



Sir William Osler School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	May 13, 2025	Time:	6:00 PM EST
Location:	Sir William Osler Library		
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Parents, 1 Community Representative (Lorraine Robinson), 1 Teacher Representative (Karen Wilkins), School VP (Louise Van der Put), School Principal (Richelle Bratuz) 		

Agenda Items:	Topic:	Discussion:	Action By:
1.	Introductions	Attendance List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Hoo Tamara Deneault Lauren Beckett Connie Brownhill Breanne Blackburn Sasha Pivarnyk Amardeep Jagpal Helena Booth Mike de Marie (Virtual) Lorraine Robinson Karen Wilkins Louise Van der Put Richelle Bratuz 	N/A
2.	Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Mike and Tamara 	N/A
3.	Playground Update – Green Day	Committee Members: Monica Palkowski, Monica Novak, Anne Pederson, Dane Pederson, Lauren Beckett, and Connie Brownhill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Day was a big success – good turnout and weather Committee would like to set another date before school starts in September and another date next spring before the school Open House Great feedback on the SWO Facebook page 	LB



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee will communicate more in advance before the next cleanups as some parents said they were unaware that the event was occurring • Need to ensure better access to water next time in the kinder pen area • Mulch delivery worked out well (we ordered 6 yards this year, next year we should order 7 yards) • Lauren Beckett looking in to mesh sand cover 	
4.	Spring Basket Fundraiser	<p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Sasha Pivarnyik, Tamara Deneault, Helena Booth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basket fundraiser went well – thanks to Sasha for all of the hard work organizing! • Kids really enjoyed participating in the basket draw • Great help from the SWO Admin Team • Richelle will send an email to parents through the School Messenger app that all winners have been contacted • Made \$1365 • If we did the fundraiser again, we'd give baskets (cardboard) to the teachers to avoid plastic, and ask classes if they'd like to pick their own basket theme 	N/A
5.	Tastebuds (Snack Program)	<p>Guest attendant and speaker: Bhairavi Kumar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tastebuds is a collaboration with Dundas local businesses/ farms to provide nutritious snacks for students in need – goal is for the money to stay in the community • Funding received through provincial government, but fundraising is required • Started in 2008 in high-needs schools now feeds more than 23,000 students a day • Universal program – any kid in the school can participate in the program (budget for every child in the school but not every child will use) • Program differs in each school based on support received by school – mostly it is volunteer run • Receive \$0.15 per dollar from the province – everything else comes from fundraising • Demand has raised for the program since COVID • Free apples provided this year through the “Great Big Crunch” – promoting food literacy 	BB



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tastebuds offers an online portal for food ordering and assistance • “Grab and Go” option for schools such as SWO that do not have a kitchen facility (apples, granola bars, clementines) • Next step is to complete the application – Breanna has volunteered. 	
6.	Principal’s Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe School activities completed (lockdown, hold and secure) - fire drills to be scheduled. • Staff planning for next year in progress • Trips and year-end celebrations taking place • With the food commissions this year we purchased folding chairs for the gym, updated technology and devices and supported grade 8 commencement 	RB
7.	Teacher’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful music concert last night • Music students going to Nationals on Thursday (75 kids!) • Track and Field taking place – run by grade 12 leadership students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 20 grades 6-8 ○ June 2 grades 1-5 • Soccer, golf, and flag football teams in progress • Chess Club has started in the library • Book Fair ran for 3 days this year – raised just under 7 thousand dollars (we get 60% of that for purchasing library materials) 	KM
8.	Treasurer’s Report	Tally for the year with the food commissions: Pizza- \$ 18,000 Popcorn - \$3,500 Sub/Sushi - \$ 3,276.00	N/A
9.	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea to put a “Fundraising Thermometer” on the wall to post how much the school has raised • Next year for fundraising we should make it clear where money is going during promotion of initiatives • Parents are going to schedule a meeting in June to prepare for next fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rough mapping of an events calendar – Connie has a list of ideas for fundraising initiatives – details to come in June minutes ○ Fundraising goals and timeline of fundraisers ○ Communications planning (idea of a monthly calendar to parents, better communication of fundraising targets and purposes etc.) ○ Set council meeting cadence for next year 	Council



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO Grant Initiative 2025-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise vdPut shared information about Alain Pelletier who gives age-appropriate anti-bullying presentations to students from Gr. 1-12. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This program can include a parent presentation as well ○ More information on Alain on his website: www.alainpelletier.ca • Louise asked council to consider bringing Alain Pelletier's presentations to SWO in April/May of 2026 and collaborating with other schools to do so. This year we collaborated (May 30) with Dundana to bring Paul Davis (online safety message). • If Council is interested in Alain Pelletier's presentation and collaborating with other schools in Dundas, Louise is able to help facilitate this. • We will revisit at the first fall meeting 	
10.	Adjournment	<p>Chair closing statement and highlighting School Council initiatives for 24/25 school year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Childminding services provided for in-person Parent Council meetings. 2. Availability of hybrid meeting options. 3. Addition of <i>Rice N' Rolls</i> to the food day menu. 4. Kindergarten Pen Revitalization project and Green Day event. 5. Spring Basket Fundraiser via Silent Auction. 6. Poinsettia and Cookie Dough Sale Fundraiser. 7. Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant with Dundana Elementary School featuring speaker Paul Davis 	N/A