



WILLIAMSON ROAD SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 30th
2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

Present: 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 (Chair), Emmanuel Evdemon, Sarah Charters (co Secretary), Hillary Brick, David Roberts, Heather Roberts, Mark St Cyr, Kate St Cyr, Holly Elliot, Max Chernysh, Taleah Clarke.

Apologies: Keegan Boyd

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
- Playground Project Update
- Upcoming events and SAC update
 - PRO grant
 - Grad budget
 - Silent Auction/Art Auction/Tea Towels
- New Business/Questions

Introductions & Welcome	Welcome to all – Janet Theunissen Introductions Land Acknowledgement received by all and read by Janet Theunissen
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School Reports	<p>Update from Mark Duwyn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and thanks from Mark. • Spring Break confirmed, April 12-16th. • Unsure if school will return after break, but communication from the TDSB is to be ready to pivot to virtual school. • Huge increase in kids and parents wearing masks outside. Spare masks available in the office if needed. • Reminder to students to bring water bottles to school. The school has run out of cups a few times. • Health forms must be completed each day. Approximately 12 students each day are coming to school without forms. The office is really busy following up with screenings. Frances is getting her steps in! • Tech - if pivoting it will need to be distributed. There has been new purchases of ipads and chromebooks to support school learning. • Playground committee - the school is happy with the progress. • Staffing for next year 524 students, down from last year. Planning for back to classrooms in September. • Expecting the structure 30 minute lunch, rotary teachers - less rotation, 2 breaks. • Due to staffing challenges (isolating due to Covid etc), the school is pulling from art/sports to cover classes. <p>Update from Melanie Wolfe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCAT - synopses are coming. These are expected to be sent home in the coming weeks.
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Financial Review – Sydney Richardson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes in financial position • \$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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting Wednesday May 26th 2021 <p>6:30pm</p>
Playground	<p>Update from Mark Cyll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The black top is expected to be resurfaced and repainted with children's activities next Spring (2022). • Staff and rep to look at painting plans, i.e. mazes, basketball lines. • Update first nation mural along retaining wall - May and June. Looking for community connections. <p>New Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is expected that fundraising efforts will be over multiple years and raised through direct fundraising and/or a one-time donation. • Student survey was completed. • Caregiver survey to be communicated in the upcoming week - this will cover design and activity and fundraising inputs. • May 6th earmarked for public/community consultation. • Playground responses split into ages and activities, accessibility, style. <p>Included in the survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures, products and budgets. • How to raise fundraising and how much you could contribute - this will be anonymous. <p>Other considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website = playground section. • re: survey, if teachers are amenable could we ask them to plug/include a link in any emails they may regularly send out to their individual class parents?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the communication be sent out via the school and via SAC, facebook. Direct email - call to attention to complete the survey.
Questions, Comments, New Business	<p>Update from Janet Theunissen</p> <p>Thank you!!!!!!!</p> <p>Diversity and Inclusion</p> <p>SAC to add goal setting and training as part of their committee.</p> <p>Speaker Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker series – grant from TDSB and the ministry. April 19 Freedom Toronto - How to talk to your children about race and racism June 7 Rania El-Mugammar - How to raise anti-racist kids. Email blast to remind parents <p>Equity Committee</p> <p>SAC is looking to set up an Equity Committee and looking for volunteer</p> <p>Willy Reads</p> <p>Lots of discussion and awareness . Powerful messages and great reading.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>Silent Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for both local business and parent donations to run a silent auction virtually. <p>Art Auction and Tea Towels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In school classes are completing self portraits for the printed tea towel initiative. Will be open to virtual schooling students. A BC based company can print and distribute within 8 weeks to sell to parents/caregivers. (Creative Tea Towels High Quality Custom Printing) Investigate rolling in an art auction with the tea towels

	<p>Graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be virtual this year - TDSB has advised. • 6 parents on committee, can't plan anything due to the current situation. Looking to source window signs. • The expected funding allocation will be \$2200. (Approximately 63 students) . \$2200 spent on sweater in 2020-2021 <p>Dance Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to host a dance party with their cohorts depending on rules - approximately \$500.
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Janet Theunissen (Chair).

Minutes recorded by Diana Harrington (Co-Secretary)