



## 2016-2017 Wilkinson School Community Council

### June 5th, 2017

#### Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

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The 2016-2017 Chair, Angelina Diassiti called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

#### Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of June Agenda</li><li>2. Approval of May Minutes</li><li>3. Principal's Update</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Committee Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fun Fair</li><li>- Arts</li><li>- Financial Update</li></ul></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Date For Next Meeting</li></ul></li><li>6. Adjournment of Council Meeting</li><li>7. AGM</li></ol> |
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#### Attendance

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##### Present:

Yasmin Buhariwala (VP)  
Manpreet Chana (Dandylion)  
Angelina Diassiti (Chair)  
Dan Dumistrescu (Vice Chair)  
Shanna Breslin (Secretary)  
Joel Krentz (Staff)

Lillian Ling  
April Moon  
Brenda Ohngemach  
Julia Warrender

##### Regrets:

Allan Kelly (Principal)  
Carmen Doyle  
Sharon Hennessey  
Raihana Ingar  
Rob Jefferson  
Paula Kahn  
Kris Kearns  
Safran Lafeer (Treasurer)  
Michela Pasquali  
Erin Vaillancourt

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#### 1. Approval of May Agenda

- Shanna and Lillian approved.

#### 2. Approval of April Minutes

- Lillian and Angelina approved.



### 3. Principal's Update – Yasmin Buhariwala

- On behalf of all the staff, thank you Parent Council for all that you do throughout the year. Fundraising is so important for bringing amazing programs and technology into the school and our communications are excellent.
- We achieved Platinum EcoSchools status! Thank you to the staff, families and especially the students for all of the hard work you put into reaching this goal.
- EQAO is finished.
- Staffing: a new Kindergarten teacher was hired and next year we have 4 full Kindergarten classrooms with 4 ECEs.
- Our volunteer appreciation breakfast is on June 14 at 9am.
- Grade 6 graduation is on Tuesday, June 27th at 1pm. The photo is first, followed by the ceremony and refreshments. It is over by 3pm. > *Times have been added to website calendar and post.*
- Play Day is Friday, 23rd with a rain date on the last day of school.
- From September 11th to 14th, we'll have student teachers from a university in Japan joining us in the mornings. They will be in pairs observing our teachers.
- Kindergarten students will receive a new type of report card beginning at the end of this year and continuing into the future. The teachers will now report using a 4 frames system with comments > this combines academics with social behaviour and allows for more personalization.
- At Welcome to Kindergarten night, the grandmother of a student told Yasmin that she was very impressed with the open house in May > the student ambassadors were excellent! She also made a direct donation to the school.
- Kindergarten graduation: is there a ceremony this year? We'll do the same thing as last year > no formal ceremony, but individual teachers will decide what they'd like to do within their own classrooms.
- Does Allan have an update on getting Public Health in to do more frequent lice checks? *No update was given to Yasmin, Shanna to check with Allan.*
- Uke Day: June 14th - Can parents go and see the concert? If so, what time will it begin? *Melanie Doane usually wants volunteers for the day - Yasmin will ask about this.*



## 4. Committee Reports

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives.

### Fun Fair - April Moon

- Despite the rain, we had a good turnout!
- We were short some volunteers on the day of, but shifted some people around to cover sparse areas.
- All of the receipts are now in and it looks like we reached our fundraising goal and came in under budget!
- Thank you to everyone who helped out and to all of the staff for supporting the event.
- The storage rooms were left very well organized, which was excellent.
- Many of the members of our food committee are now graduating and we would like to figure out how to get more people involved. The group has historically formed a tight-knit community and we'd like to bring back that kind of feeling.
- Suggestion to bring back Wilkitchen - we did one last year but it was not well attended > *let's brainstorm this in September.*

### Arts Committee - April Moon

- The committee is starting to plan for next year and would like to have the same budget of \$3500 approved.
- We have been sending out more communications with reviews to update the community and get people involved.
- This year we will be doing a visual arts program (it happens every other year), but are not sure which grades will participate.
- We always incorporate at least one French program.
- We will be sending out a survey to staff to get feedback before booking.
- Plan: the committee will meet in July to choose next year's program, book in August and get it approved and paid for in September.

### Financial Update - Angelina Diassiti

- We need a new Treasurer in September so we will look for someone else to fill the position when we send out nomination forms.
- We don't have all of this year's numbers to report yet.



- Do we cover the entire actual cost of a program or only the amount that we pledged?  
We pay what we pledged.
- After paying for our remaining technology upgrade pledge, we should have enough money to pay for the arts programming and the lice and internet seminars with about \$5000 left over.
- Teacher Appreciation event: we have money in the budget for it but at the TDSB seminar about Council financials, we were instructed that Council money is not to be spent on events such as this.
  - This year we're considering doing a smaller coffee and dessert event on a PA Day.
  - Comment from Joel: it is always appreciated, but the general feeling is that this kind of thing is really not needed.
  - We will do a coffee and dessert event during the last PA Day of this year and will revisit in the future.
- We have the same feelings about the volunteer appreciation event - that it's a very nice thought, but not necessary (especially since a lot of parents can't make it out during school hours)
  - Perhaps we could change the event to snacks at the last Council meeting of the year and invite other volunteers to join. *Yasmin will suggest this for next year.*

## 5. New Business

### Date For September Meeting - Angelina Diassiti

- September 18? **Agreed.**

### Procedure for Booking Events Such As Seminars - Angelina Diassiti

- The first step is to give possible dates to the Vice Principal so that we can make sure there are no conflicts > not as big a deal with evening events.
- After booking, speak to Julia about a permit if the event is to be held after 6pm.
- Permits are open to the public so we have to keep this in mind - we can't book them last minute (need a 4-6 week lead time).
- Lightest months are Sept/Oct and Jan/Feb.
- For events like seminars, volunteers are usually used to set up the chairs etc and clean them up afterwards.



#### **Fall Fest - Brenda Ohngemach**

- Should we have the event again next year?
- Yes - it's a nice community-building event!
- Ruby L is happy to help get pumpkins.
- Suggested Date: October 14th.

#### **Funding Proposals - Angelina Diassiti**

- Looking through the AGM, we didn't fund anything relating to mathematics, health and physical education or music this year.
- Since we won't have a large technology project to fund next year, we'll have more money to pledge to other projects. *> Joel will communicate this to the other staff and will ask them to submit funding proposals in time for our October meeting when the budget is set (if possible).*

#### **6. Council meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.**

#### **7. AGM Began at 7:45pm**

- Please see the AGM Report online for details about what the school has done this year.

**The last meeting of the 2016-2017 Council will be held on  
Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:30pm in Room 3.**