

**J.R. Wilcox Community School Council Meeting Notes**

**October 25, 2022, 7:00pm -8:30pm**

**ZOOM: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/92907271791> / Meeting ID: 929 0727 1791**

Chair: Ronit Soroksky

Co-Treasurers: Rosanne Brown / Maria Tsfaras

Secretary: Taneisha Witter

Attendance: Ronit Soroksky\*, Rosanne Brown\*, Ariel Platt\*, Lauren Lipkin\*, Amy Craig\*\*, Laura Hetherington\*\*, Deanna Cape, Seeta Scully\*, Valerie Tih\*, Ginette Talpash, Katie Fine, Lydia Hall, Morgan Miya, Christa Lohead \*, Sage Goldenberg\*, Taneisha Witter\*

\*Voting Member

\*\* Share One Vote (between the two teachers)

<b>Time*</b>	<b>Discussion Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
7:00pm	Welcome, Land Acknowledgments and Executive Team Introductions / Meeting overview  Ronit Soroksky	Jacob, Molly, Elia & Sasha read the land acknowledgements
7:10pm	Approval of Agenda  Ronit Soroksky	Agenda approved by Laurin Lipkin and Lidia Hall
7:10pm	Declaration of conflict of Interest  Ronit Soroksky	No conflict of interest.
7:10pm	Principal's Report  Deanna Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School wants to focus on belonging.</li> <li>- The School improvement plan will focus on reading which is a vital human right. TDSB/JR Wilcox Reading programme funded by Sick kids Hospital</li> <li>- Culture &amp; Inclusion This year the school is looking to add a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). Gender based prevention team did professional learning with teachers to effectively support rich dialogue and create safe spaces in school. There will be a Caring and Safety Schools Audit to check on building processes and overall well being so children feel safe on every level.</li> <li>- Community letter sent out highlighted an incident of overt racism. The school will be taking steps to introduce an Anti- Black Racism movement or</li> </ul>

		<p>Black Students Alliance and will also start an Action Plan for the school where there is deep learning about Diversity and Inclusion.</p> <p>Parent feedback: Letter sent out provided comfort and satisfaction on how the matter was dealt with.</p> <p>Laurin’s suggestion: Think about how funds can be used to increase the number of learning workshops around inclusion and diversity</p> <p>Ariel’s suggestion: Recommendations for specific resources from other schools. Check with other schools to see best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is Ministry funding available for tutoringMath and this will run until the holiday break in December.</li> </ul>
<p>7:25pm</p>	<p>Teacher’s Report</p> <p>Amy Craig</p>	<p>Clubs have started for this school year. Some clubs are after school while others are offered during lunch break. A budget meeting was held and considerations were made to have a Popcorn sale or another such activity programme for the school. New programmes have also been introduced such as the New Report Card programme and the Permission Program.</p> <p>Lauren’s question: Any update on Bully Free Zone? Ms. Cape expressed intentions for deep work/Action Plan for this as the school continues to do day to day work to address incidents. Incidents will be addressed immediately and students further educated about its impact. This will also be extended to families as the school must be a safe place for everyone.</p> <p>Amy’s feedback: The school no longer has a VP who would normally handle those matters so it now falls on the Principal.</p>
<p>7:35pm</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Rosanne Brown / Maria Tsfaras</p>	<p>No Access to Bank Account therefore no report to share</p> <p>As of August 1, 2022 the account balance was \$13,523.99 which would have some changes by now as there were some expenses such as Pizza lunch. \$,8359.14 of that balance was voted upon in the 2021-2022 school year for specific allocations (technology, school wide event, speakers for mental health, EDI) but</p>

		<p>have not yet been spent. As soon as access is granted more details will be shared.</p>
7:40pm	<p><b>Updates:</b></p> <p>2022/2023 Calendar of Events - Ronit Soroksky</p> <p>Class Parents - Ronit Soroksky</p> <p>Playground - Lauren Lipkin</p> <p>Auction Fundraiser- Valerie Tih</p> <p>Pizza Lunch- Ginette Talpash</p> <p>Indigo Fundraiser- Ariel Platt</p>	<p>SC Chair welcomed everyone to add events to the calendar. Volunteers are required to lead the following events; Teacher Appreciation, End of Year event, movie night/dance nights. Those who have already offered to support have been contacted by Ronit.</p> <p>Expressed thanks to all who have assisted with SC activities and continue to invite volunteers to fill gaps as there are still volunteer positions to be filled. A list is posted on the SC website.</p> <p>The committee has so far met three times. Currently in the process of drafting a Master Plan and landscape architectural plan. Also finalizing priorities and budgeting for the project which has a start date of Summer 2023 and a completion date of September 2024 or later.</p> <p>This year's Auction will run from Nov 21st - Nov 30th. Started collecting items and now has items valuing over \$20k in inventory. Will continue to collect items and ask that the link is shared with everyone. The items will be either be mailed or picked up. More volunteers are welcomed.</p> <p>Special thanks to Ginette for organizing this activity. The council was asked to consider having other pizza vendors other than Pizza Pizza. It was noted that Pizza Pizza has special arrangements with TDSB. Still need more pizza day volunteers - Persons who want to volunteer should have their Police Check completed. The form can be collected at the Principal's office and returned to the principal once completed.</p> <p>Thank you to Ariel Platt for organizing the Indigo Adopt a school Fundraiser, which raised \$3000 in Indigo credit for our school!</p>
8:05pm	<p>Budget Discussion- Ronit Soroksky</p>	<p>Vote for Auction Website cost \$141.73 CDN</p> <p>Lauren Lipkin- Approve  Valerie Tih- Approve  Sage Goldenberg - Approve  Ariel Platt- Approve</p>

	<p>Inclusivity, Mental Health, EDI Speakers/Program; \$2000</p> <p>Whole School /Student Activity: Approved for up to \$4500.00</p>	<p>Katia- Approve - who is this - did you mean Katie?  There is no one named Katia who is a voting member on the list that I was given</p> <p>Maria- Approve - who is this? Not a voting member according to the list that I was given</p> <p>Laura/Amy- Approve  Taneisha Witter- Approve  Rosanne Brown - Approve  Maria Tsfaras - Approve  Christa Lohead - Approve  Katie Fine - Approve  Morgan Miya - Approve</p> <p>Action Plan has been earmarked for inclusion. Laura Lipkin will take the lead and Ariel and Valerie will support. Ms. Cape wants to set up a meeting.</p> <p>SC Chair asked teachers and the Principal to indicate what activities/programmes to be funded this year. Technology and Excursion Buses to attend events were some of the items put forward. It was noted that TDSB has a policy on transportation which needs to be considered. It was noted that the whole school activity needs to be one that was brought forth last year when the budget for this activity was voted upon. The goal is to make a decision by the next meeting.</p>
<p>8:25pm</p>	<p>New Business/Parent Concerns &amp; Questions- All</p>	<p>Question raised about why the distribution of the IRO Grade 5 Computers was done in a very inequitable manner.. Ms. Cape explained that the school is awaiting additional devices as the amount supplied initially was incorrect. The School board funds devices for Grade 5 and another shipment is on its way. In the interim the school has provided old technology.</p> <p>What if payment is made for Pizza and the student is away on a school event that day? Money can be credited or in some cases refunded. Best to let the SC or principal know beforehand.</p> <p>Can Provincial Catch Up Payments be donated to school? The payment is a personal payment and should be used at the discretion of the custodians.</p> <p>Will there be a Grade 8 End of Year Event? Yes, a Graduation and celebration event is planned. SC gives funds to the Grade 8s for graduation. The amount is voted upon by voting members closer to graduation.</p>

	Next Action Item- Ronit	Silent Auction - share with your network, bid if you can, get donations if you can  Join a Committee! Lots of opportunities for parents to get involved at the level that works for them.
8:30pm	Adjournment- Ronit Soroksky	Meeting Adjourned.