

Wilkinson School Community Council – 13 January 2014 – Approved Minutes

Next Meeting: 10 February 2014	13 January 2014 - Agenda: 1. Approval of Dec Minutes 2. Approval Of the Agenda 3. Aussie X Sports Presentation 4. Principal's Update 5. Dandylion Update 6. By-Law Change 7. Budget	8. New funding requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aussie X • Outdoor Sign • Arts in the Classroom • Website • Head-Lice 9. Committee Reports 10. Clothing Swap/Wilkitchen Update 11. Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for selection of lunch programs and how it is fair to all children
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Attendees:								Y = Attend	R = Regrets	G = Guest	M = Missing
Y	Ruby Lederman – Chair	M	Manpreet Chana, – (Dandylion Representative)	Y	Raihana Ingar	Y	<i>Catherine Hewlett (Zikkovitz),</i>				
Y	Erin Vaillancourt – Vice Chair	M	Adriatik Alimerkaj	M	Leanne Jeans	R	AnnaBelle Lougheed				
Y	Jill Spellman – Secretary	M	Sabmam Bharuchi	Y	Rob Jefferson	R	Salima Headley				
R	Sharon Hennessey – Treasurer	Y	Laura Bullard-Brezovsky	Y	Kris Kearns	G	Natalie Kauffman				
Y	Allan Kelly – Principal	Y	Angelina Diassiti	Y	Bruce MacDonald	G	Tom (Aussie Sports)				
Y	Yasmin Buhariwalla – Vice Principal	Y	Paul Dobson	Y	April Moon						
Y	Batya Levy – Teacher Representative	R	Sarah-Jane Gillespie	Y	Deanna Rosolen						
R	Susan Jim – Teacher Representative	Y	Alison Howson	R	Paula Weekes Kahn						

#	Topic/Issue	Status/ Action	Who	When
1	Minutes	Correction to the November minutes confirmed by Jill Spellman. The December minutes were approved by Kris Kearns and seconded by Alison Howson.		

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2	Agenda	<p>No conflicts of interest regarding the meeting's agenda were declared.</p> <p>The agenda was moved by April Moon and seconded by Paul Dobson.</p> <p>"The agenda for the 13 January 2014 meeting is approved." - CARRIED</p>		
3	Aussie X Sports Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom gave a brief presentation on the Aussie X Life Changing Sports Program with an anti-bullying theme. • 5 years in Toronto, 175,000 kids country-wide / 800 schools (55 in TDSB). • Cricket (Gr. 3-6), Netball (K-3), Australian Rules Football (3/4-6), • Paul Dobson asked specifics: Tom stated the program would do four days with two Aussie X instructors which would see the entire student body involved. There is also an evening in which parents are invited back (sometimes tied to a fundraiser BBQ) for the kids to teach their parents. Equipment and teacher's manuals are also left behind so that the sports can continue. 		
4	Principal's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Day Kindergarten: meeting on December 10th included architects from the TDSB. Rooms 1, 2, 4, 5 will be used for Full Day Kindergarten and will have a teacher and an EEC. If there is an additional class then Room 3 or 56 will be used. If there is an extra class there will only be an extra teacher but no EEC. Some minor changes will be made to the classrooms such as plumbing, and additional cubbies. 28 kids cap per class. Alison Howson asked what caps were. Allan Kelly said primary is 20 kids (K-3) and junior classes are capped at 25 but this is not a hard cap so can go over. • Kindie Registration: Allan Kelly mentioned that there will be a new banner. Ruby Lederman mentioned that we would like a Council rep to be present. Alison Howson and Angelina Diassiti offered to help. April Moon mentioned that Dandy Lion will also have a presence. • Community Council Notice Board: Allan Kelly contacted a vendor to get an idea on prices and time-line. Rob Jefferson is also looking into this and will forward this information on to Allan Kelly so that he is point of contact. Once the quotes are in we need to decide which model we want asap. More information planned for next meeting. • Island Trip: April 7th • Thursday February 13th: Parent Teacher Interviews; none on Friday February 14th. 		
5	Dandy Lion Daycare Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Moon reports that there is no update at this time. 		
6	Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby Lederman proposed changes to the Constitution to allow a membership count that is up to or equals 10% of the Student Body at start of the school year. There was discussion about process for new members coming on board. The initial membership will follow the same voting in process as done in prior years. Later membership requests will go to Council for a vote. • Jill Spellman proposed an amendment to have Two Co-Chairs: Rob Jefferson asks for more details. Allan Kelly questions whether it is necessary. Paul Dobson and Erin Vaillancourt also discussed. Determined that there would be little difference between two Chairs and the current 		

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		<p>structure of a Chair and a Vice Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Spellman proposed that the executive only serve one-year terms: Ruby Lederman mentions that in September before the new Council is voted in the current Council stands down. Ruby Lederman says let's investigate what the Ministry guidelines dictate on Chair / Vice Chair for next month. 		
7	Treasurer Report - Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer sent her regrets but sent an update via the Chair. \$14,760 current balance does not include Pizza Lunch registration. Paul Dobson what \$\$ do we have to spend? Ruby Lederman mentions we have \$20K unallocated right now. Ruby Lederman says we like to carry over \$8K so we have approximately \$12K to allocate. 		
8	<p>New Funding Requests</p> <p><i>\$8500 total funding requested</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Aussie X</u>: Ruby Lederman asks about cost. Some discussion re: costs. \$5375 plus HST for the Ultimate Package. AM asks if the teachers will continue this. Allan Kelly says it is unrealistic for the teachers to continue on for an indefinite it time. The idea is that it is an "experience" for the kids. Paul Dobson reads off the choices. <i>Motion for the Aussie X X-Traordinary package at a total cost of \$6075. LBB and RI approve the motion. CARRIED.</i> <u>Arts Committee</u>: Each classroom (22 classes) will get exposure to an artist for half a day. Allan Kelly has endorsed the program for the entire school and has drafted a schedule. Allan Kelly put forward that this could be a separate arts fund or if part of the arts funding has not been spent then it could be applied to part of the cost for the fine arts program. April Moon would like to see the arts budget cover 2 plays, perhaps take it down to 1 play, and would like to see the remainder of the budget to cover this additional cost. Anything left over could be a separate funding request. Ruby Lederman does not think that the \$3500 annual arts budget should only go into a half day fine arts class. Deanna Rosolen and Allan Kelly state that no money has been spent yet. Ruby Lederman asks how much money would be needed for 1 play per class. Paul Dobson states that if we still want to do plays, etc., time is of the essence so that a decision should be made vs deferring for another month. A request for funding should be made as soon as possible. April Moon says that by the end of this year we need to be looking forward to the 2014/5 year, book them early. <i>Motion that the Committee spends the majority of the current Arts budget on fine arts classes K-6 and then next month make a another funding requests for the performing arts recommendations for the remainder of the academic year. Will come to approximately \$2500 increase. PD approves motion. AM seconds the motion. CARRIED.</i> <u>Website</u>: Rob Jefferson spoke to this. The site is hosted by a Wilkinson parent but the Communications Committee are interested in taking over the website and would like to host the website themselves. Put the website under the ownership of the Council vs an individual. \$200 will cover server space from a provider. This is a recurring fee. Go with "Go Daddy" and it will provide a domain name and email accounts. Ruby Lederman asked about managing the migration of the old site to the new site. Rob Jefferson confirmed that Committee will manage 		

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		<p>the migration. Erin Vaillancourt also spoke to this point; this will be an ongoing line item on the annual budget. Ruby Lederman asks about the cost of the domain name and Rob Jefferson says that it should be part of the Go Daddy package. Need to get the domain name from Phil Khan. Alison Howson says that there may be additional costs down the line but Allan Kelly mentions that this can be made as a funding request as and when needed.</p> <p><i>Motion for \$300 for the Communications Committee. Rob Jefferson approves the motion forward. Paul Dobson seconds the motion. Council approves. CARRIED.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Lice: Request to have a private company come in to check the kids heads on a regular basis. Yasmin Buhariwalla asks why we need to pay. Just have Public Health come to visit. The cost for a private company is about \$5 per person and they would come in three times per year. If Parent Council was to cover the program this year, it would come to about \$2500. Yasmin Buhariwalla will find out about Public Health. Public Health should do it free although Allan Kelly doesn't believe it is free. April Moon mentions that Dandylion Daycare regularly check for lice. Ruby Lederman wants to narrow it down. Are we interested in paying or getting it for free? NK says that at her sister's school there is a group of parent volunteers who can be trained and conduct these checks. Paul Dobson suggests that the Public Health Nurse train the parent volunteers. <i>TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.</i> • Outdoor Sign: Approximately \$20K possibly need to pay for this over two years. Bruce MacDonad spoke to the sign and is not comfortable with providing close to \$9K towards the Aussie-X and Fine Arts programming. Rob Jefferson and Paul Dobson speak to this that we will have a goal (the sign) to fundraise for. Allan Kelly reminded that the sign will not be a big factor until next academic school year. <i>TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.</i> • Wil-Kitchen: went well but doors were locked. • Lunch Programs: <i>TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.</i> • Sweetheart Bake Sale: Raihana Ingar and Angelina Diassiti will organize this event. Morning Recess and during lunch. Volunteers needed for baking and day of. Newsletter information will be sent to Deanna Rosolen. Room 26 has volunteered to create posters to be put up in school. Ruby Lederman confirms that budget is in place to be spent. Raihana Ingar asks if there are supplies left over from FF. Erin Vaillancourt offered to provide plastic containers. Raihana Ingar will send the info re: halal and nut-free baked goods only. • Fundraiser of the Wine Raffle: Erin Vaillancourt and Ruby Lederman spoke on this. One raffle with wine and one with gourmet food in order appeal to the greater demographic. April Moon asks who are we going after for donations. Erin Vaillancourt and Ruby Lederman confirmed it would be all parent donations, no private companies. The question of how wine can be donated. The concept of having a person at the school to receive wine bottles from parents and to have drop-off sites where parents volunteer to receive the donations at their own homes. Allan Kelly asked Erin Vaillancourt to find out how the other schools accomplish this logistically. <i>TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.</i> • Deanna Rosolen mentioned that schools in Alberta are doing the fresh organic veg to your door as a fundraiser. Is this a possibility? 		
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		<i>Items 9 to 11 on the January agenda were missed as meeting ran long.</i>		
	Adjourned	It was moved by Allan Kelly and seconded by Ruby Lederman. "That the meeting be adjourned at 8.15 pm" – CARRIED		
	Next Meeting	10 February 2014		

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