

École John Wilson Elementary School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Melissa Dudley (Chair), Angela Warke (Principal), Janice Savage (Vice Principal), Holly Bilton (Trustee), Tania Morrison (Secretary/Treasurer), Lorraine Dingman, Ashley Tams, Jillian Hastie, Cassie Stewart

1. **Call to Order:** 6:09 p.m. by Chair
2. **Adoption of October, November, January, and March Meeting Minutes**
Jillian; Seconded: Ashley

Account Balances (\$) – Current to May 23, 2024			
Fall Fundraiser	2,456.41	Kindergarten	0
Hot Lunches	43,613.64	Grade 1	0
Toast	6,659.69	Grade 2	0
Music	23.09	Grade 3	0
Art	9.15	Grade 4	0
Read-a-thon	3,821.81	Family-School Wellness	0

3. **Additions/Approval of Agenda**
6.5 Lorraine
4. **Administrative Report/Account Balances**
 - Sports Day postponed to afternoon of May 31st. Grade 1 will miss due to conflict with field trip.
 - Staff wanted to share appreciation for funds given toward field trips.
 - Working on staffing pieces for upcoming school year. Kindergarten numbers are down, which will have an impact going forward on staffing for that cohort.
 - Celebration Assembly on May 30th.
 - May 24th is Artist Day. Activities planned for all the classes and Art Gallery set-up.
 - This week is the last week of Read-a-thon.
 - Planning Kindergarten – Grade 12 grad walk for June 10th @ 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

- Hot Lunches for next year: McDonald's – will request change from fruit to french fries. Have been approached by A&W for hot lunches; Angela will follow-up with them on their pricing, delivery, food on offer, etc. Coffee Cottage has agreed to continue supporting Hot Dog days.
- Last day of school is June 27th; noon dismissal. Celebration for Grade 4s on 26th.
- Have applied for matching grant with Province of Alberta; if accepted will be able to start purchasing equipment (approx. \$300k) for playground construction.

5. **Spring Fundraiser** – Angus Store

- Order site is live on Student Quick Pay, information will go home tomorrow

6. **Positions Update**

- Two positions will be opening come September: Chair and Vice-Chair
- Melissa will attend first meeting and there will be a call for nominations
- Tania will continue as Secretary/Treasurer

6.5 **Lorraine**

Recently attended an eye-opening Alberta Teachers' Association presentation, especially with regard to classroom sizes. Our classrooms seem to be above what is recommended by Alberta Commission on Learning. How might we as parents advocate to support our school in meeting these recommendations? Hollie says best way is to attend annual meeting and voting through Alberta School Councils Association. Advice sought regarding ways to influence change. Will reach out to Lorette at School Division for assistance with messaging directed toward elected officials.

7. **Holly's Update**

Announced increased funding (no increase to fees), reduced walking distance; local demand was down enough to cancel a few bus routes without having to increase ride times. Early registration discount offered this year proved a positive change.

9. **Open Questions and Comments**

10. **Adjournment:** 7:15 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer in Chair's absence
Next Meeting: September @ 6:00 p.m. IN PERSON

Spending Motions:

- NONE