



WILLIAMSON ROAD JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (WILLY SAC) MEETING

DATE	October 29, 2024	TIME	6:30 PM
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ATTENDEES	
Name	Role
Malini Hyland	Principal
Kate Dumoulin	Teacher Representative
Janet Theunissen	Willy SAC Co-chair
Lindsay Thompson	Willy SAC Co-chair
Nikki Stiavnicky	Willy SAC Treasurer
Kate Lorriman	Willy SAC Secretary
Stella Pischedda	Willy SAC Parent/Caregiver Representative
Ann Hui	Willy SAC Parent/Caregiver Representative
Laura Ditzkofsky	Willy SAC Parent/Caregiver Representative
Jess Armstrong	Willy SAC Parent/Caregiver Representative
Vanessa Seguin	Willy SAC Parent/Caregiver Representative
Emma Lister	Willy SAC Parent/Caregiver Representative
Kate S	Parent/Caregiver Attendee
Mark S	Parent/Caregiver Attendee
Rachel A	Parent/Caregiver Attendee

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6:30	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	LT/All
6:45	<p>Principal Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It has been a very busy fall season at Willy. Cross country and fall sports have been successful, we had lots of participation. Participation can't happen without parents, so thank you to all the parents for helping to make it happen. It has been great to see the dedication for cross country – the kids come out four times a week to practice and run even in bad weather. Many of the Willy students qualified at various sporting events and received banners. The soccer teams all did great, the boys went to conference finals and the girls went to city semi-finals. Both the boys and girls teams should be proud of how far they got this year and how well they all played. Flag football finished up recently, went great, they missed moving on by only 1 point. We have a small break now, then volleyball will start up. 2. Music update - choir has started up. 3. Brave came and did workshops at the school in October. The feedback was really positive from staff and kids. The parent presentation will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. The flyer to RSVP will go out this week, childcare will be available. 4. The school will be partnering with Michael Garron Hospital to participate in a voluntary saliva testing program ("Spit-kits") for influenza, RSV and COVID-19. More info to follow in the coming weeks. 5. Books - We are buying new books in English and French - our book collection needs to be revamped. The school is investing in decodable books and more culturally relevant novel sets for juniors. Some grades have already made selections and orders are coming in, the rest to be ordered and will come soon. 6. Math – teachers are working on guided math with the students, similar to the guided reading groups. 7. Teachers are still in the planning phase of the indigenous culture inquiry. 8. Mme. Karsh and Mme. Scarcello have ordered several coding/stem materials for the coding/stem room (formerly the art room). There will be a PD session to train teachers on how to best use the materials. 9. The library is a bit of a challenge right now as we do not have a dedicated librarian. We are planning on closing the library for a few days to get it reorganized, students will help, and parents can sign up to volunteer. Freddy is taking on library reorganization and will help explain the process to parent volunteers. We will also work with Michelle Angelovski to determine tasks for parent volunteers. 10. Scholastic Book fair – will take place during parent teacher/report card week. In-person sales timing will depend on parent volunteer availability (before and/or after school), will be open during Thursday parent/teacher interview evening. <p>Teacher update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical Education: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Girls soccer went to city semi-finals, boys went to conference finals. b. Cross country city finals placements: grade 6 girls team placed 3rd, grade 6 boys team placed 2nd, grade 5 boys team placed 3rd. Tula W came in 2nd place in the city finals for grade 5 girls. 	<p>MH</p> <p>KD</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Basketball and volleyball are coming up, and hockey will follow. d. Mr. Violo will be starting primary intramurals; the first one will be soccer. He is aiming to do three different sessions of intramurals throughout the year. e. Willy Phys Ed website is up, has a lot of info: https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/hpewilly?usp=sharing <p>2. Leadership Teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Leadership Program is well underway, library helpers have started, kindie helpers and recess helpers starting soon. b. The first sets of helpers have already done their tasks, the kids who participated in cross country are just starting their assignments now. 	
7:00	<p>Lunchtime Protocols and Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtime has been brought up often by parents/caregivers this year. It is an ongoing challenge in our building, as it's an old building. Often in other schools, gyms are used for lunch. Students used to do that in the basement in Willy, but there were fewer students back then. • Lunchroom Supervisors (LRS) are allocated by the TDSB and based on how many students are at the school. • We have an allocation of 8 LRS. Due to the double lunch swap that occurs in kindergarten and ECE's supervising the eating portion, we have 6 supervisors for grades 1-6, along with support from both our EA and SNA for both groups as needed. The VP is also usually outside. • The current lunchtime procedures have been developed taking into account scheduling issues and to avoid changing the school's daily timetable. • The kindergarten classes have a double lunch - half of the students are inside with ECE while half are outside with supervisors and then they switch. • There is not enough space for all the kids to eat in one area, the transition process of moving around the school to eat outside of the classroom is lengthy and challenging with all the floors. Students are currently eating in their classrooms because it is the safest space right now. • There are lunchroom supervisors on each floor and each one travels between 2-3 classrooms. Some classes put on a video – if it's a French class, the video must be in French, both English and French classes must show educational videos. It is a way to keep order with minimal supervision. Malini will communicate with teachers to confirm these types of videos are being shown. Older students are not allowed to be on chrome books during lunch time. • The school cannot use Willy SAC funds to pay for more supervisors. <i>Question: can older kids (5/6) provide supervision? Response: They are not quite old enough and cannot manage conflict that might arise, nor should they be made responsible to address certain issues that arise.</i> 	MH

7:15	<p>Funding Allocation Additional Submissions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No additional funding requests were submitted. 2. Willy SAC suggestions: apply for grant for further parent engagement sessions/workshops. Parents/caregivers applying for grant is great, but we applied last year and didn't get it – some years we do, some years we don't. We can apply again this year. Good feedback from Paul Davis session. We will try to find something beyond online behaviours concerning in-person boundaries, consent, etc. 	All
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Can we earmark funds to top up school projects? (Such as Buddy bench, etc) Yes, we can. 4. Malini will present additional teacher funding requests once they are submitted, Willy SAC can vote on additional funding requests by email. 	
7:30	<p>SAC Initiatives/Coming up in 2024-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza lunch bi-weekly, special lunches: subway, hero burger, belly busters, etc. • Willy at the Movies: November 28, January 16, April 17 • Sales/fundraisers: Terra cotta cards, sparkplug coffee, cookies. • Textile Drive - 2 or 3 per year • Willy Reads in February • Parent Social • DJ Mike Dance Party • Freezie Days • JuneFest – biggest fundraiser • Kindie Bike Rodeo • Staff appreciation lunch • School run initiatives, winter clothing drive, book donations • Grade 6 graduation 	LT/JT/KL
7:45	<p>Questions/New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More options for ordering Willy Wear. • Pizza lunch weekly? To be discussed, need two more volunteer leads to run the other week. • Movie night for Fridays in 2025/2026 to be considered. Holiday or March break could be an option as well. • Next Willy SAC Meeting dates: January 28th, April 29th 	All
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