

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

Monday, May 15, 2017

Present: Elizabeth B., Vilma Von Buren, Susan C., Mona G., Suzanne Lang-Doe, Sherri Ph., Jennifer S., Rajini R., Enis A., Dawn B., Prashanti R., John S., Sara B. Fonda L., Hemantika M., Alina Z, Hanson L.

Regrets: Kim S.

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

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT**- Hemantika M., Alina Z

- New Student Council representatives elected; PM Elect will attend next meeting
- 10th Annual “Inside Ride” event at WOSS raised \$30,000.
- May 24 - The “Color Me WOSS” fundraising event will be held at WOSS; BBQ same day, as is the Principal’s Recognition Breakfast. Students can do a survey to submit their activities and teachers can nominate student.
- Spirit Week: encourage students to dress for the week, either a color or a theme during the week. Other future events include Food Drive and Taste of Oakville
- Prom date is on June 28, 2017.

3. **GUEST SPEAKERS** –Fonda L.

- The Ancient Mediterranean trip: 18 students registered so far; 13 days trip; \$4,139 including insurance; students can run fundraising outside school to raise funds for the trip; last information meeting will be on May 24, 2017.
- Students with special needs attended past school field trip.
- Considering for March Break 2019: Paris and the Chateaux; early registration will have discount; open to ideas for destinations
- Other past school exchange programs include Japanese exchange program, The Netherlands exchange program

4. **MINUTES** - Susan C.

Motion to approve October minutes with changes approved by Sherri Phillips and seconded by Mona Garde.

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Rajini R.

- School Council balance is at -\$10,052.98. PIP funds balance is \$500. PRO balance: \$-176.9. Funds of \$561.27 owed from Morden for share of Chris D’Souza event. Balance to be spent in PRO Grant account will be \$384.37

Motion to approve the financial statements by Susan Chen and seconded by Elizabeth Lang-Doe.

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

- Job aids/description of the council role is almost done.
- Chairs proposed to create a folder in WOSS Gmail account for documents control.
- June council meeting will be held as it is needed to discuss the preparation for the election next year; create a role for PIC specifically due to the time this role can consume; finalize PRO grant and other matters for year-end

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- Council will include on future agenda on how to promote awareness among students and community of special needs students (e.g., autism students, and for new parents with culture and language difficulty)
- Council asked to send representatives to the Recognition Breakfast and Mona, Prashanti and Emily will attend.
- Funds of \$500 have been received for the PIP Grant. Motion to use this grant to subsidize the Gr 9 Welcome BBQ in September 2017 was unanimously approved.

7. Fundraising Report- Elizabeth Buckland

- Cookie dough fundraising is on. The profit is approximately \$725 from cookie dough and magazine orders. Volunteers are needed for May 25 delivery day.
- Council Chairs suggested council donate this amount to Halton Food for Thought program run by school. This program helps to provide healthy snacks to students who need it. The motion to approve the initiative was approved by council.
- Discussion on Write a Check campaign was postponed till next meeting agenda.

8. PIC Rep Report – Sherri Phillips

- PRO grant: theme approved at April meeting of : “Eliminating the educational boundary on raising financially responsible children” and related information links for speaker options were provided by Sherri and shared with council members prior to the meeting ; Prashanti and Sherri are working on application and will broaden scope from not only financial issues but also include raising awareness regarding mental health issues, special needs and learning disabilities along with available resources.
- PRO: remaining balance allocation will be included in the section of parent resources

9. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – John Stieva

- WOSS has counselors to help new immigrant families with questions and issues

10. Teacher’s Report – Sara Belford

- WOSS has established a community partnership with Art House to develop a weekly art therapy program. In addition, they have also partaken in a program called Mending Fences, a collaborative initiative with Art House and Halton Region to celebrate Canada's 150th
- Sara provided information on the Halton Food for Thought program run in WOSS. Looking for parents to get involved, corporate sponsorship and other financial support.

Motion to adjourn by Mona Garde and seconded by Susan Chen at 9:15 pm.

11. Trustee Report –None

NEXT MEETING June 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm