

## **Westwood School Council Meeting**

Thurs. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6pm in the library

Present: Mr. Azzopardi, Principal, Mrs. Groves, Teacher Rep

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

Regrets: Cherylin Foxon, Nura Arabi

Late: Shelly Frith

**6:00pm – 6:05pm – Review and approval of last meeting minutes.** Approved by: Setareh and Melissa.

**6:05pm – 6:25pm – Principal Update – Mr. Azzopardi:**

Movie Night: The evening was a big success! Over 160 people in attendance. Great to see everyone enjoying themselves.

Pink shirt day: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – stand up against bullying, promote kindness. HAT team has been putting up posters with the theme: Kindness is “Among Us”.

Krispy Kreme fundraiser: Fully booked for this year. Corporate policy says each school can sell maximum 500 dozen per school day. We will book their next available day, Thurs. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Full 500 boxes on hold for that day. We cannot order more than 500 dozen, but we can go lower. We must finalize a week before and pick up day of in Mississauga. Council to decide to book more than one day if we wish. The company charges \$6/dozen with the understanding that we must sell them for \$12-14/dozen. Retail \$14/dozen in store. Most schools have said their turnout has been amazing. We can put orders on the stage for family pick up same day.

EQAO 2021-2022: Results are available online for our school and board. This test was administered to students who were in grade 3 last year. You can find Westwood’s results here:

<https://www.eqao.com/report/?id=2367&mident=603538>

March 3<sup>rd</sup> PA Day: This PA Day will focus on supporting our students with math and review of EQAO data.

**6:25pm – 6:35pm – Teacher Update - Mrs. Groves (filling in for Ms. Crozier):**

Book Fair/Open House: We will have the library set up between May 16-18<sup>th</sup> and will have library open during Open House (May 18<sup>th</sup>) The books will be delivered on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Raffle baskets will be made and ready for families to win that night. Mr. Azzopardi to find out more information about a lottery license through the City of Hamilton.

**6:35pm – 6:45pm – Movie Night feedback – Erin & Setareh:**

Setareh sent out a survey to families, 7 provided feedback. Mostly all positive. Families are asking for healthy/alternative snack options and maybe hosting the snacks in a different area for more floor space and less congestion. Having Mr. Azzopardi & Ms. Crozier there was a great addition.

Council raised \$527.76 in profit after paying for pizza and supplies. Approx. 160 people in attendance. Setareh mentioned that some community members said they didn't get the feedback form (emailed). Other community members asked if we could offer an outdoor event. At our next event we will remind families that we welcome feedback on that event and other event ideas. Melanie offered to create pricing chart so families can see the price of all items.

#### **6:45 – 7:00pm – Pro Grant – Shelly & Laura:**

We were approved for \$1000 grant. Proposed dates: April 20<sup>th</sup> or April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Night will consist of two stations – Martial Arts in gym lead by sensei Trevor and Healthy Eating/Inexpensive Healthy Snack Ideas lead by Nura.

Not approved to buy bottled water but we will incorporate cost of cups for our refilling station at event. This will be a registered event, scheduled in rotating time slots, not a drop in event.

Recommended that Trevor, Nura, Shelly and Laura (or other planning committee members) meet to discuss details well ahead of event date. (stations for Martial Arts, lead by experienced students, staff. Menu & food costs & recipe cards/pamphlets for Nutrition portion)

Melanie asked Mr. Azzopardi for our Public Health Nurse Donavyn's contact information to connect with him. Mr. Azzopardi also added that we could contact a local dentist to speak about healthy teeth/oral care to partner with healthy eating.

Shelly added the possibility of having a draw for a new blender for all families that join the event, purchased from grant funds. Shelly, Laura or Setareh to follow up with Trevor re: his costs.

#### **7:00 – 7:15pm – Spring Bath Bomb Fundraiser – Wayne & Melissa:**

Order are due Mar 28<sup>th</sup> – orders will be delivered in May (2<sup>nd</sup> week) . Making 50% profit (\$1.25/bomb) Will the owner provide samples to show students and tell their families. Council will look into providing samples to the school. Suggestion to add company tags (Instagram, website) to flyer.

Fundraising to contribute to new soccer goals (pair) for \$2200. Location TBA.

Flyers going home Mar 17<sup>th</sup>. 1 week order period. Flyer to be sent electronically, physically in hard copy and posted to website. Envelope to be added to physical copy for easy organization.

#### **7:15pm – 7:25pm – Nutrition program – Melissa:**

We are having funding issues, average spending \$1K/week, \$5800 left with another installment of approx. \$3K to come in the coming weeks.

Tailored daily food item numbers down to 1/student and looking at more economical options to stretch funds. We received PC Financial grant this year of \$9K.

Grains are mostly pre-packaged which are more expensive and overall cost of all food has risen.

Team will reconnect with community lead Gayle re: options (any extra funds, coupons, options for reducing program but not losing future funding, fundraising, etc.)

If we reduce days per week, we ask that the students know ahead of time so we can roll out new snack day schedules and expectations. Setareh asked whether the families/community would support a monetary donation fundraiser, explaining what the program is and why we're fundraising to raise awareness of the program itself.

**7:25pm – 7:35pm - Thurs. Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Bingo Night – Melanie:**

6:00pm-7:30pm – no pizza. Snacks only.

Lead: Melanie. Setareh offered to support Mel with organizing.

Melanie to email council with details to follow.

Snacks and prizes to be organized and purchased. Bristol board re: snack prices will be made.

Prize ideas: connect w/Public Health Nurse Donavyn re: donations for prizes for our night, Westwood prizes (ex: lunch w/ Mr. Azzopardi, etc.)

**7:35-7:40pm – Future Ways to Give Back to our Community – Zena:**

Suggested a future idea for classroom who raise the most weight in donated canned goods wins a pizza party – a great motivator and teaches support within their community.

**7:40-7:45pm – Future Topics:**

1. In May/June, start discussing September outdoor event.
2. Playday – Mr. Azzopardi will talk to Ms. Kawamoto. Mrs. Groves asked if Westview students can help run this event. To be revisited.

**7:45pm – Next Council Meeting – Thurs. March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm @ Westwood Library**

**7:50pm – Meeting Adjourned.**