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WJ Holsgrove Parent Council Meeting Minutes Monday, September 23, 2024

In Attendance

Aaron West, Michele Wilson-Brushett, Candice Marsh, Carisa Glavin, Amber MacAdam, Michelle Piper Berman, Nicole Pennell, Jamie Clayton, Bria Sherwood, Patricia Russell,

1. **Welcome** from Carisa Glavin and Aaron West

2. **Voting:** Executive members

Carisa and Jamie – Co-chairs

Michelle – Treasurer

Nicole – Secretary

Carisa – indigenous rep

All nominees were the sole nominees so no vote was required.

3. Treasurer's Report

BINGO - \$9,488.75

General – \$161.10

Fundraiser – \$1,025.81

Limestone Grants – \$81.58

Lunch program – \$1,821.91

Discussion around why the lunch program is now only available two days a week. Carisa explained someone needed to get in touch with the Lunch-box staff to check. ACTION - Nicole look into this.

4. Teacher's Report

No report

5. Principal's Report

- **Staffing** – 1 class down, current enrolment – 246
- 11 classrooms in total
- New positions – Math lead Amber Macadams (.2), Intensive Support Teacher (IST) new position for school and in the board, flexible and available staff member and room available for students, already seeing great successes in kids seeking it when they need it.
- **Facilities** – new portable being set up as a library – with maker space and creative space
- One extra room due to the staffing changes means there is a space for OTs, meeting space, etc.
- New signage on Woodfield to help with congestion and parking, as well as enforcement
- For LDSB, Holsgrove is a priority for figuring out new space as they know how much the population has grown
- New fencing in the kindergarten yard this year has been great
- **Extra-Curriculars** – soccer, cross country running started this week
- Attendance Matters! Push from the board to get 100% of students to attend 90% of the time
- Funding requests – gym equipment \$1,000, projector \$2,600, jerseys



6. Discussion:

a. New spending:

- Carisa provided an information sheet about yearly spending: classroom and field trip money. The sheet includes expectations for use of this money, including a deadline. Carisa hopes this will cut down on the amount of voting throughout the year for these requests.

• Voting:

- Parent Council will fund \$1650 for field trips (\$150 for each class, with 11 classrooms this year), to come out of the BINGO budget. Moved by Jamie, Seconded by Michelle, passed.
- Parent Council will fund \$4550 for classroom supplies (13 FT teachers getting \$300, 2 PT teachers getting \$150 and 7 EAs getting \$50) from the BINGO fund. Moved by Nicole, second by Candice, passed
- Parent Council will fund \$750 in teacher appreciation through the year, details to be determined later on. Moved by Bria, seconded by Michelle, passed.
- Parent Council will fund \$500 from the fundraising budget to cover popcorn and face painting at the October 3 fall open house. Moved by Candice, seconded by Michelle, passed.
- Parent Council will fund shirts for various sporting events (50 child-sized and 10 adult-sized) - \$1300 from BINGO fund. Moved by Patricia, second by Nicole, passed
- Parent Council will fund \$775 from the fundraising fund for graduation gifts for grad 8s – this includes award engraving a grad gift costing about \$25 for 15 students. Moved by Bria, seconded by Jamie, pass.
- Parent Council will fund a new projector using the BINGO fund, costing about \$2600 for projector and installation. Moved by Michelle, seconded by Candice, passed
- Parent Council will fund \$1000 from BINGO for new gym equipment. Moved by Candice, seconded by Bria, passed.

b. Fundraising – to be discussed at next meeting

c. Parent involvement

- PRO grant – this is available for schools to request. Suggestions include providing babysitting at the parent council meetings. Carisa to forward the information on for council to brainstorm any other ideas, as the deadline is October 21.
- Parent Council at the Open House – looking for volunteers to run the pizza and popcorn tables. If interested, please talk to Carisa.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 21, 2024 – 5:30 pm meeting

Meeting Adjourned