



Sir William Osler School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	Wednesday November 5th 2025	Time:	6:00 PM EST
Location:	Sir William Osler Library		
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 Parents (8 in person; 3 online), 1 Community Representative (Lorraine Robinson, YMCA), School VP (Louise Van der Put), School Principal (Richelle Bratuz)		

Topic:	Discussion:	Action By:
Land Acknowledgment and Introductions	<p>Louise completes the Land Acknowledgement. Attendance is taken both of in-person attendees and online participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leora van der Linden• Ross Harper• Mallory Fry• Billie Tuinema• Tamara Ozdemir• Katherine Henderson• Tamara Deneault• Lauren Beckett• Connie Brownhill• Breanna Blackburn• Lorraine Robinson• Dane Pederson• Louise Van der Put• Richelle Bratuz	Louise
Update on Recent Fundraising	<p>Tamara updated us that the Little Caesars fundraiser went well, was relatively easy to run, and was well-received. The items were expensive so we will have to decide if we want to run it again. We raised \$646.00 for the school.</p> <p>Fuel for Kids was very well attended and fun for the kids. Everyone had positive feedback on the event, we'd like to run it next year ideally with more notice so we can plan additional money making ideas like face-painting. We raised \$1800 for the school.</p>	Tamara



Fundraising Plan	<p>We discussed the need to come up with a broader fundraising plan for the year. This is necessary for goal setting but also planning how often we will be communicating to parents about events. We need to find the balance between asking for money every week and needing to raise funds for school initiatives.</p> <p>Breanna has created a calendar for the year that she will share so that we as a Council can plan out what we are doing, but also to send/share/post the calendar for parents to view.</p> <p>Connie updated us on the Poinsettia fundraiser which we'd like to do but will need to change to a different greenhouse. Similar prices and options will be offered. Connie will update last year's poster, and payment will be done through school cash online. Mallory, Lauren, Tamara, Katherine, Breanna are all likely available on the day to distribute orders.</p> <p>Connie also mentioned TerraCotta cookies which people loved last year. We would likely plan this for Valentines Day/Family Day in February.</p> <p>Katherine noted that we should make a post and/or email blast that tells parents about all the wonderful things we have done with money raised thus far.</p> <p>Richelle updated us that Pizza Day money goes under the umbrella of School Enhancement, meaning there is flexibility to use it for a variety of school needs, student needs, or upgrades. This could be something like shade for the Kinder pen, ipad upgrades, Grade 8 commencement etc.</p> <p>Dane questioned if there should be a greater level of transparency over school fundraising dollars and additional discretionary powers of the Parent Council to question where or how this money is being spent.</p> <p>The playground committee will meet separately with the admin to discuss any greater plans for outdoor enhancement.</p>	All
PRO Grant	Leora and Ross updated the group on the progress with the Dundana parents on the application for the PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grant. The application is due Nov 21st. This year the goal is to secure \$2000 in funding to hire a seminar speaker on Anti-Bullying, Kindness, and Empathy. There are 4 speakers being considered. Ideally all grades and parents would have access to this content.	Leora & Ross



Green Day	<p>Lauren gave a quick update that the Green Day held on Oct. 3 was successful. We had a smaller turn out likely due to short notice, but we had enough hands to complete the moving of 12 yards of mulch, leaf blowing, weed whacking, and hanging new basketball nets.</p> <p>We would like to host another Green Day in the Spring.</p>	Lauren
Snack Program	<p>Breanna successfully launched the first of our SWO Snack Program days - Wednesday Nov 5. She purchased 5 bushels of apples from Josmar Acres in Lynden for a total cost of \$320.00. This yielded us roughly 570 apples to be distributed to classrooms for all grades. Extras went back to the office to be eaten in the days following. The plan is just apples for now, as it's hard to get suppliers to return our calls, and for us to decide on other offerings that would work. We reiterated that there is no board funding for the Snack Program so we would need to consider further fundraising initiatives as well as cost analysis of what we'd like to provide.</p> <p>We discussed other ways we could possibly offer the snacks - in the office, in the classrooms, in the Eagles Nest. No decision was made but Louise and Breanna will meet again before we make further orders.</p> <p>The kids loved the apples, but we may need to provide more information to students and parents on what they are intended for or what time of day they get offered.</p>	Breanna
Parent Survey Questions	This was tabled in the interest of time for a MS Teams conversation	Tamara
Principal's Report	Richelle updated on a Wellness Survey that was done among Grades 4-8 about hunger and eating habits. This information could influence the Snack Program or further questions to teachers about the needs of their classrooms.	Richelle
Teacher's Report	Ms. Wilkens was sick today so Louise read the report in her place. Lots of great news stories coming out of the school on the successful of our sports teams, swim meet, track and field success, Spirit Day at the end of November, Colour House is going strong, Grade 8 morning announcements, Halloween Parade was a success, Parent Teacher interviews are open for sign up, and training Grade 6/7/8 bus patrollers.	Louise



	Lauren noted to Louise and Richelle that the medical team that was used for the Track and Field event was not well received by the schools in attendance and that maybe we could note Parent Volunteers with First Aid/CPR training for our own files.	
Meeting Adjournment	Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tamara and seconded by Katherine	Tamara