2024-11-19
William Burgess School Council Meeting Minutes

MEETING: William Burgess School Council Meeting

PURPOSE: November meeting for 2024-25 School Year

PRESENT:

School Council Executives

Co-Chair(s): Jaclyn Pritchard & Peter Brugnatti

Secretaries: Amy Jones & Seema Jethalal

Treasurer(s): Shajon Sedor

Fundraising Co-Chair(s): Amy Munn

Communications Officer: Jennifer Marchment & Erin Woycik

Guardian Representatives (i.e. other voting Members)

Dalal Al-Waheidi

Shannon Crookston

Shannon Russell

Leah Plumley

Brianne Iwassa

Riitta

Sarah N

Chris Beech

Davina

Metshet

Falidahnabisere

Zeynep Aydin Martin

Staff and Community Members:

Principal: Lise Medd

Teacher Representative(s): Julie Found, Hilary Foley

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Community Members: Leslie (Hospital for Sick Children)

LOCATION: William Burgess Library and online

RECORDED BY: Amy Jones

1. Welcome Remarks (Jaclyn Pritchard) and Land Acknowledgment (Peter Brugnatti)

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes & Agenda

Postponed until next meeting

3. Update from Principal and Teachers (Ms. Medd)

Nutrition program

- The program is short of funds, approx. $4-6K shortfall (until the second grant kicks in in January)
- The program typically costs $9K per month
- We may not be able to have snack during last two weeks of December
- Action: the fundraising team will look into food insecurity grants; Lise will make another ask for donations in the new year; admin also looking into improving online donation system and sending home envelopes

Language/Graffiti

- There was an incident of racist anti-Black graffiti in the upstairs boys' bathroom; this is not the first incident of this language this year
- No individual consequences have taken place because not sure who wrote it; the role of an educational institute is to educate, on top of any individual consequences/processes
- The junior division held a "circle" to discuss slurs and their impact, and a survey about where they might be learning these words (youtube, online chats in games, older siblings)
- Actions: ongoing invitation to parents/caregivers to join the equity committee; junior division will do internet safety lessons; council can discuss a workshop on online safety and anti-racism for parents/caregivers to attend; admin will communicate with council about any increasing/worrying trends in language

4. Financial Update (Jaclyn Pritchard)

Budget Discussion

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- Teacher requests were completed in teams, with a budget of approx. $65/kid; requests were expected to include field trips, speakers and gift cards
- Total budget requests came in at ~$26K; current bank total is ~$15K and fundraising projections amount to ~$14K
- Approving this budget with all requests could mean entering next year with less than our preferred $10K cushion in the bank account; assuming this year's fundraising events are on the low end

Motion to pass the budget: Jen Marchment and Dalal Al-Waheidi
No objections

5. Committee Updates
Postponed until next meeting

6. Other Business

Saliva test program (Leslie from Hospital for Sick Children)

- Burgess has been participating in the saliva testing program for the past three weeks
- https://www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/saliva-testing-program/
- The program was previously only COVID, but now expanded to test for Influenza and RSV
- Saliva kits get dropped off at the school; parents can pick-up/drop-off kits any day before 9:30, in the cooler in the school office
- HSC will have the results ready the next day and families will receive a phone call if there is a positive result; no phone call if negative
- Results are also available through the MyChart web portal
- Parents/caregivers can also participate in the program
- Kits contain full instructions
- Name on test sample must be a legal name that aligns with a valid health card

When to do a test: mild symptoms, runny nose, fever, chills vomiting

There is also an optional research study looking for participants. If tested positive, the hospital will continue to test you for 10 days to help track the viral load (how long the virus lasts) and the infectious rate after symptoms subside

Random testing: every week a certain number of classrooms are selected and given the option of doing the kits to support with the research. All optional.

Holiday Hampers (Shannon Crookston)

- 15-20 families in need

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- We will run online donations (early December), gift card donations and a coin drive (timing TBD)

7. Thank you and Adjournment (Jaclyn Pritchard)

Motion to adjourn: Jen Marchment and Shannon Russell

8. **Next Meeting:** Dec 10, 2024

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Teacher requests

	Kindie Group - Wish List
1	Big Blocks 2 Sets - Room 106 & 107
2	*Child Therapy Toys - Hollow Blocks ($888.91)*
3	Lightweight Softwood Bricks
4	2 Buses - Kortnight Centre March 6th
5	2 Buses - Young People's Theature May 29th
6	Rock Specimens Scholars Choice
7	Kids Climb & Crawl
8	Spectrum Ed Instruments
9	Shovels
10	Pylons, Bean Bag, Rings Toss - Amazon
11	Tuff Tray - Scholars Choice
12	Heavy Duty Tarp Clips
13	Bouncy Balls - Canadian Tire
14	Magnifers Set of 4 - Scholars Choice
15	Plastic Pails (10 @ 1.89 each)
16	Hula Hoops
17	Toy Vehicles
18	Tarps (2 @ 19.99 each)
19	Large Storage Bins
20	Magnetic Rods
21	Paracord
22	Mats (3 @ $60 each)
23	Magnatiles 100 pieces
24	Flexible Duct Hose
25	Foam Blocks
26	Collapsible Wagon

Grade 1 - Wish List	
34	Harbourfront Centre Trip ($14/student)
35	Trip #2 TBD (estimate $15/student)
36	Scientist in Schools (2 sessions @ $250/each)
37	Dollarstore Gift Cards ($200/class)
38	Butterfly Raising Kits
39	Literacy & Math Games, Science Kit/books ($280/class)
	Total
Grade 2 - Wish List	
40	Dollar Store Gift Cards ($100/class)
41	Scientist in the School ($272.50 inc HST, half day session x
42	Field Trips ($355/class)
43	Books ($150/class)
	Total
Grade 3 - Wish List	
44	Sony Headphones (35 x $24.95/each)
45	Logitech Headphones w/ mic, (10 @ $29.99 each)
46	Wiggle Chair (8 @ $92.30 each)
47	Ball Chair (8 @ $25.70 each)
48	Remainder total for School Trip/Scientist in School)
	Total
Grade 4 & 5 - Wish List	
49	Ukulele Program ($65/student)
	Grad (Ceremony/Gift)