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WJ Holsgrove Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Monday, October 28 2024

In Attendance

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

1. Welcome

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Approval of September 23, 2024 Minutes – Approval moved by Michelle Piper Berman, seconded by Jamie Clayton, passed unanimously.

4. Business arising from minutes:

- **PRO Funding Application:** A decision must be reached regarding use of funding. One suggestion from Carisa is paying for CPIC for parents/caregivers who want to volunteer at the school. The cost is now \$40 to get one, or \$80 for rush (within two weeks). Discussion included questions about whether this will cause a rush. How many people usually get them for school? Hailey could let people know. Jamie and Carisa will look into this further and update.

- **Fundraising:** determine which fundraisers the Council will undertake this year. Chuck a puck – couldn't do this this year as they are now asking for us to sell 50 tickets at \$20 to be eligible. May consider in a future year, but not at this time.

Also discussed the fruit and vegetable fundraiser from last year but have decided not to do this one as it was hard to organize.

Cheesecakes – raises lots of money, easy, lots of options. Candice spoke to them already and just needs to pick the date – Tuesday, December 17 would be an option. It will be added on School Day on last week of November, leaving it live for two weeks, Candice and Carisa to work on dates and putting it on School Day. Michelle Piper Berman to help distribute flyers.

Purdy's chocolate – Candice looked into it – get out info end of January, to allow for pick up around Valentine's day, potentially Friday, February 11,

Hot Dog day – currently being done at Bayridge School, for fundraising get 50% so \$1 per dog as they cost \$2. Set up on a Friday. Two Fridays, one in this term and one in next. Candice to look into it further.

- **Hot Lunch:** Nicole Pennell now has access to the Lunch Box system and has requested additional days and options. We have already added a third day, Gino's pizza with a pasta option on Thursdays. We discussed the other options and decided to also add Pita Pit to Monday's, leaving Fridays free for other events (such as Hot Dog Days). Nicole will request the additional place and day, and let the council and Aaron West know once it's been added top the additions can be communicated.



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- **BINGO:** Application for next year coming soon! Have more volunteers now, haven't been struggling to find people. Two shifts a month, stay at two for now,

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Current numbers:

General – \$161.10

Fundraiser – \$1133

Grants – \$81.58

Lunch program - \$1909.91

Bingo – \$8576.02

Note that some funds have been earmarked and are not removed yet.

6. **Co-Chair's Report** - Carisa creating a handbook so things are all passed on, with any important dates and procedures.

Insurance will be due soon, at the beginning of November, Aaron West to look into it. Could come out of Bingo.

Last week – PIC meeting – larger council made of all school reps for Limestone. Things that came up – being recorded and publicly available for 6 weeks post meeting. PIC meetings are public and any parent or caregiver can attend. Member meant to be the chair of parent council. Encourages parent involvement outside of this in some of their focus groups.

2LGBTQIA+ group is looking for new members, Aaron West will send out.

Public health nurse attended and said public health has displays and presentations available for any schools with grade 6 students - social media, vaping and screen time.

Possible option of a mental health option in absence reporting tool – school might worry they were contagious, but really taking a mental health day.

Attendance – have been too harsh, the board is planning on rolling language back.

EA shortage – board has hired a bunch of short term EAs, schools have access to EAs.

Review of school council bylaws – no feedback from anyone, we will send out to all council members and look at suggestions then, Jamie and Carisa will gather feedback and create new draft.

7. **Teacher's Report**

No report!



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8. Principal's Report

1. Facilities

- Info to come re: long-term plan for enrollment pressures
- Funding request submitted to Ministry, more news is expected sometime in the spring.

2. EQAO result are now available – individual reports will be sent out to parents shortly. The overall school results are below:

- Grade 3 Reading (64.9% - Board 69.3%/Province 71.2%)
- Grade 3 Writing (62.2% - Board 60.0%/Province 63.7%)
- Grade 3 Math (67.6% - Board 57.2%/Province 61.3%)
- Grade 6 Reading (54.2% - Board 78.8%/Province 82.0%)
- Grade 6 Writing (45.8% - Board 72.9%/Province 80.4%)
- Grade 6 Math (20.8% - Board 40.4%/Province 50.2%)
- *Grade 6 students with Spec.Ed. needs (45.8% - Board 32.2%/Province 18.8%)

3. Extra-Curriculars

- Soccer and Cross-Country Running are now completed, volleyball upcoming
- Thank you for the new Jerseys!

9. New Business

Year-end celebration date required to book the entertainment (face painting, etc.) Candice suggested Thursday, May 29 for the end of the year, or May 28 if she's already booked, will get in touch and get back to everyone.

Purchase of canvasses for year-end event: Motion purchase of canvases - \$15 a canvas, 11 canvases, \$175 to be used from general, Candice will purchase and distribute to each class.

Motion by Michelle Piper Berman, seconded by Nicole Pennell, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 13 – 5:30 pm meeting

Meeting Adjourned