

Westminster Woods Public School

Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Present: Allison Stoffman, Erin Hamilton, Angela Popofski, Kylee Booth, Julie May, Drew Iverson, Melanie Taylor, Natalie Thomas

Welcome:

- Angela called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Review and Acceptance of Past Minutes:

- Melanie motioned to accept the minutes and Natalie seconded the motion.

Principal's Report:

- **Staffing Changes:**
- Kate Thomas returned to her core French and planning time position last week, Sheldon Reid moved into Amanda Mathewson's Core French position
- Laura Bauman has returned and is sharing the grade 1 class with Hanna Kao
- Staffing process for next year continues
- **Information and Events:**
- Intramurals and teams are happening-Junior floor hockey and intermediate dodgeball last week, intermediate badminton this week
- Empowerment Day for intermediates this Thursday
- Children's Mental Health and Education Week is this week, activities planned including The Best Part of Me and Family Zumba Night (over 110 people have signed up)
- Grade 8s-Toronto Trip has been organized, highest attendance rate for a trip! Candy shop very successful. We sold out last Friday.
- River Run Trips continue
- EQAO last week of May for grade 6 and first week of June for grade 3
- New Jk Orientation night- May 18
- Volunteer Policy-Reminder that council members should be completing the paperwork/VSC if they plan on volunteering at Family Fun Night and/or other events in school (working with children/handling money)
- Spring safety drills in progress (fire, lockdown, evacuation, severe weather)
- Officer Sherry coming in this week for Bicycle safety
- School Improvement:
 - Early Reading continues to be a major focus
 - Equity and Inclusion- Cultivating Genius, focus for staff meetings
 - STEAM- looking at this on the PD Day in March

- Class Meetings- focus on strengths and next steps
- April/May- Child Abuse prevention in grades 1, 3, 5, 7
- Outdoor Ed field trips for classes: Butterfly conservatory, Arboretum, Outdoor school
- Everything continues to get busier in May and June!!
- Mulch and plants for garden- still working with Brock Road Nursery, grade 8s weeded and mulched the front garden on Friday

*\$500 community building from the Board needs to be spent asap and form completed

Funds For Friends- may need to access for 2 students

Treasurer's Report:

- Funds for friends Julie motioned, Melanie seconded \$1000 for toronto trip

(from Ottawa trip in 2020)

- Booster juice money - need to come up with a plan for greening. Special projects? - ask Justyna how much Booster payments are so we know how much we have- will send out council email to make some decisions for this.
- See attached Treasurer's report for detailed information

Community Building/Special Events:

Family fun night Planning:

- Food trucks- Fo cheezy, Berlin 95, Lady glaze setup at 4:30
- City of Guelph Park activation team - setup at 4:30 (Kylee)
- Henna - grade 8's
- Face painting Olivia Popofski & friends

Class baskets- Melissa McEachern

- Allison- Ribbon, baskets
- Ange- tickets for class baskets, chalk, pens, henna, face paint, selfie booth

sign

- Time 5-7pm
- Sales close at 6:30
- Music
- School cash online pre-order class basket tickets

- Natalie- poster and info, going out promotion
- Tickets \$5-3 \$10-10, \$25-20
- Money raised goes into community building -future school events
- Photobooth -selfie

Greening:

- Grace Popofski will make signs for Garden
- Allison meeting with Brock Road nursery for garden suggestions

Fundraising:

- No need right now, will revisit if there is a need.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, September 25, 2023

Adjournment

- Angela adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm