

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

Monday, January 23, 2017

Present: Dawn Beaulieu, Elizabeth Buckland, Vilma Von Buren, Susan Chen, Mona Garde, Patrick Hu, Suzanne Lang-Doe, Sherri Phillips, Sat Sangha, Kim Stackaruk, Heather Zhong, John Stieva, Sara Belford, Rajini Rasasingham, Alina Zaidi, Jennifer Smith, Prashanti Raakulan, Hemantika Mahesh

Regrets: Michelle Parsons and Lara Omari

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

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT**

- Welcome new Student Council Prime Minister elect, Hanson Liu
- Events in the past months went well including Fall Finale, December Food Drive, Holiday assembly. Future events are planned including February Semi-Formal event and Inside Ride.

3. **MINUTES** - Susan Chen

Motion to approve November minutes with changes by Vilma Von Buren and seconded by Mona Garde and Heather Zhong.

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

- Council balance is at -\$10,062.98; PRO balance is at \$19.10; PIP balance is at ZERO.

Motion to approve the December statements by Susan Chen and seconded by Mona Garde and Heather Zhong.

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

- Discussion of Arts programs at WOSS: a wide variety of courses are offered at WOSS – drama, music, visual arts. New Musical Theatre course being offered 2017-18.
- The *Race to No Where*: film view with council members was on Dec 5, 2016. Some discussions on the public viewing are: a sub-section to organize this (Vilma VonBuren agrees to lead this); parent-student group or sole group for viewing discussion; WOSS Student Services guidance councillors may provide assistance for the public viewing and group discussion; possibility of reaching out to other schools in the community; provide information and resources for the community; view date will be after March Break 2017
- Recent meetings in January and February in the school district are: Family of Meetings will be January 26 and Feb 23; Super Council meeting Feb 2; PIC Meeting Feb 16

5. **PIC UPDATE** -Sherri Phillips

- 2016-17 PRO Grant \$1,000. There are 8 recommendations on how to implement the Grant proposal. Workshops on inclusiveness, aboriginal culture, indigenous history, Truth & Reconciliation are organized in the school district. Two possible options are to invite a speaker from indigenous community to give a speech to the community, or a video showing to the community. Sherri has been in contact with WOSS teacher Ms. Turkstra and will also reach out to HDSB as well as a suggested speaker, Chris D'Souza, to get more information about the speaker's schedule and rate before further discussion and decision in next council meeting.

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6. FUND RAISING

- On-line auction completed and raised \$825.00. Fundraising website was very difficult to use and the auction is a lot of work for what it raises. More fundraising ideas are needed for future fund raising. Some suggestions include “Just Write a Cheque” campaign, QSP subscriptions and project-oriented fundraising; possible wish-list from school.

7. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – John Stieva, Principal

- The budget for the school is at approx. \$550,000 from the Board and school budget of \$633,000
- Middle Years IB at WOSS did not get approval from HDSB; ALP will continue
- WOSS has plans for the Library to be renovated. This is a joint venture with Town of Oakville. The renovation may happen in Summer 2018, but depends on Town budget timing
- Staffing updates: still needs to hire 3 more teachers

7. OTHER

- No Trustee Report
- Teacher Report by Sara Belford: the full itinerary for the March Break 2018 Ancient Mediterranean trip is now available. The itinerary will be sent for parent council to distribute to the Council email list. Cost is \$4139. Exact dates will depend on March Break timing in 2018.

Motion to adjourn by Mona Garde and seconded by Suzanne Lang-Doe at 9:20pm.

NEXT MEETING February 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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