 **WILLIAMSON ROAD SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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| **Meeting Minutes** | **Date:** | Wednesday, May 26th 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, Hillary Brick, David Roberts, Heather Roberts, Mark St Cyr, Kate St Cyr, Holly Elliot, Max Chernysh, Taleah Clarke, Keegan Boyd

**Apologies:** Sarah Charters (co Secretary),

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

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| Introductions & Welcome | **Welcome to all  – Janet Theunissen**  Land Acknowledgement received by all and read by Janet Theunissen  Introductions |

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|  | **Update from Mark Duwyn**   * Welcome and thanks from Mark. * Thanks to SAC for the work done - willing to lead initiatives. * We are communicate what is happening as we know it - up to date info to be communicated on Friday. * Are we going back to school??? Still don’t know. * Adjusting to a lot this year. Pivoting has been difficult for all. * Kids would love to go back in school. * Work the teachers are doing to be interested, but its difficult.  Waning interest observed. * Take a time to say thanks to the teachers! * Working on report cards - June 4th PA day.  June 25th electronic distribution. * New playground chats with students focused on areas they like, like to run and throw balls. Done by class.   **Returning after summer to school.**    * Start up same as last year, cohorts, staggered lunch and recesses. * September class allocation - not sure of June report cards class what class they are in, worried about saying as could change due to virtual schools. * Combined classes - Why? Government money/numbers game!   524 students - staff allocation… March/April allocation timing:.  two tracks - English and French 247 and 277…   * Moves from French to English?  More conversions to move this year. * Are teachers moving on line? Virtual kids may come back, movement expected in September.- currently 75 kids virtual. * Not expecting virtual classes, however the.school may have to reorganize to support the hub of kids….   U**pdate from Melanie Wolfe**     * CCAT screening - caregivers received the reports, and met psychologist relayed scores based on gifted test.  Completed for the school in March/April.  All special ed placements given.  Offers include  intensive support for LD, ASD or gifted. |
| **Playground** | **Update from Mark Cyll**  **Surveys**   * Student survey completed * Guardian survey - 154 households returned results. * Feedback given to the design team.   **Additional ideas**  Focus space on climbing and sliding - replace what was there.  Natural elements to be included.  **Budget**  Budget - shoot for the moon! - $100 to $200 K response.  People are prepared to contribute cash donations - 50% - $100 or more.  50% - $250 or more!  **Fundraising**  Kick off - engaging emails to put together plan for the project - plantables has started.  Not known what type we can do in Fall yet…  **Next Steps**  Engage the design feedback from the TDSB design team - both design and procurement. |
| Questions, Comments, New Business | **Update from Janet Theunissen**  **Thank you!!!!!!!!**   Thanks for Frances and Mark for all the questions!!   Thanks SAC on the executive and others for their engagement - better for the   school and kids.   Thanks to Dave with the updates from the ward news!  **Diversity and Inclusion**   SAC to add goal setting and training as part of their committee.  **Speaker Series**     * Speaker series –grant from TDSB and the ministry. * Last  session - June 7 Rania El-Mugammar - How to raise anti-racist kids. 7-8pm. * Furture of public education June 3rd. - Parents      Email blast to remind parents  **Change to Parent Rep Number**   Max of 4 parents - there must be committee members.   Proposal to remove maximum number raised by Janet.   First - Keegan Boyd.   Second - Diana Harrington  Vote:  Sydney  Leanne  Jenn  Keegan  Dave  **Remote learning**   * Dave raised the opinion to support remote learning as a permanent option.  Letter, petition available. * TVO  Funding redirected for this $60m can do this. * Email and MPP letter to be sent out to Michelle Arts email * Could SAC email send out this?   **Equity Committee**   SAC is looking to set up an Equity Committee and looking for volunteer  **Fundraising**  (Silent Auction/Art Auction/Tea Towels )  On hold until 2021-2022  **Graduation**   * This will be virtual this year - TDSB has advised. * 6 parents on committee, can’t plan anything due to the current situation. * The expected funding allocation will be $2200. (Approximately 63 students) . $2200 spent on sweater in 2020-2021 |

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm by Janet Theunissen (Chair).

Minutes recorded by Diana Harrington (Co-Secretary)