Westwood School Council Meeting - Minutes

September 25 2018 – Westwood School Library.

### **School Council Elections:**

Co-Chairs: Shelly Firth & Erin Copeland

Treasurer: Melanie Bainbridge

Secretary: Jessica Elcomb (to be confirmed)

Parent Representatives: Cherylin Foxon, Michelle Letourneau, Wayne Thompson, Krysten Naylor

Principal: Thomas Ro

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Pedjic

YMCA Rep: TBD

- \*\* fewer then 15 individuals were present for this meeting; therefore all present were acclaimed. Executive positions were voted upon.
- \*\* all voting members must submit a Vulnerable Sector Police Check. This can be done online or at the Hamilton Police station. Cost is \$35. Anyone experiencing barriers related to cost may contact the office administration for support.
- \*\* Council By-laws have been written. Should be in the office.

### News

Melanie	Fundraising	Bake Sale: will be held on October 11 2018 during Meet the Teacher Night. Set up in the GYM. Shelly & Melanie to connect on getting the flyers together.  Dependant on donations from the students families.  Simple pricing at \$1 so that junior aged students or older can assist.  Packaging day of the event will be completed by Melanie, Shelly, Erin, Cherylin. Timeline is dependant on the number of donations. Minimum time is to meet at the final bell.  ** providing food for children will open up potential for more volunteers at this time.
		Movie Night: will host again this year. Thursday nights prior to PA Days.



		Dates TBD Organization of events TBD.  Annual fundraiser: Catalogue fundraiser. Varying price points. 40% of sales back to the school. Prior (coffee) fundraisers yielded \$1500-\$2000 (range over 3 years of fundraising) Online option for ordering. <- this may help raise more funds due to the convenience.  ** Council voted to approve this fundraiser
Melanie	Nutrition Program	Up & Running! Providing snacks for all students from 3 food groups daily. Goal is to introduce some newer foods to expand palettes, while mixing in tried & true favourites Occasionally providing more complex menu items (soups, smoothies, spaghetti, pizza, wraps) 100% volunteer driven. Initiative funded by Tastebuds program.
	Sub Committees	Tabled until next meeting.
Michelle	News from the neighbourhood.	Virtual Reality: In school programming. Geared to grade level Does different themes (for example: "in the body") \$600 / class Option for an after school fundraiser -> \$900 fee to host.  Multicultural Wellness Fair: Held at the Central library on October 10 2018.  Variety of different ethnic foods  HPO tickets: FREE with the code Rolston18 Sunday October 21 @ 2pm  Rolston Community is partnering with Hamilton Police in light of neighborhood violence increase; to promote safety and security.  There will be a skating rink at Captain Cornelius Park this year.

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## School Update

Tom	A/C in the library	Currently the only room in the school with A/C
		Paid for through fundraised \$ from council & pizza sales.
		On the very hot days classes were rotated through the library as
		part of their regular learning as a means to provide relief from
		the heat.
	PA Day & Annual	First PA Day was Friday September 21 2018.
	School Plan	Math & Reading targets forming. (Will be presented at the next meeting)
	Reorganization	265 students enrolled.
		Heavy on kindergarten students (currently 3 classes of 28)
		Opening another kinder class in the primary wing (room 137)
		with 12 students. 4 students from each of the current 3 classes.
		Teacher of this class is to be determined. There will be no ECE.
		Target date is October 4 2018.
	Meet the Teacher	October 11 2018 from 530-7pm.
		Hamilton Police are scheduled to make an appearance, with
		horses. Determining the best place for this display currently.
		School Council table to be set up in the gym.
	Terry Fox Run	\$2 for Terry.
		Afternoon run
		Thursday September 27 2018.
	Orange Shirt Day	Friday September 28
		Commemorate the lives affected by residential school system.
	Extra Curricular	Mrs. Simpson will be running Cross Country & Swim Teams. For
	Activities	grades 3-5.
		Mrs. Crozier will be running Go Girls & Boys Group.
		Nutrition Bin Helpers
		Recycling Team
		Lunchroom Helpers
		Potential for intermural sports system. Looking at viability and
		staff support.

## **New Business**

Tom	Westwood Wear	Looking into affordable school based apparel.
	Communication	Tom Ro to update the school website to reflect current information.
		Yammer as one of the main methods of communication. (Like Facebook for businesses.)
		Is an email address for council. Information to follow.
	Woodchips for Kindergarten Grounds	Kindergarten team approached council (prior to meeting) about sourcing woodchips for the kindergarten play area. Concerns were discussed around "play grade" wood chips vs. regular wood chips.  Tom to discuss with Kyle about what should be used on the playground. Any addition to the facility has to be approved by HWDSB.
	TV in foyer	A TV screen has been added outside the office. This is to display the "morning" announcements etc. School days have been re organized to accommodate better student routine and therefore the "morning" announcements are done in class by each teacher as it flows in their day.
	National Anthem	2018 school year Westwood will play the national anthem at first nutrition break. This is to help teachers and students with flow in morning routines.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday October 23 @ 7pm in the school library.