

# Westminster Woods Public School Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday November 28th, 2023

**Present:** Allison Stoffman, Denise Phillips, Natalie Thomas, Kylee Booth, Naveed Zahid, Richard Gray, Meelashini Avaduer

## **Welcome:**

- Naveed called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

## **Review and Acceptance of Past Minutes:**

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

## **Principal's Report:**

### *Staffing Changes*

- Welcome to our new vp- Denise Phillips. We also have a new Office Coordinator, Raffella Alton who comes to us with over a decade of experience at Brant Avenue Public School. We also have a new AOA, one half day per week, Elspeth Durward. Douglas James has been in for Kate Thomas. Kate will be returning in a couple of weeks. Heather Duff is in grade 4 covering for Alison Leclair who will be returning after the Holidays.

### *Information and Events:*

- Intramurals, clubs, teams are running (Soccer, Zumba, Volleyball, Various Library Clubs, etc.)
- Remembrance Day Assembly went well (Nov. 10)
- Grade 8s have started visiting High Schools- Centennial Guidance visit and Tech visit, IB information night at GCVI
- River Run Trips have started again for the year. Grade 1s and 2s attend tomorrow, grade 7s went 2 weeks ago.
- 12 Days of Giving is set to go and has been organized by the student equity team. More information will be coming home soon!

- Term 2 Booster Juice and Pizza orders will be posted to School Cash Online soon. We connected with the pizza vendor and they made some changes so we will see if it improves. We have also connected with other vendors, should we need to reassess.

- EQAO Scores from last year have been sent out to families of students who participated

Grade 3 Math: 61% in Math, 68% in Reading and 64% in Writing

Grade 6 Math: 69% in Math, 95% in Reading and 95% in Writing

- Volunteer Policy Changes- All volunteers will need a VSC moving forward
- Focus on early reading- We have had the Early Reading teacher with us since September part time and we have also recently received funding to hire a reading tutor who will be working with some of our grade 3 students on fluency and comprehension

### **Vice Principal Report**

- Bullying Prevention Week and WHY Survey
- Equity Audit, student voice and participation

#### *EQAO results discussion:*

- How can we make it so the test is taken seriously like it used to be?
- Parent involvement?
- More information to parents?
  
- Discussed the nutritional guidelines of pizza for the school orders

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- See Treasurer's report for details

### **New Business:**

#### *Additional School Lunch Orders*

- Is this something we should look into?
- Sub sandwiches possibly?
- Is it just another day that some kids don't get to participate in?
- As the attendance was low for school council, we will take it to email to discuss further

### *School Event Survey Data*

- 14 responses
- Overall positive, seems like parents appreciated the event, and would like to see more
- Having more room was suggested
- More encouragement and support for parents to make connections

### **Community Building/Special Events:**

#### *Family skate night*

- Is January too soon to have this event?
- February instead?
- Only time available for January date was 5-6pm, too early for some families
- Will continue to discuss via email

#### *Family Movie Night*

- April 18, 2024
- On track
- The limited costs for this event will be made up by snack sales

#### *Zumba event*

- confirmed
- May 2, 2024
- \$225

#### *Family fun night in June*

- Kylee will book activation team again- make sure they are visible this year
- Natalie -food trucks, guelph city water truck, make sure it's ok with insurance
- Button making as a possible activity to do at the family fun night

### **Playground and Greening:**

- We need to make decisions about the front gardens - need a plan
- Change the size of the front garden so it's easier to maintain-need landscapers assistance- discuss via email
- Spring Mulch \$600
- Kindergarten area- mulch problem, not sure how this can be remedied
- Memorials- new rules being made for this

**Fundraising:**

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

**Next Meetings:**

- February 6, 2024
- May 7, 2024

\*Dates may be added if needed

**Adjournment:**

- Naveed adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm