Meeting Purpose:	School Council Meeting
Chairperson(s):	Glen Spry

Meeting Details			
Date:	November 25 th , 2023		
Time:	6pm-8pm		
Location:	AAG		
	NON VOTING		

Participants		X - indicates absence			
Steve Yull - Prinicipal		Yvonne Flippance		Erin McAllister	
Matt Reid		Ainsley Galbraith		Ashley McTavish	
Sue Hamilton - Teacher		Jacqueline Gaudet		Shannon Newell	
Tracey Robinson - Teacher		Keerthi Godinho		Shelley Pillar	
Melissa Alzaeim		Shayla Harbridge		Gurmeet Rai	
Laura Archer		Rebecca Hessels		Janice Robson	\square
Nadia Barin	\square	Stephanie Hislop		Amanda Swirski	\square
Patrick Bedford	\square	Tobi Hofer		Linda Slayer	
Ashley Bonany		Tracey Hood		Glen Spry	
Lindsay Brewer		Jaime Hunter		Sabrina Thompson	
Cheryl Brown		Ramanjeet Kaur	\boxtimes	Megan Turnbull	\square
Misham Chaudrey	\square	Puja Kaur Dhillion		Armagan Udardes	\square
Stephen Clarkin		Bandna Kaushal	\boxtimes	Jennifer Valeri	
Sally Donnelly		Matthew Lingard		Jess Worrall	\square
Rebecca Dysart		Tim Louks		Carolyn Osborn	
Sarah Fitzgerald	\boxtimes	Stephanie Madden	\boxtimes	Tim Hewitt	

REGRETS ; OBSERVERS: NOTE: GUESTS:

Land Acknowledgment

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on Ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by th Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so Responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Call to order	Chair
Roll Call - Sign in	Chair
	Chair/designate
	Chair
Reports	
a) Officers' Reports (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)	
-nominations for new treasurer	
-T.Hood will provide report at meeting	
ii. Bylaw –still needs Chair and Vice-Chair	
iii. Communications	
c) Teachers and Principal's report	
Unfinished Business	Chair
a) ??	
New Business	
a) Cheryl Watterson	
i. Spirit Wear Feedback	
ii. Progrant Update	Tim Louks
	Erin McAllister
Announcements	
a) EQAO scores have been released follow	
https://www/eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-	
dashboards/	
VOTING MOTIONS: NONE	
Adjournment	
	Roll Call - Sign in Land Acknowledgement Approval of minutes Reports a) Officers' Reports (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) -nominations for new treasurer -T.Hood will provide report at meeting b) Standing and Special committee i. Fundraising ii. Bylaw –still needs Chair and Vice-Chair iii. Communications c) Teachers and Principal's report Unfinished Business a) ?? New Business a) Cheryl Watterson i. Spirit Wear Feedback ii. Progrant Update b) School Milk Program – ontarioschools.milk.org Announcements a) EQAO scores have been released follow https://www/eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-dashboards/

- 1. Call to Order at 6:07pm.
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Land Acknowledgement
- 4. Approval of Minutes October 19th, 2023

MOVED:	G. SPRY
SECOND:	C. BROWN

CARRIED

5. **Reports:**

5 A) Treasurer (T. Hood)

T. Hood	-Pizza profit approx \$5,000 dollars to date.
	-conversation around affordability.
S. Yull	- all need has been taken care of that we know of to date.
	- support will be handle in office.
M. Alzaeim	- maybe a family discount with multiple kids.
G. Spry	-can be reviewed.
R. Dysart	-same ideas around paying differently to help.

SELF NOMINATION FOR TREASUER --- Linda Slayer

- T. Hood will provide some mentoring

- 5 B)
- i) **Fundraising** -conversation led by J. Valeri around Movie night.

FUNdraising Committee Report November 25th, 2023 Agenda Items:

1. Announcement of Chairs - Shelley Pillar and Jennifer Valeri

2. Indication for committee composition, and rules therein - All of those who signed up are welcome - Attend only one meeting or all meetings to meet membership - Meeting 12 months a year to prepare for fall events

3. Update on proposed goals and events for the year - One movie night for the holidays and at least one more in February -Planning for a spring fun fair - Aiming for another 4 events at a minimum - Ideas included, fun fairs, movie nights, candy grams, babysitting nights, food sales, rummage or garage sale and other ideas

4. December 13th Movie Night - In the gym starting at (x)pm using the school projector and pulldown screen - Selling popcorn, cotton candy, candy and pizza - There will be an option on school online to "pay what you can", and a ticket will be 2\$ - Kids will be encouraged to come with their family, bring a blanket or sleeping bag to sit and watch a movie selected from the board's list of appropriate movies - Proposing (x) as the movie

Requesting \$1,4 Item Vendor Potential	10 dollars in fund Cost/ Details	s Pizza- Party pizzas, in cheesepep, and halal	l	
		- One gluten free pizza and one Lactose	Ginos	\$400.00
Candy	Dollarama and (Cottage Country		\$150.00
-	- We w	ould have 60 large, 60 small candybags and approximately		
	- Large	candy bags for 4.00 each		•
	- Small	er candy bags for 2.00 each		
		plate bars for 2.00 each		
Chips and Drinks	Costco			\$150.00
Popcorn	Rental			\$310.00
-	No Frills			- \$90.00 to rent themachine
	Dollarama		- Purch	ase bags - Purchase popcorn supplies
Licensing Bank Cost				\$400.00 for the entire year, and
				the entire school can use this so

- Mr. Yull is confirming the amount the office is prepared to chip in since the entire school can use this now in classrooms

- There is also a potential we may be able to use the licensed copy by way of streaming for free

R. Hessels	-provided information on licensing and restrictions			
S. Yull	-will work with Fundraising team to help with solution			
R. Hessels	- different types of licenses, different pricing.			
	-historically council has used Parent engagement grant to defray.			
J. Valeri	-presented worst case estimates to help predict need.			
G. Spry	-need more accuracy to costing etc			
J. Valeri	-need the support of council with funding support			
S. Yull	-will commit to the cost of license. \$400 if there is no free alternative.			
J. Valeri	-capacity of gym is 560 (without chairs)			
	-shooting for a 6pm start.			
R. Hessels	-New release movies have been more attractive historically			
S. Thompson	-might be able to get a "streamed" version for free			

MOTION #1 Council to contribute \$500 to Movie night MOVED: SECOND:

ii) Bylaw Committee

	-Shayla Harbridge will Chair			
S. Harbridge	-goal this year is to update Bylaws			
	-end of January proposing edits to Bylaws			
	-final first draft beginning of January			
	-February meeting to be presentation of edits			
	-March review of Bylaws			
	-aiming for voting in April			

iii) Communications Committee

J. Valeri

L. Slayer

it will be more than a one eventbenefit

G. Spry

-formal policy plan to be shared end of March

Communications Sub-committee

Name Chair GLEN SPRY x GURMEET RAI Keerthi Godinho ARMAGAN UKARDES Bandana Kaushal Jess Worrall Erin McAllister Puja Dhillon

Communications sub-Committee Objectives:

To ensure accessibility of timely, relevant information to school and community stakeholders. Actions:

1. The Sub-committee will review the current state with regards to school communication

methods, mediums and content. This review will be targeted at three "areas of focus":

a. Inbound/outbound communications

b. Faculty reporting

c. Channels/Mediums (email/social media/website etc.)

2. With a goal to better understand the information needs of the broader school community the sub-committee will consult with the school, council members and community stakeholders to establish relevant topics, subjects to target.

3. Where relevant the Sub-committee will poll stakeholder groups to refine formal information requirement requests.

4. The sub-committee will provide a detailed report to council after March break. The report will include but will not be limited to:

a. An overview of current school communication policies and/or processes

b. Community feedback regarding information requirements

c. Suggested changes to current communications procedures

d. Any identified voting motions required to facilitate updates or changes to current communications policies and procedures

Next Steps:

Convene a meeting of the subcommittee to delegate action items and review progress made on the 3 main areas of focus. Meeting to be held before the end of January 2024

5C PRINCIPALS REPORT

1) Staffing Update

· Julie Bragdon has joined us in the main office as our Office Assistant. Welcome to Julie!

· Jennifer Campbell has joined our Educational Assistant Team in the afternoons. Welcome Jennifer

· Sandra Gortych (LTO - FDK 1 DECE) was successful in obtaining a permanent position at Mary Hopkins School. We are presently filling this LTO and will have someone staffed in the position soon

2) PA Day Update (November and Progress Report Interviews)

• Interviews were held on November 16/17. After several years this practice was brought back by the board and it felt really great to have parents/guardians and staff meeting together in the building to discuss student progress. Hope this continues!

3) Partner School Request - Hess St. School

· At the last School Council Meeting, we brought forward a request from Hess Street School

· In following up with Hess St. Admin. The school is looking for support with their food/nutrition program. They access the many grant and supports that are available but this is still an area of substantial need. Would be appreciative of food and/or financial donations to support their Nutrition Program. School Admin expressed appreciation to our council for even considering the request

L. Slayer	-could we set up support for food?
G. Spry	-is this a council or school initiative?
S. Yull	-will connect with Hess Principal to see next steps

-is support amongst council members to connect with Hess council .

4) Playground Update

 \cdot Facilities request is in to see if its feasible to remove/resurface back playground to allow for a fresh start with lines/games that Council approved at the end of last year. Taking a little longer than expected, but want to proceed in the right way and make the playground as nice as possible

5) Winter's coming – Snow Removal

 \cdot See attached Resource that outlines responsibilities

· AAG has one of the largest Elementary Plants and Snow clearing is often a challenge

· In advance of and during weather events, school admin is in contact with Facilities Supervisor to update of school situation and any concerns that may exist

TEACHERS REPORT

School Council – November 2023 Teacher's Report

Kindergarten

Creative Connie is visiting on December 12/13th to do a painting workshop with all the Kindergarten classes. K3 did a kindness parade on the 13th where we stood outside with signs trying to spread kindness to the community.

Grade One

1A and 1/2A are working with the Grade 12 Leadership Class at WDHS to partner with students in Grade and 2 to do inquiry learning about animals. This month will be our first weekly meeting to start this initiative. Creative Connie is visiting on December 12/13th to do a painting workshop with Grade 1A, 1B and 1/2A.

In December we have a parent Volunteer coming in for an Arts/Crafts Day before our Winter Holidays.

Grade 4

4 junior classes (4B, 4/5A, 5A, 5/6A) are going to see Pollyanna at Theatre Aquarius on Dec 13.

School News

Nothing major. We are continuing the Math Academy Tutoring. Four of us are doing it 3 times per week for 6 weeks.

Remembrance Day Assembly

We had an assembly to recognize Remembrance Day. Students from Grade 8 prepared the presentations and students who attended the assembly were very respectful during the poems, songs and band performances.

Band

Students will join Waterdown BandFest next week for all area schools to perform together at WDHS.

Sock-tober

Mrs. Harris' Grade 5 class collected socks for Soc-Tober. 5A is going for a community walk to Knox Presbyterian Church to donate the communities sock contributions from Socktober Drive. They are delivering socks to the church which is currently running the "Warm Fingers & Warm Toes campaign". The church will then be delivering these items to the Hamilton intercity, Mission Services and The Hub as well as some ladies and children's items to go to the Interval House.

Flamborough Food Drive

The Halloween to Halt Hunger was a huge success with lots of food to donate to the Food Bank.

Winter Clothing Drive

This initiative will continue until the end of November and men's winter coats and boots are in high demand. The winter clothing Drive is going very well. Ms. Steinberg has already taken 17 bags of winter clothing to the Good Shepherd in Hamilton. The bags are like large recycling bags, full of coats, boots, hats, gloves, mittens, and snow pants. We are collecting until the end of November.

Recycling

We will begin slowly rolling out, recycling for drink boxes, pop cans, plastic water bottles. we encourage people to use reusable water bottles still, but we are going to be collecting only drink containers.

Sports

Junior Boys Volleyball has had a successful season so far – we're very proud of their teamwork and dedication to the sport. The **Junior Girls Volleyball** team won their first playoff game and are moving on to the next round on Monday November 27. The **Senior Boys Volleyball** had a wonderful year of play.

Junior Swim Meet - was a success! We will hand out ribbons at our next assembly.

V Ball - all teams made it to the preliminaries/first round. The junior girls are moving on to the quarter finals.

Handball - intramurals for grades 7 and 8 will start next week. There are over 80 students signed up to play. Teams will play during nutrition breaks.

Spirit wear - all orders have been handed out. We may look at offering another ordering time frame if there is enough interest.

Dance - Christie - a parent from Dancemakerz came in and did dance workshops for students in Grades 6, 7, 8. A big thank you to her!

6 Unfinished Business (Chair) NONE

7. New Business

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A)	i)	SPIRIT WEAR FEEDBACK	- Cheryl Watterson		
		-not great sizing			
	ii)	PROGRANT	-Tim Louks		
	/	-request up to \$1000			
		-Principal and Council Chair have	received the proper paperwork		
B)	i)	SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM	-Erin McAllister		
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		-will receive information electroni			
		-explore the program			
		-there is a guarantee from Milk Farmers of Ontario of \$800 to purchase of refrigeration			
R. Hessels		-previously the challenge has been space for refreigeration.			
F Mc	Allister	-may need Board approvals.	· ·		
E. MC	Amster	-may need board approvals.			

8. Announcements

NEXT MEETING:	Thursday January	$7.18^{\text{th}}, 2024$	6pm location TBA

9.	ADJOURNED:	8pm	Moved:	G. Spry	
			Second:	S. Clarkin	Carried

SUMMARY:			
Subject	Actions/Motions / Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
Movie Night	MOTION #1: Council to contribute \$500 to Movie night	J. Valeri	ASAP