

WHB School Council Minutes
Date: November 28, 2024
Location: Learning Commons

Attendendees: Miles Weafer, Nikki Young, Holly Coish, Jessica Jones, Joe,Felix, , Holly Kerwin, Kathlenna Lannigan

Regrets: Bob Hurst, Jenny Buac,Taylor Simic, Natasha Taylor

HWDSB Staff: Mrs. Giardino, Mr. Shearer,

Agenda Items:

1. School Communication

- Details:
 - School updates will be shared on Instagram to improve communication with parents.

2. Principal's Report

- EQAO Scores:
 - Current score is 22%, with room for improvement.
- Updates:
 - Shared data on the Math Program (LCI), English, and French.
 - Key roles: Math Facilitator, Reading Specialist, and the Reading Report Group.
 - Met with SWC principal to discuss student transitions to that school.
 - More device practice required for the next EQAO test.
- Resources:
 - 10 additional laptops have been ordered.

3. School Nurse Update

- Nurse Attended: Hannah
 - Hannah has been working at the school for one year.
 - Focus Areas:
 - Health, food, bullying, and curriculum integration.
 - Recent Grant:
 - Received a grant from Walmart Canada for hygiene products.
 - Hygiene baskets will be available on the third floor for students.
 - Upcoming Plans:
 - Plans to start discussions with Grade 7 and 8 students on vaping.
 - Will work with a mental health representative and student rights groups.

- Vaccination Records:
 - Vaccine records are due for update by January 24th to avoid suspension.
 - Action Item: Holly to post a reminder about the deadline on the Facebook group, turn off comments, and inform parents about the postal strike affecting deliveries.
 - Bike Racks:
 - The school is getting a second bike rack.
 - Nurse Hannah can assist with coordinating the Hamilton Bike Share program to promote cycling as a transportation option.
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4. Fundraising Updates

- Poinsettias:
 - \$650 profit from sales; delivery scheduled for Tuesday.
 - Smoothies:
 - Sales event planned for December 10th.
 - Krispy Kreme:
 - Pick-up date set for May 26th.
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5. Community Garage Sale

- Organizer: Joe
 - Details:
 - Event to be held on a Saturday at the school.
 - \$10 per table minimum, more if a home business; insurance coverage required (e.g., for food-related risks).
 - School tables will be available for use.
 - Permit costs and accessible washrooms will need to be arranged.
 - Table spacing and height will be considered for proper setup.
 - AMC representative will share details from their bazaar for reference.
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6. Events

- Holiday Donations:
 - 40 families in need received support during the holiday season.
 - Food for Kids Program:
 - Bags of food distributed every Thursday to families in need.
 - Holiday Dance:
 - Event will include a food drive, with donations to be dropped off at the pantry on Ottawa St by students
 - Readathon:
 - Exploring options to incorporate this event into upcoming school activities.
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7. School Facilities Update

- Washroom Renovations:
 - Renovations will begin on the 1st-floor washrooms and change rooms.

- To accommodate this, washroom use will be redirected to the upper floors until the renovations are completed.
 - The renovations aim to make the bathrooms more current and accessible.
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8. Community Partnerships

- Freshco:
 - Freshco has expressed interest in long-term sponsorship and community support.
 - Pro Grant:
 - Paul Davis pre booked for an hour-long presentation on May 27th.
 - Action item: Facebook post about this once approved,
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9. Miscellaneous

- Outreach:
 - Plans to reach out to neighboring schools for potential event participation.
 - Student Council Involvement:
 - Student Council will assist with advertising events via posters and social media.
 - Arrangements will be made for refreshments and necessary permits for upcoming events.
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Next Meeting:

- Date: February 20th, 2024
 - Time: 6:00 PM
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Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Nicole Young