

J.R. Wilcox Community School Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Venue: ZOOM: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96818725009>

Present: Ronit Soroksky* Rosanne Brown* (treasurer), Maria Tsafaras* (co-secretary), Joan Ogunyowa *(co-secretary) Natalie Vine(Principal), Alex Howard, Alma Lilia, Aviva Cohen, Cemone Rowe, Cindy, Dez James, Ginette, Hayley Steward, Joanna Maplazi, Judy Beglaubter, Leah Gibleault, Latoya Rose, Lauren Lipkin, Laura Hetherington, Melanie, Marlene Aurelien, Michelle Mountain, Mitzi Reinsiber, Morgan, Paola Blas, Ronit Novak, Seeta Scully, Valarie Taitt, Taneisha, Tiffany Heimpel, Arial

*Voting members

Time*	Discussion Item	Notes	Decision and Actions
7:00pm	Welcome, Land Acknowledgments and Executive Team Introductions Natalie Vine / Ronit Soroksky	We have a position for the community representative and Jessica Ross who held the position last year will continue in the position. She will be a voting member.	
7:10pm	Approval of Agenda		First: Alex Howard Second: Lauren Lipkin
7:11pm	Decorum/Summary of Expectations for meeting Natalie Vine / Ronit Soroksky	The TDSB changed the expectation, School Council meetings can now be recorded. The School Council is an opportunity for parents to contribute to the school community	

7:19pm	Declaration of conflict of Interest Ronit Soroksky	No declarations	
7:20pm	Principal's Report Natalie Vine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Vice Principal; Valerie Tatt • 336 students 18 classes and including 1 virtual class • School year started with 24.5 teachers revised to 23.5 teachers. Closed grade 2/3 class. Children were reorganised to meet the class caps • The school now has 3 Kindergarten classes with 25 children • Lunchroom supervisors required for lunch hours. Parents and community members should volunteer. Volunteers should have experience with caring for children • Traffic continues to be a concern, and the new crossing guard has been helpful. • Survey for homeowners to go out in regards to proposed 15 minute parking along Winona and Winnett for drop off/pick up. • Remove parking along Ava road due to congestion, safety issues and School Bus parking. <p><i>Curriculum Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Fox run raised ~ \$1,000 • Curriculum night was successful with parent and teacher engagement • Progress reports will be issued on November 17th • Students want Spirit day; pajamas day is planned for November 18 • Grade 3 Ccap test now virtual and will administered in November • Upgraded library, spent \$20K from school budget; book display, new tables for STEM makers. Pictures to be shared with parents • School budget will be shared next week. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget committee to meet discuss where spend should go • 12 new laptops for staff. • School photos - November 12 for virtual class & absentees • Every student will get a spirit day T-shirt. Extras can be ordered by school cash for C\$18 	
7:25pm	<p>Teacher's Report</p> <p>Laura Hetherington</p>	<p>Teacher representative role will be shared between Laura Hehterington and Amy Craig</p> <p>Teachers were able to participate in the Amazon Wish List program to get some classroom items. If parents hear of more opportunities & contests for free things for the school, let the teachers know!</p>	
7:30pm	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Rosanne Brown</p>	<p>Inserted below</p> <p>Fundraising can only be virtual for now</p>	
7:35pm	<p>Brainstorming Time!</p> <p>Group 1: Fundraising Ideas Brainstorm</p> <p>Group 2: Student Events/Activities/Ideas</p> <p>Group 3: School Events/Activities/Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes from brainstorming to be shared with the school community to provide feedback. - Exec team to put a full year plan together for actioning - Parents volunteers will be needed for supporting various initiatives; parents can choose to take on as big or little role as they want! 	<p>Ronit Soroksky to share notes with school community to get feedback</p>
7:50pm	<p>New Business / Parents Questions & Concerns</p> <p>Crosswalk Safety</p> <p>Rosanne Brown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars do not stop at the Winnett/Ava side of the school, allowing kids to walk on the road. Need another crossing guard. - Police presence could be requested. - Reaching out to the trustee Shelly Laskin and councillor Josh Matlow to get support for increased safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ronit to create a letter template for parents to use to email Josh Matlow and Jill Andrews - Invite the trustee to the School Council

		- LRT funding might available for additional crossing guards	meeting to discuss safety concerns - Melanie Farber will contact the local police station - Rosanne will contact Josh Matlow's office
8:00pm	Adjournment	Next meeting will be on Nov 30th, 7-8pm	Ronit Soroksky

TREASURER'S REPORT*

DATE PREPARED: October 25, 2021

FOR

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: October 26, 2021

REPORT PREPARED BY: Rosanne Brown

TRANSACTIONS				
Date	Transaction	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
May 20, 2021	BALANCE FORWARD			\$8,721.50
June 18, 2021	FlipGive and Domino's Pizza	\$523.10		
June 21, 2021	Teacher Wish List		\$1,046.27	
June 21, 2021	Grade 8 Graduation (hoodies)		\$600.00	
October 25, 2021	Available Balance			\$7,598.33

REVENUE FROM ONGOING ONLINE CAMPAIGNS			
Date	Item	Actual to Date	Notes
October 25, 2021	FlipGive (2021-2022 school year)	\$108.70	Cheque to be issued at a decided time
October 25, 2021	Mabel's Labels	\$5.60	Cheque issued after \$50 is reached

APPROVED ALLOCATIONS			
Approved	Item	Amount	Notes
November 18, 2020	SpiritWear	\$3,500	approximate

AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$7,598.33
LESS FUNDS ALLOCATED BUT NOT YET SPENT (approximate)	\$3,500
AVAILABLE TO SPEND	\$4,098.33

*Please note that due to COVID-19 and strict guidelines by TDSB, fundraising was prohibited until November 1, 2020
All fundraising activities for the 2020-2021 school year were to be online with no person contact
No volunteers were allowed on school property to conduct previously successful fundraisers (e.g., pizza lunches, movie nights)

Brainstorming Ideas:

Category	Idea	Notes
Fundraising	Mabel's Labels	Ongoing, needs better promotion, needs to be promoted in advance of school starting, and before summer camp
Fundraising	FlipGive	
Fundraising	Lunch Lady	TBD if able do in 2021/2022
Fundraising	Pizza and Subway lunches	TBD if able do in 2021/2022
Fundraising	Cookie Dough	Action for Valentine's Day or Easter
Fundraising	Chocolate Bars	
Fundraising	Pizza Night for School Council Nights	Parents can order pizza at a discount for council nights
Fundraising	Scholastic Book Fair	
Fundraising	Professor Jams / Dance	Fundraising dance party / Should also explore with DJ Danny Floh Back for comparison
Fundraising	Movie Nights	

Fundraising	Silent Auction (in-person or virtual)	
Fundraising	Howl Fun Fair	TBD if able to do.
Fundraising	Yard Sale	Could include as part of Howl?
Fundraising	SpiritWear	In motion
Fundraising	Ask for a donation (cash online) - tax receipts available through TDSB after a certain amount donated	Cedarvale asks parents to donate \$100 per family at the start of the year. They have 40% of parents donate to date and have raised 10K
Fundraising	After School Vendors - donate a portion back to the school	Do not proceed at this time
Fundraising	Coupon Book	Charge small fee for businesses to be included, offer discount to families.
Fundraising	Cookbook	Families submit their recipes. Cedarvale doing one (Ronit to find out more)
Fundraising	Bumper Stickers (or Magnets)	Not sure if worth it, will parents buy it a sticker for \$5? Could raise a \$200-400 is it worth the effort?
Fundraising	Book Swap	families donate old books and then we sell them for cheap!
Fundraising	Virtual Market	Cedarvale charging \$100 per vendor for IG stories & IG, got 45 vendors involved

Fundraising	Amazing Fundraising - Amazing Box of Cards (TDSB approved vendor)	
FUndraising	Indigo Fundraising	Investigating
Student Focused Ideas	Hopes for reading buddies to return. Even virtually, if somehow possible ie pen pals?	
Student Focused Ideas	Career tracking for grade 7/8.	Parents as guest speakers? Ie. What is available? What is in high demand? What are specific job incomes? How many years of post secondary schooling? Not all high paying jobs require many years of school or a degree from an "Ivy leave" school, what jobs would that include?
Student Focused Ideas	Junior Achievement	
Student Focused Ideas	Bullying Prevention Talks	
Student Focused Ideas	Advice from grade 9s	
Student Focused Ideas	Finding ways to transition students into new settings. Ie. New to JK, Grade 1, prep for high school.	
Student Focused Ideas	Playground	Need to connect with Matlow's office to find out what is possible. Rawlinson received a

		grant.
Student Focused Ideas	Buddy Bench. When a child feels lonely, they can sit on the Buddy Bench. This signals to other kids that they are feeling isolated. Ideally, another child will notice them, sit beside them, talk to them and invite them to play.	
Student Focused Ideas	Take a parent to school day (virtually?)	Need more explanation
Student Focused Ideas	Recess Boxes ie boxes for each grade with items for recess	
Community Building Ideas	A clothing swap - set up a table in the school and noted to parents to bring clothes for swap. Leftovers can be donated	Could be fun for spring in conjunction with a book sale?
Community Building Ideas	Netflix party can be monetized	need more explanation
Community Building Ideas	Virtual games - Math games, Kahoot, etc, Special sessions like origami, yoga, chef	Worked well last year, need to find volunteer lead and plan for March?
Community Building Ideas	Parents night outdoors	Social event for parents?

Community Building Ideas	Community skate event	Rent out a rink and pay for all who want to come?
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