

École John Wilson Elementary School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes - October 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Angela Warke (Principal), Janice Savage (Vice Principal), Holly Bilton (Trustee), Melissa Dudley (Chair), Tania Morrison (Secretary/Treasurer), Brianna Bjerke, Ashley Tams, Melanie Huff, Joy Milne

1. Call to Order 6:04,
2. Adoption of September Minutes - Motion: Ashley, Seconded: Brianna
3. Additions/Approval of Agenda
 - a. Amend September meeting adjournment time to read 7:15 p.m. not 6:15 p.m.
 - b. Approval of Agenda - Motion: Ashley, Seconded: Brianna

3.5 Holly's Update

- Regrets for missing last meeting; happy to see increased attendance, thanks for making time to participate.
- Board of Directors has met a couple of times and is currently working through strategic planning with parent input; Already has a strategic plan in process but this information will help guide the next five years of planning.
- Social Studies curriculum: Public engagement survey ended yesterday; provincial government will be having more engagement sessions. Will forward more information to Angela when dates are set, to be shared with parents.
- Invited attendees to reach out to her directly if you have questions from a board perspective.

4. Administrative Report/Account Balances

Account Balances (\$)			
Fall Fundraiser	1,669.94	Kindergarten	0
Hot Lunches**	22,928.65	Grade 1	0
Toast*	7,633.91	Grade 2	0
Music	16.71	Grade 3	0
Art	9.15	Grade 4	0
Family-School Wellness		0	

Note: These balances are the finalized figures from academic year 2022/2023 year end

* There will be more activity in this account this year compared to previous years as COOP is no longer able to provide bread donations at the level of previous years

** Does not account for two Divots invoices outstanding

- Angela has reached out to Innisfail Growers (IG); she and Melissa have narrowed down offerings (similar to last year, added onions); currently reviewing pricing as IG's pricing has increased over last year.
- Angus Store is creating their beef packages, including a ground beef only option. Will submit information to the school office next week and Laura will create an online order form.
- Dates for above fundraisers: information to be sent home with students the week of October 30th (likely on November 1st); Online ordering will be open for two weeks, due on November 15th. Delivery will be last week of November (likely November 29th). Volunteers are needed to help organize orders and pick-up.
- First Celebration Assembly will be held on Monday. Families are invited to attend. Big 5 focus for this assembly is 'Respect.'
- First McDonald's Hot Lunch is tomorrow. McDonald's will deliver.
- Remembrance Day ceremony is scheduled for November 8th in Gym 3; families are welcome to attend. This will be held right before Fall Break.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up; November 21 & 22
- No school this Friday. Staff will be participating in professional development (Studio 3 training) provided by the Division office.

5. Field and Forge (F&F) Hot Lunch

- Letter was sent home to parents in response to concerns raised about the quality of the September lunch orders. Met with F&F and a revised menu will be offered going forward (tomato sauce pasta with garlic toast and chicken fingers with carrots and celery). Angela and Melissa were given a taste test of new menu items and approved of quality.
 - Field and Forge will work with school to provide a Christmas 'Friendship Lunch,' providing a hot lunch for every student and staff in the school. This will allow for every student to participate in hot lunch and serves as a thank you to staff for all the work they do. Lunch will be F&F chicken fingers and a dessert (donated by F&F). Meal and juice boxes will be sponsored by School Council.
- Motion to provide up to \$3,000 from Hot Lunch account: Ashley, Seconded: Brianna

6. Call for Nominations

- For next meeting. Did not receive any nominations. Position available is Vice Chair.
- A call for nominations will be put out to parents through the school office.

7. AGM

This is our annual general meeting

8. Playground

- Have received a few rejection letters. Continue to look for funding opportunities.
- Lions funding opportunity: Proposal to help with playground submitted last school year but Lions were unable to help at the time. They have since identified an opportunity for mutual benefit: Lions casino is being held November in November; if school provides volunteers, Lions will donate some of their casino proceeds to the playground fundraiser. Volunteer times & donation amount TBD. Interested

volunteers contact Angela or Melissa. Will put call out through school office when more information available.

- Legion/Chase the King Update: Received \$5k from last Chase the King round. This is third week of next round. Thank you to volunteers.

9. Open Questions and Comments

10. Adjournment 6:47 p.m. - Next Meeting November 21st, 6:00 p.m., Online

Spending Motions:

Motion to provide up to \$3,000 for December Field & Forge 'Friendship Lunch' from Hot Lunch account: Ashley, Seconded: Brianna

