

MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2017

Present: Elizabeth Buckland, Vilma Von Buren, Susan Chen, Heather Zhong, Hemantika Mahesh , Mona Garde, Suzanne Lang-Doe, Sherri Phillips, Kim Stackaruk, John Stieva, Sara Belford, Lara Omari, Rajini Rasasingham

Regrets: Michelle Parsons

1. **WELCOME** - Elizabeth Buckland and Suzanne Lang-Doe – 7:00 pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT**- Hemantika Mahesh

- 10th Annual “Inside Ride” event at WOSS. The fundraising event will be on April 26th, 2017. 52 teams registered for the event. Food trucks this year plus bake sale at Canadian Tire with funds matched.
- Student Council election will be in May. Application is open for junior and senior students.
- Planning “Colour me WOSS” event; Prom date is on June 28, 2017.

3. **MINUTES** - Susan Chen

Motion to approve October minutes with changes approved by Sherri Phillips and seconded by Heather Zhong.

4. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - R. Rasasingham

- Council balance is at -\$10,062.98 ; PIP funds balance is \$500
- PRO Grant balance from last year is \$19.1. The remaining balance will be used to reimburse some expenditure for the “Race to Nowhere” event. Receipt of the expenditure was submitted from Vilma to WOSS principal J. Stieva.
- Council has \$10 donation from “Race to Nowhere” event. Kim keeps the cash and transfers \$10 through cashless. Cashless receipt: RDF2T1-530158.

Motion to approve the financial statements by Sherri Philips and seconded by Mona Garde.

5. **CHAIR’S REPORT** - Elizabeth Buckland and Suzanne Lang-Doe

- Chairs proposed and council agrees that a meeting should be scheduled in the month of March break to allow more time to plan events. John will include a March Council meeting on the proposed school calendar to the Halton School Board.
- Chairs proposed that each council member to draft a job aids/description of the designated role. Council members will email the Council chairs a draft description. Council members will discuss the job aids in the next meeting.
- The *Race to No Where* film view update was from Vilma. The film view date was on April 6, 2017. There were 67 participants. WOSS school counselors helped to guide the discussion after the film view. 16 evaluation sheets were collected. Majority of rating of the event is “good” or “excellent.” The evaluation shows that parents welcome the opportunity to view the film and discuss the issues with community participation.

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6. Fundraising Report

- Cookie dough fundraising is on for fund raising. The hard-copy order form was delivered to some students. The email order form and link were shared with parents. Council members suggested that the order deadline and the pick-up time to be extended. In future communication, advise that all QSP items (magazines, etc.) can be purchased and benefit this fundraiser.
- The breakdown of profit for the cookie dough fundraising is shared through email. The breakdown is as below:
Units Ordered Profit% Profit\$: 336 or more, 40%, \$6.00/unit; 131 to 335, 35%, \$5.25/unit; 60-130, 30%, \$4.25/unit
- Write a Cheque Fall Campaign deferred to next Council meeting

7. PIP Report – Sherri Phillips

- Guest speaker Chris D'souza had confirmed the event date.
 - It will be from 7:30 to 9pm on April 27, 2017, in South Café. There are 16 registrations for the event. More promotion for the event will be continued through E-news communication emails.
 - Event will be run as scheduled. An online survey option has been discussed. Council agrees to use paper survey for the evaluation. Mona and Dawn will help finalize the survey questions.
 - Event logistics: council will provide pens for survey and note taking and partner school WH Morden Elementary School will share total expense.
- Discussion on topics for next year's PRO Grant application.
 - The grant proposal will be due in late May. Council discussed topics and ideas such as virtual addition (use of computers and digital device), IEP, improvement of life skill ("Active Chef"), and youth financial management. Council agrees to focus on financial management and scholarship.
 - A possible guest speaker is Gail Vaz-Oxlade. Sherri will contact the speaker for availability and quote. Other useful resources are CPA association, University speaker list, and school business teacher.
 - Some suggestions include: the event could be run with other schools; some live examples could be used (leasing vs. buying a property); if contents related to scholarship, OSAP, and grant application, the event should be in November.
- Next council meeting will need to discuss how to use the remaining balance for the PRO grant.

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – John Stieva, Principal

- General updates: staffing is finished; but more hiring is needed due to 3 maternity leave
- The Halton School Board shares a report outlining the closures of some schools in Burlington (e.g. Robert Bateman High School). The closure of schools may have some impact on WOSS. For example, WOSS already has 16 applications for the IB program due to the closure.
- Cashless payment system will be closed. Funds in Cashless account will be transferred to CashSwift under new account number.

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- Vimy Trip Recap. 57 kids and 9 adults went on the trip; the trip has busy daily schedule; security is rather tight.

7. Teacher's Report – Sara Belford

- Tracy Beck and WE Activists club ask for donation of all kinds of art for auction to raise money for a well in India. Artwork can be dropped off at the office.
- No Trustee Report
- Mediterranean March Break trip information meeting will be held on April 27, 2017

Motion to adjourn by Mona Garde and seconded by Heather Zhong at 9:08 pm.

NEXT MEETING May 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm