

Westwood School Council Meeting

Thurs. Dec. 4th, 2022 @ 6pm in the library

Present: Mr. Azzopardi, Principal

Parents/Community members: Erin Copeland, Melissa Thompson, Setareh Masoumbeiki, Laura Regliszyn, Melanie Bainbridge, Cherylin Foxon

Late: Ms. Crozier, Teacher representative

6:00pm – Review and approval of previous meeting notes.

6:05pm - Principal Update: Mr. Azzopardi

EQAO: School isn't ready to provide findings yet. Before the holidays the reports will be sent home for the grade 3 students last year.

Nutrition Program: Mr. Azzopardi transferred \$400 from weekly pizza sales toward Nutrition program to meet program requirements. Mentioned mindfulness when ordering multiple items requiring fridge space as it's been a challenge to ensure all cold products fit in fridges.

Photo retake day: December 7th.

Pizza days: Mr. Azzopardi has been communicating rules around pizza day and not being able to accommodate refunds/pushing orders ahead due to ordering process but has communicated that any unclaimed pizza will remain in the school fridge for 2 days for those students to have upon their return. After 2 days it will be put in freezer bags and kept frozen for students who don't have a lunch or would like a piece on pizza day but don't have funds submitted. The child who missed pizza day is responsible for telling their teacher if they have unclaimed pizza in the fridge.

Open house: Mrs. Groves will run the book fair, working with vender to find date. Education week in May is already booked up so ours will be a week or two before or after. Book fair will push the date decision for open house.

PD Day in November: The focus on most recent PD day was a continual focus on inclusive classrooms. Digging deep in inclusive classrooms/schools. This will remain staff focus for the school year as we're working toward being a model school for inclusive classrooms. When teachers are creating activities for learning opportunities, they're challenged to come away from worksheets to be able to include ESL, gifted students, etc. so all students have an entry point for their own learning opportunity. Focusing on student identity, how does it get reflected in the work they do.

December is a big month for most but not all so what activities are we doing in each class for each individual students. Inclusivity based on living experiences with our students and their families so all students can feel part of the regular classroom environment to mitigate and support the best way they can.

Public health nurse Donovan: He's been running a proper handwashing lessons with classrooms. Comes on Tuesdays, asking staff what supports they need. Created own handwashing kit, teachers can sign up. Teachers are asking for strategies to help students work with stress. Ms. Crozier added that this resource was brought forward 2-3 years ago. She's connected Donovan with her contact.

6:20pm - Teacher Update: Ms. Crozier

CCAT: This is an assessment that grade ¾ students write. Tests verbal and non-verbal areas, sees where students are percentile wise – identifies students who are gifted, etc. to best support all students on where they're at. This is a board assessment which brings out layers of students abilities. Will get test results in Jan/Feb. This was done with grade 4's only. The assessment is not sent home but parents can get a copy if needed and requested.

Spirit Wear: School is looking to roll out for staff, students, volunteers, etc. Currently looking into pricing and will report back at future date. Hamilton is Home contact brought forward. Mr. Ro managed previous relationship with contact Max. Cherylin will check her records. True Hamiltonian is the company we previously used. Can they offer other items, like hats, pins, etc.?

6:35pm: Parent Council Update – Co-Chair Erin Copeland

December event - Movie Night: Taking place on Dec 15th. A flyer was sent out to executive council for review/approval. Reviewed movie selection, not so many winter movie choices. Classrooms will each take a vote and submit majority selection to Mr. Azzopardi who will announce the choice to the students.

Movies up for discussion, * indicates top 2 we will offer:

1. Arthur Christmas
2. Frozen
3. Frozen 2
4. Rise of the Guardians
5. Encanto *
6. Onward
7. Trolls world tour *

Mr. Azzopardi & Ms. Crozier will attend the event as support to council and Mr. Azzopardi will address the families and review house rules.

Start time: Doors open: 5pm. Pizza served. Movie starts approx. 5:30pm. Pizza to be delivered at 4:45pm.

Mr. A putting in permit to use space after school hours.

Erin to send sign up details via email to council.

Pro Grant: Application due Jan 27th. Laura and Shelly working on completing application. Further communication around project details to come. Cherylin to provide past details (passport idea) to see what we can incorporate into this year's event.

Soccer goal posts: Quoted at \$3300 purchased and installed. Ms. Kawamoto and Mr. Azzopardi would map out the best location if we can fundraise enough to move ahead.

6:50pm - Nutrition Program update: Treasurer & Program Volunteer: Melissa Thompson

Pancake day: Wed Dec 21st – Volunteers: Melanie, Cherylyn, Erin, Melissa so far. We will set up at two ends of the building at the same time for all to enjoy!

7:00pm – New Business – Future fundraising: Secretary: Melanie Bainbridge

Future fundraising event: Melanie brought forward idea seen with a different fundraising organization which is an advent type of fundraiser, selling specific numbers to families for a cost which automatically puts them into a daily draw for a prize. Up to 2-3 small prizes per day for a month. Mr. Azzopardi is checking with Amber Quinn (engagement officer) to see if this is considered a type of gambling which would then require a gambling license. If more information is required, Melanie offered to provide a more details description of this fundraising idea potentially for future. Mr. Azzopardi to circle back to group on this.

7:10pm - Wrap up/Next meeting – All attendees

Next event off site planning meeting: Thurs. Jan 12th to plan Bingo night which will take place on Thurs. Jan. 26th. Melanie to chair this event. Next official council meeting date will be discussed at this off site meeting.