

Westwood School Council Meeting

Thurs. March 30th, 2023 @ 6pm in the library

Present: Mr. Azzopardi, Principal

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

Regrets: Shelly Frith

6:00-6:05pm – Welcome!

6:05pm – 6:15pm – Principal Update – Mr. Azzopardi

Bingo night

A great turnout, not a huge fundraiser. VIP winners from that night will be rewarded a certificate for their chosen prize which will be redeemed in the near future. Melanie to arrange pizza party in Ms. Montour's class directly with Ms. Montour.

Staff Updates/Workshops

Staff members are attending math and science workshops to support learning in the class.

Westwood is getting back into learning and improvement cycles. There is a 6-week cycle with staff targeting learning skills. Monthly assemblies will start up again and there is thought on the "Why" in deciding if disrupting class time is necessary.

Krispy Kreme fundraiser

Future fundraiser – Nov 9th, 2024 – Save the date!

6:15 – 6:20pm – Teacher Update – Mr. Azzopardi (in Ms. Crozier's absence)

Track & Field – with support from Ms. Kawamoto. It was forwarded to council requesting their contribution of watermelon for all students on track day. Council approved the request and the Nutrition Program volunteered to order and prepare the watermelon. Ms. Kawamoto and the Nutrition program will connect further on details.

New Club

"Friendship Club" available for grade 4 students with the support of Ms. Crozier and our child youth care practitioner focusing on building strong relationships and friendships.

Kernals popcorn

Individual bags of popcorn will be available weekly at a cost of \$2.50/bag starting in 2 weeks. Supported by Ms. Crozier and Ms. Baric. Funds collected will support math manipulations and school technology.

6:20-6:40pm – Bingo Night – Setareh and Melanie

Great fun for family and community. Students enjoyed signing up for VIP prizes, overall, a great event. Profit of approx. \$60 which will be contributed to the soccer goal posts.

Setareh added that she has spoken to 4 new volunteers who are interested in helping council in the future.

Valued feedback received from those who attended. Council welcomes all feedback on what is important to community. A question was brought up about sharing the submitted feedback form online once compiled.

Some feedback/future suggestions:

a) sound – next time set up mic in the middle of the room with tables on all sides to improve sound.

b) cards – prepare a package of 6 different cards stapled together, (colour coded?) for easy game following

c) add a placement card of game shape.

d) less bought prizes next time, more VIP winners, much more attention and positive feedback on VIP prizes. Mr. Azzopardi will connect with each student who won a prize. Melanie will connect with Ms. Montour about their class's winning pizza party and will purchase supplies paid out of the fundraising account.

Council asked if we can purchase gift cards on the school pcard in question on whether Costco would be an economical way to purchase event items. Melissa to connect with Mrs. Bentley in the office about this.

6:40-6:50pm – Bath Bombs – Melissa & Wayne Thompson

Soft count of profits from recent bath bomb event: approx. \$1100. All funds have been collected by teachers. Still a few discrepancies in tracking some orders. Council will order extra bombs in case of an order mix up. Cheryl and Melanie to help sort orders. Funds will support the costs of the soccer posts. Final cost (including installation) is \$4600. Company requires 3 weeks notice for install. One set will be purchases, one placed in each the Junior and the Primary ends so all can enjoy the new additions to Westwood. Council will discuss at a later date what next year's fundraising goals will support, possibly the purchase of 2 more goal posts so each end has a complete set. The two posts will be installed in May.

6:50pm – 7:20pm – Pro Grant – Laura

Event date: April 20th

Karate: Booked for the date, Shelly to confirm time (6:30-8:30pm) and to see if he requires anything ahead of time. Duration: 45mins. Rotating session with healthy food workshop.

Healthy Food Workshop: Healthy smoothie, lead by Nura, with support from council on an incorporation of a game (Bingo?) to keep kids engaged. Smoothie samples to hand out. Recipe cards available, examples of healthy lunch ideas. Duration: 45 mins.

Save the Date: Information will go home as a save the date, further details to come.

Raffle & Prizes: Purchasing 1-2 bullet blenders as well as the donations from Donavyn (Public Health Nurse). Prizes to be delivered to the student at school.

Suggested that a list for volunteer availability be made available for sign ups.

Event breakdown of duties:

Flyer - Melissa and Wayne

Bingo Cards & markers (healthy food related) – Melanie

Healthy Food Colouring Sheets - Melanie

Organizing list of RSVP's when rec'd – Cheryl

Book Permit – Mr. Azzopardi

Connect with Donavyn re: his focus for the event – Melanie

Raffle Tickets & Bucket (to include student name & teacher) – Laura

Neighbour2Neighbour is setting up table to share what they offer, how they can help out, set up near our raffle table.

Melanie added for future consideration a walking trip for Westwood to visit the centre for a day in the garden, etc. Setareh is a member at the community garden. Mr. Azzopardi will think about options for students. Neighbour to Neighbour offers a gardening program and a kid's program. They provide hot meal 1x/week.

7:20-7:30pm – Nutrition Program – Melissa

Longos Credit: The Nutrition Program was notified there was a funding credit through the Bulldogs (Longos) which should cover the costs of the program until year end.

Pancake day – May 26th. Setareh, Melanie & Cheryl are able to volunteer.

7:30-7:40pm – Open House – Mr. Azzopardi, council

Date: May 18th

Lottery license for raffle: Rec'd reply from the City of Hamilton that there's a cost of \$82/eligibility. 3% of the total prize value is to be paid to the City.

Food: Melissa & Wayne to connect back with Wendy's regarding premade choices vs. condiment station as well as nonmeat options. Melissa & Wayne connected with Optimist Club but wasn't in a position to answer most of their questions at this point. They will connect with Subway to see what options they have.

7:40 – 7:45pm – Grade 5 graduation

Nothing has yet come across Mr. Azzopardi's desk. Council is prepared to contribute \$200 for the graduation as promised last year, which went toward food/drinks. Cheryl to confirm details from last year's graduation ceremony.

7:45pm – Adjournment