

J.R. Wilcox Community School Council Meeting Notes

Nov 29, 2022, 7:00pm -8:30pm

Chair: Ronit Soroksky

Treasurers: Rosanne Brown / Maria Tsfaras

Secretary: Taneisha Witter

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

*Voting Member

Time	Agenda Item	Person(s) Responsible
7:00pm	Welcome, Land Acknowledgments and Executive Team Introductions / Meeting overview Ronit Soroksky	Abby Farber read the Land Acknowledgement.
7:05	Approval of Agenda Ronit Soroksky	Agenda approved by: Lydia Hall Valrie Tih
7:05	Declaration of Conflict of Interest Ronit Soroksky	No conflict of interest.
7:07pm	Principal's Report Deanna Cape	The City of TO sent a Letter about what they're doing about community safety concerns and so J. R Wilcox is also doing their own safety measures. Analogy: moving on tenets, stocking it with building blocks, it's not a sinking ship, we will put key points in place so we can quickly grow as a community. School climate and school safety

		<p>A representative from Caring and safe schools came, we received signage, and we now have very strict entry and visitor processes at the school. Everyone including deliveries must use Main Entrance (Door 1), use the Doorbell for early on etc, The Caring and Safe Schools Committee has convened, and their purpose is to look at the climate at the school, not just the physical safety but also emotional safety of the students. The Caring and Safe Schools advisor was asked to give feedback which they said was organized and well planned and things were good. Ms. Hetherington and Ms. Montgomery is working as part of this committee.</p> <p>Question: What is the school doing about bullyism?</p> <p>More teacher/staff visibility. The school now has additional staff to enhance supervision during recess. Taken on inclusive practices such as ending certain behaviors with fierce intervention for e.g. Direct teaching and coaching students.</p> <p>Question: Have you spoken to other parents, what are the next steps?</p> <p>Still meeting with parents to consolidate a plan which will be shared with wider school community.</p> <p>Question: Is there a third party involved in the process?</p> <p>Jeff from the Centre of Excellence for Black student Achievement has been assigned to coach and give guidance to the action plan. The school will continue to have meetings around the educational piece.</p> <p>Ms. Cape has invited parents of children who identify as black to come up with action plan to combat racism. Still putting together the document, information will be shared. There's a call for more parents to participate in constructing this, sharing of essential knowledge.</p> <p>School Improvement Plan</p> <p>J.R. Wilcox always takes lead from the school board. Our focus is really looking at reading because the phonological</p>
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		<p>component is missing. Reading is a big focus for JK-8 and Miss Hetherington and ___ is really working on this. In terms of wellbeing the focus is to look at honoring identities and putting interventions in place to honor children's identity. Teachers are working on strategies- everybody will benefit. Ms. Cape shared the 3-tier reading hierarchy and applied for funding to support tier 2 to give students the boost they need. Mr. Harold has been helpful in empowering reading for tier 3 with really thought-out strategies. We are already seeing the impacts on learners.</p> <p>Tier 1 = Universal Programming (Good for All) Tier 2= Targeted Group Intervention (Necessary for some) Tier 3= Intensive Individual Instruction (Essential for a few)</p> <p>Student Survey</p> <p>Students as of yesterday started completing a confidential survey on belonging. Only the principal can see who answered what. Will provide summary of results at next SC meeting. Really important to have this information so we can act on it.</p> <p>Student leadership</p> <p>Ms. Paymaster will be working with Ms. Cape on this initiative. Grade 6-8 students will be going on leadership camp for 3 days, the workshops will commence after their trip. Counselors coming to host workshop.</p> <p>The GetREAL Movement (Grades 5-8)</p> <p>On Thursday the GetReal Movement will be coming to share a LGBTQ+ Inclusion workshop with grades 5-8 students to provide students with skills and understandings capacity to lead their own school. In January there will be a gender-based training with staff- one assigned coach will be working with staff, really important.</p> <p>EQAO Results</p> <p>J.R Wilcox Grade 3 Achievement:</p>
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7:51pm	<p>Teacher's Report</p> <p>Laura Hetherington / Amy Craig</p>	<p>Thanks to Laurin and Ronit for the Playground coordination and allowing our voices to be heard. Also for the Wish List as it ensures staff understands what to ask for.</p>
7:52pm	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Rosanne Brown / Maria Tsfaras</p>	<p>Account balance as @ Nov 29: \$14,765.72</p> <p>Approved Allocation to Spend: \$8,359.14 Voted by quorumat April 2022 meeting</p> <p>Available to spend: \$6,406.58</p> <p>Pizza Lunch Updates:</p> <p>September Pizza Lunch Profits: \$427.66</p> <p>October Pizza Lunch Profits: \$450.40 November Pizza Lunch Profits: \$303.67 approximately since not all expenses have been submitted</p>

		<p>These totals are included in the Treasurer's Report and in the above account balance</p> <p>See November Treasurer's Report for More Details</p>
<p>7:55pm</p>	<p>Updates:</p> <p>Auction Fundraiser- Valerie Tih</p> <p>Playground Update & Speaker Series</p> <p>Lauren Lipkin</p>	<p>So far we've reached 97% of our goal. 25 items left to bid on so share the link to your network. We have over 288 items to be delivered, appealing for help with those deliveries. The Auction has become a very popular and competitive event. A big thanks to Ms. Hunt who donated. Auctions ends Nov 30.</p> <p>The Playground planning is progressing- we gave our input on what we really want and our preferences and requirements for the play spaces. Our next meeting will be in December where we will fine tune the plan.</p> <p>Question: Was there any research on cool outside playgrounds?</p> <p>Yes the team did their own research and looked around at different playgrounds. Have some great ideas but still have to adhere to TDSB guidelines.</p> <p>Allotted funds: There is a big chunk of money allocated for programmes related to Mental Health and Anti-Bullying. We've been doing some research with various organisations to look at our options as we try to decide on a topic to focus on. We're thinking whether to take the route of Anti-Bullyism or Inclusivity, Mental health piece. Happy to get more specific on options.</p>
<p>8:00 pm</p>	<p>Teacher Appreciation – Sage G</p>	<p>Event being planned, looking at either Breakfast Buffet or Lunch Buffet. Will need help to coordinate. Catering to about 35 people. December 19 is the proposed date.</p>

<p>8:05 pm</p> <p>8:06 pm</p>	<p>Grant submission- Ronit updated for Alex Howard</p> <p>After-School Programs Update- Ronit Soroksky</p> <p>Movie Night - Ronit Soroksky</p>	<p>This is an opportunity to engage parents on different topics. Planning a paint night with indigenous students thanks to Alex.</p> <p>This week is the final week for After-School Programs. Looking to start again in January. Parents should sign up as soon as possible for programs as they did in the past.</p> <p>Question: TDSB Heritage Language Programs are offered on Tuesdays already so can the After-School programs be offered on Mondays?</p> <p>We will ask if this can be done.</p> <p>Movie Night is set for Dec 8. So far 22 Families RSVP, need at least 45 families to go forward.</p>
<p>8:08pm</p> <p>8:12 pm</p>	<p>Budget Discussion</p> <p>Ronit Soroksky</p> <p>Spend Approval - Ronit Soroksky</p>	<p>Maria and Rosanne asked that SC always observe the protocols around spending and budgeting which is in the By-Laws. All finance and budget matters need to be discussed with the Co-Treasurers and the Executive prior to the SC meetings, not solely by the SC Chair. The current handling of some matters is disrespectful.</p> <p>SC Chair apologized and explained that the items were brought forward for discussion only not to spend, was just collecting ideas.</p> <p>Amendment to vote to reimburse Valerie Tih for additional auction website cost of \$43.30 CND.</p> <p>Lauren Lipkin- Approve Valerie Tih- Approve Sage- Approve Ariel Platt- Approve</p>

<p>8:20 pm</p>	<p>Spend Proposal/Approval – Ronit Soroksky</p>	<p>Katia- Approve Maria- Approve Rosanne- Approve Christa-Approve Morgan-Approve Laura/Amy- Approve Taneisha Witter- Approve</p> <p>Teacher Wish List - The funds are for items and/or programs to contribute to the improvement of student achievement and well-being. The funds <i>cannot</i> be used for curriculum items that are available at the distribution centre or items that have been allocated by the school in the school budget (e.g., school supplies). The money is only to be used for programs or items not available.</p> <p>It would be a wish list of items that are not available from the distribution centre (or catalogue). These items and/or programs would be something that would be available from a vendor or special order (e.g., mindfulness program, scientists in the school, specific or special art supplies for an enhanced program not available but approved).</p> <p>All items/programs must of course be approved and vetted as per TDSB policies.</p> <p>Decision was made to take off those items and purchase with Gift Cards the SC already have. Ms. Cape will follow up on this.</p> <p>Recommendation: Bring RAZ to all JK/SK for fairness and equity.</p> <p>Amendment to vote for Wish List with a reduced cost of \$2,861.92.</p> <p>Lauren Lipkin- Approve Valerie Tih- Approve Sage- Approve Ariel Platt- Approve Katia- Approve Maria- Approve Rosanne-Approve</p>
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<p>8:32 pm</p>	<p>Spend Proposal/Approval - Ronit Soroksky</p>	<p>Laura/Amy- Approve Morgan-Approve Christa-Approve Taneisha Witter- Approve</p> <p>Proposed Date for Jungle Sport: April 12-14, 2023. Cost will be \$5,000 for 4 days and 2 evenings.</p> <p>Question: Will there be infection control?</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Proposing \$4,500 with additional \$500 to fund this.</p> <p>Amendment to vote for Jungle Sport GYM.</p> <p>Lauren Lipkin- Approve Valerie Tih- Approve Sage- Approve Ariel Platt- Approve Katia- Approve Maria- Approve Rosanne-Approve Laura/Amy- Approve Morgan- Approve Christa- Approve Taneisha Witter- Approve</p>
<p>8:40 pm</p>	<p>Request for Spend Proposal- Ronit Soroksky</p>	<p>Ronit will send to the entire school so that the entire school can put forward spend items and then we can vote on it for January 2023.</p>
<p>8:43pm</p>	<p>New Business/AOB- All</p>	<p>Question: Can we have more clubs run by teachers?</p> <p>Ms. Cape said things are happening she may just need to add those to the Wilcox Word but there is currently a Gender Sexuality Alliance Group. Also wanted to say</p>

		<p>thanks to Mr. Abdi for organizing recess games in the GYM.</p> <p>Holiday Concert: December 22 at the school. Wear a festive sweater if you can. Time will be communicated soon.</p> <p>No SC Meeting in December- Next Meeting in January.</p>
8:51pm	Adjournment- Ronit Soroksky	Meeting Adjourned.