WILLIAMSON ROAD SCHOOL COUNCIL

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| **Meeting Minutes** | **Date:** | Wednesday, Jan 27th 2021 |
| **Time:** | 6:30pm |
|  | **Location:** | Virtual Meeting |

**Present:** Sydney Richardson (Treasurer), Nikki Stiavnicky (Parent Rep), Frances Anderson (Support Staff Rep.), Mark Duwyn (Principal), Melanie Wolfe (Vice-Principal), Annick Cardinal (Staff Rep.), Diana Harrington, Simon Yau, Leanne Chamberlain, Janet Theunissen, Emmanuel Evdemon, Sarah Charters (co Secertary), Keegan Boyd, Kelly Short, Taanis Smyth, Julie Wilson, Gemma Healy, Karen Foster, John Bauer, Kara Dawson, Jennifer Black

Apologies David Winkler, Gina McCubbin

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Janet Theunissen (Chair). The agenda was presented, as follows:

Agenda**:**

* Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions.
* Principal/Vice Principal Update
* New Math Curriculum Presentation (Mme Cardinal)
* Playground Project Update
* Upcoming events and SAC update
* New Business/Questions

Attached:

* Maths Curriculum

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| Introductions & Welcome | **Welcome to all – Janet Theunissen**  Introductions  Land Acknowledgement received by all and read by Janet Theunissen |
| School Reports  ; | **Update from Mark Duwyn**   * Welcome and thanks from Mark * The school was notified of remote learning over the holiday break. * Teachers have adjusting to remote learning and have risen to the challenge, taking a few weeks to set up. * How are parents coping? Is Feb 10th the return date, it is currently unknown? * Teachers are keeping timetables similar to regular school. * Electronic report cards will be issued the week of Feb 8th. Feb 12th scheduled PA day. * Teachers commended for pivot to online schooling.Please send thanks to the teachers! * Y6 – Glen Ames, (deadline this Friday) * Appreciate SAC and thanks for initiatives. * Parent communications – continue to be sent out Fridays * Thanks to Frances for being onsite and distributing over 40 devices. * Melanie half time VP/supporting special ed.   **Update from Melanie Wolfe**   * Thanks to admin team. * Hard teachers are working - please send some love! * Spec Ed/EQOA updates – C Cat 7 screener – completed in the fall. The school has not had results. Unsure when score sheets will be distributed. * Exception for virtual time online minimums can be submitted. Exception is available to students as needed – parents can submit for approval This is available if students are able to complete their work/assignments, but struggle with online portion of remote learning. Reach out to admin or teacher for further questions.   **Update from Frances**   * Hand out technology who has needed. Chrome books are being handed out. * Forms due for Glen Ames Friday (Monday they will be send over). * Feb 1 JK registration – application online. |

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| New Math Curriculum Presentation  Mme Cardinal | **Aim of new curriculum:**   1. Improvement needed due to decline in math results in standard test 2. No longer applied and academic streams in grade 9 3. Focus on fundamentals. 4. Need to align French and English curriculums   **Background to changes:**   * Math curriculum shifting towards number talk or data literacy – mental math strategies – move to visualise mathematics. * Jo Boller – Stanford math professor is the models basis.   **Main points:**   * Change how to data verse algebra – data literate. Read data, bias, what isn’t represented. * Symbolic/visual connection – see the relationship, becomes less rules, more sense. * Teaching to think of yourself of a maths person – if they believe they can, they perform better. * Challenge is the learning. * As parents how we message, important, procedural ‘why it happened’. * Back to basics – fluidity with numbers. * Knowing your tables important, but flexibility with numbers ongoing. * Talking about maths problems together – encourage collaboration.   **Strands:**   * Coding starting in grade 1, added to algebra. * Measurement and Geometry together. * Financial mathematics starting in grade 1 – talking about money, budgets, credit card, bank fees up from Y4 to Y6 (interest rates)   **Points of Consideration:**   * Adding how we see ourselves is important. Unsure how to assess this – so it is on hold in the ministry currently. * Develop professional learning opportunities for the new method of teaching. |

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| Financial Review  – Sydney Richardson | * No changes in financial position * .JuneFest deposit was returned * $800 spend was approved for Willy Reads. * Funding allocations – no requests from parents, no current needs due to virtual learning. This is on hold until physical school returns, post the school report window (Feb 10th 2021) |
| Dates / Times of Meetings | * It was decided that the last Tuesday of the month would work for future SAC meetings * Next meeting, however, will be March 30th 2021. |
| Playground | **Update from Leanne Chamberlain**   * Fundraising is needed to replace both the back and front yard playgrounds which are approximately 25 years old. * It is expected that fundraising efforts will be over multiple years and raised through direct fundraising and/or a one-time donation. * The project is currently in the planning process. A survey will go to both children and cargivers in the next 1-2 months, with questions regarding connections, fundraising and design. * The black top is expected to be resurfaced and repainted with children’s activities next Spring (2022) * It was discussed the track funding was one year of allocated fundraising. Funds were raised by direct donation & plaques $250. * No funds for TBDB, but they will remove and provide a design crew. TDSB have already surveyed the site. * TDSB can provide cost savings, standard suppliers. * Is there an ability to access local development fees (MPP/ward) access to funds or apply to foundations? * A request was made to provide ball park figures |
| Questions, Comments, New Business | **Update from Janet Theunissen**   * Thanks given by Janet on behalf of the SAC to the entire Willy teaching and support staff. Special thanks to Frances!   **Valentines Day Outreach**   * Valentines Outreach has been communicated. Personal connections for selected recipients LTC homes from kids within the Willy community.   **Willy Reads**   * Willy Reads is focusing on African heritage month, recorded readings, anti bullying). * Question – how to get they Grade 6ers involved? * Book donation drive expected to go ahead (book bank). * Repeat of virtual book fair – last Ella Minnow fundraising raised $500 for the school library.   **Other Fundraising ideas**   * Fundraising Photos of students. Could teachers coordinate zoom photos – buy the image?   **Speaker Series**   * Speaker series – June – grant from TDSB and the ministry. * Topic - Anti racist kids to be shared with Secord.   **Graduation**   * It is expected graduation will not be an indoor event, looking at digital ceremony options. * Plans on hold awaiting TDSB, but could be individual classes to meet Covid guidelines. * Grad committee is needed. In previous years grade 5 parents would volunteer for front row seats for graduation held at the United Church with a reception and a dance at the rec centre. * The expected funding allocation will be similar to previous years. Funding will be discussed and approved in the next SAC meeting. Approximately 60 students graduating. $3200 spent on sweater in 2019-20 with SAC contribution $1700   **June Fest**   * Janet is currently looking into a virtual June Fest, silent auction. |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm by Janet Theunissen (Chair). Next meeting March 30th 2021.

Minutes recorded by Diana Harrington (Co-Secretary)