconded by: Britney**Classroom Equipment Donations*** Sleds, snow brick makers and hockey sticks have already been donated
* Additional donations will be sought from families in April

**Speaker Panel*** PRO Grant funding application was submitted to cover costs for this panel event

**Waverley Reading Program*** Draft flyer has been created with information based on teachers’ feedback
* Volunteer expectations have been outlined, tentative schedule from March-May
* To reach out to volunteer networks from: University of Guelph, City of Guelph’s PIN, Rotary Club, seniors centres/homes, Skyline, Food Program

**Retirement Home Pen Pals*** Suggestion to have Grade 2-3’s write letters to retirement homes

**PRO Grant Funding*** Board given money from the Ministry of Education to provide to schools with specific areas of focus; funding closed on January 26 – applications are to be reviewed on February 7 by Board for money up to $1000, seeking feedback from schools on how to improve the grant program

Moved by: SarahSeconded by: Caitlin  | Marnie & Britney to follow-up with Guelph Police on potential speakersWendy to share Victory PS’ video RE: social media  Marnie to finalize flyer and send to Council for wider distribution Britney to post to FacebookJayme to create Google Survey Marnie to further develop plan Rupinder to follow-up with Jayme to seek feedback to forward to Board  |
| **Principal’s & Teacher’s Report** | * Sports: Basketball for junior and intermediate teams
* Clubs: Rubix, Chess, Dungeons & Dragons
* Field Trips – River Run Centre
* Report Cards are being reviewed before distribution
* February is Black History Month – announcements, slides are available for class discussions (teachers encouraged to use in classes), focus on ‘Black history and beyond’
* Family Day – February 19 (no school)
* Terra Cotta Cookies have arrived for Friday delivery
* Professor Jamz – new total: $6,741, although donations are still being processed!
 | Next meeting: discuss use of the Professor Jamz’s profits at next meeting – example: update school team jerseys?  |
| **Treasurer’s Report**  | Terra Cotta Cookie sales: $452 Professor Jamz pledges: $6,741Lunchbox: $218.54 (November 2023) Returned gift card for outgoing Chair: $50 TOTAL REVENUE: $1,684.54 (as of February 6, 2024)  |  |
| **Committee Reports & Approvals:**  | **Fundraising Committees:****Lunchbox (Kyle)*** Lunchbox: $218.54 (November 2023)

**Professor Jamz (Marnie)** * An alternative event/space has been set for students with sensory or sensitivities

**Family Fun Night** **(no lead identified yet)** * Similar template as last year
* Sub-committee to continue meeting

**Terra Cotta Cookies** * 228 orders have been submitted

**Engagement Committees:** **Movie Night (Sarah, Elisha)** * April 18 – Paddington

**Bursary/Grants Committee (Jayme)*** Many grants require a teacher’s “sign-off”
* Upcoming grants to focus on: Walmart, Costco, Canada Post, Indigo Adopt-a-School, Garden Grant, IBM
* Transportation Cost: city bus is $600 versus school bus is $200
* Public Library offers free Maker Space tours/use

**Newsletter/Communication Committee (Rupinder)** * March/April edition, distribution for mid-March
* Suggested content: report on Prof Jamz and where funds will go, movie night, outdoor equipment donations, invite to School Council meetings, calendar (Family Fun Night, Terra Cotta Cookie sales, movie night, mulch day), ask for volunteers for upcoming events, promote Facebook

**Grounds/Landscape Committee (Marnie)** * Mulch could be delivered between April 24 - May 5
* School Mulch Event: May 5 at 9am-12pm (possible pizza lunch for all volunteers)

**Parent Involvement Committee (Rupinder)** * Wellbeing & Health Youth Surveys (WHY Surveys) – will run in February 2024, in partnership with Public Health. Results to be shared with schools in May/June to assess school’s progress on anti-bullying and mental health initiatives
* New curriculum for kindergarten – Ministry and media reports state that changes will not begin until September 2025, focus on STEM, coding and tech education
* Solar Eclipse – April 8, Board met with numerous agencies (Public Health, City of Guelph’s emergency management team, Ministry of Education) – Guelph is not in the direct path of the eclipse, but it may hit its peak during dismissal time. More information will be provided closer to the date; but a large educational campaign will be launched with more information and strategies for families to promote safety
* PIC Games Bins- Previous PIC program funds was used to support and develop a “games bins” for community and family engagement to focus on numeracy; School Councils can run ‘games night’ (engagement opportunity!!); 4-5 bins in the Board library solely for School Councils – to be signed out by school administrators; PIC members to complete an inventory of current games by next month
* Next meeting: Monday, February 26th, 2024, at 7:00 pm, In-person (Guelph Board Office) and Virtual
 | Wendy to liaise with teachersJayme + Marnie to continue drafting and submitting applications Rupinder to draft newsletter for mid-March distribution Jonathan to add to calendar Rupinder to follow-up with Board to review inventory of games; possible to use games for Family Fun Night as an alternative/indoor event  |
| **New Business** | None  |  |
| **Adjournment** | 8:05pm  |  |

**Next Meeting:** **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7pm** *in-person in the Waverley Library Learning Commons & virtual (login details to follow).*

**Interested in joining School Council or would like to join our email list? Have questions or comments?**

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