



2016-2017 Wilkinson School Community Council

April 3, 2017

Meeting Minutes - Approved

The 2016-2017 Chair, Angelina Diassiti called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of April Agenda2. Approval of February Minutes3. Principal's Update | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Committee Updates
- Fun Fair | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. New Business
- Funding Proposal
- Paul Davis (Speaker)6. Adjournment of Council Meeting |
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Attendance

Present:

Allan Kelly (Principal)
Yasmin Buhariwala (VP)
Angelina Diassiti (Chair)
Dan Dumistrescu (Vice Chair)
Safran Lafeer (Treasurer)
Manpreet Chana (Dandy Lion)
Joel Krentz (Staff)

Sharon Hennessey
Lilian Ling
April Moon
Brenda Ohngemach
Michela Pasquali
Julia Warrender

Guest:

Latif Nurani

Regrets:

Shanna Breslin (Secretary)
Kris Kearns
Rob Jefferson

Absent:

Carmen Doyle
Raihana Ingar
Paula Kahn
Erin Vaillancourt

1. Approval of April Agenda

- Julia and Michela approved.

2. Approval of January Minutes

- Michela and Safran approved.



3. Principal's Update – Allan Kelly

- Staffing: the September staffing model for the projected student numbers is finalized.
 - There will be some split Junior classes:
 - Split classes are formed when student numbers do not break out properly for single grade classes and there are at least 4 extra students from each grade.
 - TDSB policy states that Primary grades are capped at 20 students while Juniors have no cap. Often there are class sizes of 36-38 students in those grades.
 - We have no staff surplus and will need one more teacher.
 - There will be a special education Kindergarten class and 4 JK/SK split classes with 4 teachers and 4 ECEs.
 - Mr. Low will be off on a 4 out of 5 and Mme. Barbier is coming back from mat leave and going from full time to half time status. She will likely resume teaching Core French, but this is not firm yet.
 - We will be closed for optional attendance this year.
 - Parents are invited to be part of the staffing process.
 - Do we have any power to apply pressure to the Board regarding hiring? Not really, except perhaps with prep positions (e.g. IT, arts etc).
 - Classroom assignments will be communicated to families on the final report card of the year > the last email communication to go out to families will map class numbers to teachers, with the understanding that assignments may change before September.
- Track and Field: previously, there has been a school-wide track and field day > will not be happening this year.
 - Only grade 4-6 students who qualify will go to the Board-wide meet (at Birchmount) > previously the school-wide event was used to select students from grades 2 and up to participate, but this year we will have tryouts instead.
 - Tryout information will be posted on Mr. Kasaval's [website](#) and bulletin board and will be communicated to students during morning announcements.
 - Morning fitness will now focus on Track and Field practice and is open to grades 1-6, even though grades 1-3 will not advance to Birchmount (younger students who are interested in morning fitness will not be excluded).
 - Tryouts will take place at lunch during the week of April 17th.
 - Should we let parents know about the change in the school-wide Track and Field day as it has become tradition? It is on Mr. Kasaval's website and we point parents there in every Monday email.



- Technology: more devices are being ordered.
 - The TVs have been a great success so far in the classrooms and are being utilized by the teachers. People are happy with using less paper as a result as well.
 - There is an ongoing issue with wireless connectivity and we are awaiting the installation of more WiFi hotspots to solve this - TDSB is working on it. We are ahead of most other schools so the process is slow.
 - Week of May 1: Education Week - Mental Health and Well Being and Art Show.
 - Some activities planned: assembly (Monday), nutrition workshop (Tuesday), school-wide art program (Wednesday), Kids Helpline activities (Thursday), assembly and outdoor activities (Friday).
 - Information will be sent home with possible ways in which parents can participate.
 - The goal is to raise awareness about mental health issues and to help students, teachers and parents learn about how to identify and get help with issues that may present in a classroom but be less visible at home.
 - During the same week, the annual art show will showcase a piece of art from each student in the school. Viewing times will be communicated to families.
- Cell Phones At School: this issue was discussed at the Safe and Caring Schools Committee meeting > some children are using phones during school hours and may be posting content online that they should not be posting.
 - The school rules are clear that children are not to be using cell phones at school.
 - We would like to have someone come in to talk to students and parents about online safety > Allan suggested Steven Chapelle in September, his talk is aimed at parents (good tips for limits/controls). We are also looking into Paul Davis who comes highly recommended by many other schools and speaks to both kids and adults.
 - The yearly police officer visit also covers some of this topic with grade 6 students.
 - Mr. Kasaval's safety module covers some of this information as well and Mr. Krentz mentioned that when he helps the Junior grades with online navigation, he points them away from Google and towards more specialized search engines.
 - Could also show the film *Screenagers* about the issues of children having phones.
 - Allan also mentioned that the Chromebooks and devices in the classrooms have parental controls on them and stressed the importance of parents setting up these kinds of controls on cell phones and home devices and speaking to children about internet safety > not all parents have the knowledge to do this, and given the huge



Parent Council investment in technology we feel that there is an accountability issue that needs to be addresses as the students become tech and internet savvy.

- Comment: this fits well with having a speaker address these issues with both parents and students and give some instruction on how to handle these issues at home.
- Perhaps we should use the PRO Grant to pay for a speaker > let's find one that speaks to both parents and students.
- Last Friday, two grade 3 and 4 students left the school property to go to 7/11. The families were contacted.
- Grade 6 graduation: Tuesday, June 27th from 1pm to 3pm. Photos are at 1pm and the ceremony lasts until about 1:45pm, followed by refreshments until about 3pm.
- Communications: a parent who is also a school Principal spoke to Allan and complimented our communications > wants to implement a similar model at his school.
- Our technology is also a model for other schools > lots to be proud of!

4. Committee Reports

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives.

Fun Fair - April Moon

- Planning is going well so far, even though the Fair is 3 weeks earlier this year.
- There are lots of notes and details recorded which remain the same from year to year, which helps with project management > April is also working on filling in the Legacy Planning document, which will help in future years.
- There are some areas which need more help from parent volunteers > we will send out details about this, but please see April for more information if you'd like to help.
- We are estimating that the event will make about \$16,000 this year.
- Changes: we have no more Wilkinson merchandise for sale, but there is some Wilkinson 100 gear which will be sold at a centenary booth > staffed by Allan, revenue will go to the school.
- This year we'll try to do 4 free activities/performances > showcases from community businesses who are donating to the Fun Fair (we do not allow flyers during the event).
- We want to try a teacher auction again this year.



5. New Business

Funding Proposal - EcoTeam Butterfly Garden

- Motion to approve \$250 for garden supplies > *motion carried.*
- The Greening Committee has met and are aware of this initiative > note that the Learning Garden clean-up day is April 22 and the seedlings in the classroom requests will be filled shortly.

6. Council meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**The next meeting of the 2016-2017 Council will be held on
Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 6:30pm in the school library.**

2017/18 Staffing Model

	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
JK/SK	14	15							29
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Grade 1			20						20
Grade 1			21						21
Grade 2				20					20
Grade 2				18					18
Grade 2				18					18
Grade 3					20				20
Grade 3					20				20
Grade 3/4					14	6			20
Grade 4/5						17	6		23
Grade 5							24		24
Grade 6								25	25
Totals	58	55	41	56	54	23	30	25	
FE Grade 4						29			29
FE Grade 4/5						11	14		25
FE Grade 5							29		29
FE Grade 6								26	26
FE Grade 6								25	25
Music (prep)					Behaviou	1			
Gym(prepare)					Pr HSP			JrHSP	
Core Fr(prepare)		DRPrep			MART			SERT	
Library		IT prep			KIP	1			
		Prep							