

Meeting Minutes

School Council

Sir William Osler Elementary School

December 14, 2023, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm School Library

Meeting started at 18:00. Present were six parents, Principle Quershi and Mrs. Wilkins. Four people were present online

Chairs report: No update since last meeting

Principal's report:

- Angel tree event was yesterday
- Food drive event tomorrow
- Hold and Secure drills coming up
- New Vice Principal has started
- "Brave" Social/Emotional education program visited

Teacher Report:

- Senior Girls Volleyball Team are City Champions!!! (School Council sends congratulations!)
- Basketball tryouts coming up
- Indoor track for Gd 6-8
- Primary/Junior performances in new year
- School Winter concert next Wednesday evening, with a follow up performance on Thursday AM
- Joy Day was today (crafts, movies, activities)
- Spirit Days next week (different theme each day)
- Gr 6 trip to Warplane Heritage Museum coming up in new year
- Choir will be performing at Dunas Library
- Ukelele performance at Senior Homes

There was a focussed discussion on Playground committee. There is a desire to build a natural playground on the SWO grounds, and a School Council committee has been formed to address the challenges surrounding this. Monica and Jenna have volunteered to be committee members. They will look into means of funding, with the understanding that this may be a multi-year project.

There was a focussed discussion on Pizza day. Sasha volunteered to help with the ordering, and will be discussing with SWO administrators about the current process. A question was raised about asking parents to pay for multiple weeks in advance, rather than a week at a time. A1 pizza may have their own criteria for ordering in advance. The time commitment was also discussed, as there are many challenges around ordering, delivering, distributing and overages that should be addressed. Alternatives to pizza were discussed (e.g. "The Lunch Lady"), and the

chair suggested that we can look into these once the council gets a handle on established processes such as pizza day.

There was a focussed discussion on fundraising. Many ideas were presented such as TCBY, "raising butterfly kits", movie nights, dances. Principal Qureshi advised that the school council become better familiarized with the fundraising requirements, as it may limit the choice of fundraising events. There was a discussion about how fundraising is connected to the school community. Some previous fundraising events have seemed isolated from the community (e.g. scan a QR code and donate, or perform a task at home and receive a certificate). A suggestion was made that community emails should be sent out describing the fundraising events coming up and what the contribution will be to the school.

Next meeting will be January 18th

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 19:30

AGENDA

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1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Introduction of Council Members
3. Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes (business might arise from previous minutes that will be added to the agenda).
4. Review and Approval of the current Agenda
5. Reports (Chair's Report, Principal's Report, Treasurer's Report, Teacher's Report)
6. Question Period
7. Breakout Groups – Fundraising & Pizza Day Planning
8. Adjournment

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