



2017-2018 Wilkinson School Community Council September 18, 2017

Meeting Minutes - Approved

The 2016-2017 Chair, Angelina Diassiti called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Agenda

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| 1. Approval of September Agenda | 4. Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fall Fest- Arts Programming- Finance: Budget | 5. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Areas of Need- Permit Process- Q&A With The Principal |
| 2. Approval of June Minutes | | |
| 3. Principal's Update | | 6. Adjournment of Council Meeting |
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Attendance

Present:

Allan Kelly (Principal)	Lilian Ling
Jenny Georgiou (VP)	April Moon
Angelina Diassiti (Chair/Treasurer)	Michela Pasquali
Dan Dumitrescu (Vice Chair)	Erin Vaillancourt
Shanna Breslin (Secretary)	
Joel Krentz (Staff)	Stephanie Lamb (Arts)
Manpreet Chana (Dandy Lion)	Brigitte Nadeau (Arts)
Rob Jefferson	Ashley Elborne (Guest)
Kris Kearns	Jordan Kanner (Guest)
Safran Lafeer	Jennifer Fenrich (Guest)

Regrets:

Brenda Ohngemach
Julia Warrender

Absent:

Carmen Doyle
Raihana Ingar

1. Approval of September Agenda

- Erin and Kris approved.

2. Approval of June Minutes

- Erin and Kris approved.



3. Principal's Update – Allan Kelly

- Welcome back everyone and welcome to all of the new faces, including Jenny Georgiou, our new Vice Principal.
- Staffing: we've been allocated an additional 1.0 teacher to lower the Kindergarten numbers per class.
 - We'll be adding a fifth JK/SK split class containing 15 students and no ECE.
 - 3-4 kids from each existing class will move into the new room.
 - One of the larger classes will move into Room 3, which was originally set up as a Kindergarten room > activities normally held in Room 3 will be moved elsewhere.
 - Room 4 will likely move since they share space with Dandylion before and after care and the logistics make the most sense.
 - The larger classes will average about 28 students after the new class is created.
- Music: there will only be one evening concert this year > Dec 14.
 - This is due to the fact that Ms. Levy is chairing a National Orff conference in April.
 - There will still be practices as per usual throughout the year.
 - As per Ms. Levy's website, Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes will perform in the spring instead of in December.
 - Updates will be communicated and can be found on the Wilkinson music [website](#).
- Facilities: we are getting a new PA system!
 - Work to rewire each room begins on Sept 25 and should finish by Dec 10 > it will be done after school and in the evenings.
 - The system will still communicate with the Dandylion building.
 - Will it include the gym sound system? We don't believe so. It makes sense to get pricing on that because the Council may be able to pay for it if we can do it at the same time. > *Allan will get an estimate and present it.*
- We had 24 Japanese university students visiting last week to observe and learn in the classrooms. It was a good experience for everyone involved.



4. Committee Reports

Committee members provided an update of upcoming and ongoing initiatives.

Fall Fest - Angelina Diassiti and April Moon

- The event will be on Sunday, October 15 from 11am to 2pm.
- Plan to start announcing this week.
- last year we had the perfect amount of pumpkins. If we want to add other produce, we can get it from the pumpkin place - maybe apples.
- We had to cancel a bouncy castle at Fun Fair because of the rain and have a 6 month credit. All are agreed that we should use the credit for Fall Fest.

Arts Programming - Stephanie Lamb, Brigitte Nadeau, April Moon

- The Arts Committee uses a \$3500 budget to bring arts programming into the school.
- We bring the performances in to allow more kids to access them (as opposed to sending fewer kids out to see them).
- We often book through Prologue to the Performing Arts, which is an organization that brings together many different performers and artists. They have been approved by Wilkinson admin and are used by many TDSB schools > the website includes reviews written by other schools (helpful in vetting programs). They keep a file on us which helps us to book a variety of programs over the course of a number of years.
- The Committee picks programs of different genres and with differing content, taking into account teacher requests and curriculum emphasis.
- The hope is that by the time students leave the school, they've experienced all genres.
- Due to their complication and cost, visual arts programs are usually booked every other year by the Council, but are often booked by the school through Visual Arts Ontario.
- Usually JK/SK get one performance at the end of the school year (so they're a little bit more mature). Grades 1-6 get at least two programs.
- This year the committee is working with a theme of diversity.
- Most of the performances chosen for this year come from Prologue, with the exception of a show by Roseneath Theatre and a visual arts program with illustrator Irene Luxbacher.
- More details about the programs will be communicated once they are booked.
- The committee collects reviews from students to distribute in our email newsletter after each performance and asks teachers for feedback at the end of the year. This year they're going to ask teachers for feedback after each performance. Would teachers



rather hard copy or electronic surveys? *Joel will ask around.*

- Note that Stephanie is taking over as committee lead.
- The Arts team meets once or twice in the summer to choose the programs and then communicates mostly via email around each performance. It's a fun and easy committee to be a part of! If anyone's interested in joining, please email the Council!

Finance - Angelina Diassiti

- There's still work to be done on the end of year finance report to be filed next week so we'll vote on the budget at the next meeting.
- Please tell the staff that if they have any requests in mind, they should please send them in before the next meeting so that we have an idea of what spending requests we may have coming in this year and what we'll have left to spend going forward. The Funding Request form on our website should be used.
- Reminder: Angelina is acting Treasurer > please give extra time when requesting cheques.

5. New Business

Current Areas of Need- Angelina Diassiti

- We are looking to fill a few roles: Treasurer, Babysitting Coordinator and Education Committee.
- We'll be sending out an email about this, but please consider the roles in the meantime.
- We're hoping for a Treasurer with a few years left at the school as there's a learning curve (we're hoping someone can settle into the role).
- The Babysitting Coordinator would shadow April this year and then take over. We have a document with instructions - it's not a ton of work.
- Education Committee: we currently have no one on this committee. We need to put together a description > perhaps it can include both PRO Grant and general seminars.

Permit Process - Julia Warrender

- Please refer to the following guidelines: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Permits.aspx>
- We will discuss this at the October meeting.

Other

- Cross Country is in full swing already. The first meet is on Monday, October 2 at Ashbridge's Bay > this meet is for everyone, kids don't have to qualify to participate.
- Parents are always welcome to come out and support the team!



- More information about cross country and our other sports programs can be found on Mr. Kasaval's [website](#).
- We can provide tents and possibly water for the meet > *Joel will ask Mr. Kasaval.*

Q & A With The Principal - Allan Kelly

- French: are there info nights for French Immersion and Extended?
 - Extended has an info night in December and information goes home with Grade 3 students.
 - Students are guaranteed placement if forms are submitted on time > otherwise there is a waiting list.
 - Information will also be sent home before the Immersion information night as well.
- What is the competency level of students that finish Extended as compared with Immersion?
 - There is a pathway which includes Earl Grey, followed by Riverdale CI.
 - Students that continue to the end of high school graduate with a Diploma in French Language Studies and have the same options as Immersion students.
- What kind of technology is in the classroom here?
 - Wilkinson is a pilot school and is actually ahead of the Board.
 - With a huge amount of support from the Council over the last number of years, we currently have: 96 Chromebooks shared by the junior classes, 5 iPads per class for K-3, 10 iPads for juniors to use, 10 Chromebooks in the library and Smart TV projection units in each class and library.
 - As the Librarian, Joel's responsibilities include supporting the staff and making sure they're comfortable using the technology.
 - We begin with basic coding from JK > not using language, but using Scratch and Scratch Jr for example.
 - All of our computers and devices are mobile - we have no desktop units. Often Joel will visit classrooms instead of classes visiting him and teachers can bring carts of devices with them to various locations. Smart boards are still being used, but not as frequently.
- Do we have technology as a line item yet on our Council budget?
 - We are going to be discussing this at future meetings to come up with an ongoing plan.
- Google Docs: using this for homework is sometimes challenging.



- Many elementary kids don't have their own computers and it can be difficult for parents to share theirs in the evenings in order for kids to meet tight homework deadlines which involve work online and printing.
- This is something that parents need to speak with teachers about in terms of expectations and how realistic deadlines are.
- I have no idea what my son does all day in JK.
 - In May there was a Welcome to Kindergarten Night which is really informative. On September 28th is Curriculum night, which will give you the opportunity to see the classroom, get an overview of the curriculum and speak briefly with the teacher.
- Are there any clubs at the school?
 - Allan will send us a general list that we can put in the Parent Handbook. Note that not all clubs run every year for a number of reasons, but it will serve to give parents a general idea.

6. Council meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next meeting of the 2017-2018 Council will be held on Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Library.