

**Willingdon Home and School Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2024 at 7:30pm (Zoom)**

1. Welcome (Daniella & Kristy) Kristy Cuevas, Margo Stewart, Carman Nicolas, Daniella Fietta, Claudia Nunez, Veronica Santaguida
2. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Approve - Margo, Second -Daniella
3. Approval of Agenda. Approve - Veronica, Second – Margo
4. Principal's Report (5 min)
  - a. Froyo went well, kids were happy.
  - b. Looking for volunteers for the open house on Jan 25th. Looking for 5 volunteers at JR. and 1 at SR.
  - c. Preparing for registration, it's online Jan 29th. The remaining grades registration is the week after. Report cards and registration is due before spring break so it is very busy at the office.
  - d. Concert for cycle 1, potential date Feb 22nd. The decorating committee is standing by - Daniella
  - e. Working on the education project, hoping to be ready for the governing board meeting.
  - f. Picture day. Home and school used to organize it all and get the return money. This year teachers organized the schedule but the home and school sent volunteers. Who is going to sign the contract this year? Carmen got the message that home and school didn't want to take it. But that's not the case. Both are happy to run it, they just need confirmation. They would also like to know if parents are happy with life touch.
  - g. Life touch was slow, they were not delivering on time, and there were parent complaints.
  - h. We looked into "Green Apple" prior years, they are Canadian, we wanted to sign with them but Silvana said no. Looking to reconsider. Documents were sent to Carman.
5. Teacher's Report ( 5 min) N/A
6. Membership report - Kristy N/A
  - a. Membership drive concluded.
7. Communications + website report (Andrea- 5 mins) Daniella
  - a. Parents like the newsletter. Home and School wants to do a survey to get feedback to improve.
8. Treasurer's Report (Adam - 5 mins) Kristy
  - a. \$31,000 current account balance.
  - b. WooHoo payments balance is still off, still working through it.
  - c. Karen created it and would be happy to show the group how to pull it.
  - d. Froyo and Pizza are on par with last year.
  - e. Pizza and Froyo will re-open Jan 22nd for the remainder of the year.
9. Family Emergency Fund Report (Margo 5 mins)
  - a. Holiday baskets went out to 18 kids, and 14 families.
  - b. Lunches are ordered twice a week.
  - c. It's \$300 for the grade 6 school trip, and 3 kids need it. Daniella says we should go forward, and we can do some fundraising to cover the cost if needed.
  - d. Parents are very appreciative for the help.
10. Grad Committee (Margo - 5 mins)

- a. Would like to do 2 chocolate sales, and SR only. A grad committee member would sell at lunch. They want to do it on Feb 14th for Valentines day and again on Mothers day. Send an email to Eugenia and have it approved.
- b. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> is the next bake sale and book fair.
- c. On Feb 29th before school break, they want to do a fun hat day or PJ day and the kids bring a toonie. This needs to be approved by the staff council
- d. The next staff council meeting is Jan. 26th and Governing Board is the 25th.
- e. Carmen said she can do an E vote with the staff council for these two fundraising items.
- f. \$4700 was the quote from the DJ, they are finding a new one.
- g. Hollywood is the theme.

11. Other Business (20-30mins):

- a. Pre-K and K Holiday event: Dec 14 2pm (Meghan Donovan) - Overall the event went well. There was no feedback about sharing the images in the newsletter.
- b. Decorating Crew for Kindergarten Concert (lead: Ayda) – They are ready when its time.
- c. Film Festival (Ania) It has been approved by GB and staff council. We are still waiting for the minutes from the last meeting to move this forward. The council needs to approve the videos before they are shown.
- d. TSA (Margo)
  - i. Trying not to just do pastries. Thinking about a potluck lunch and volunteers serving the teachers. The teachers liked it last time, but because of the two campuses its a challenge. They liked bringing the two campuses together. This is a preferred activity because it is free.
  - ii. Also looking at a massage chair, Juice thing or mini mani. It all depends on the cost.
  - iii. Deep cleaning of the staff room and restocking of forks and spoons is back on the table. - This is free.
  - iv. \$1391 was already spent in November during parent-teacher interviews.
  - v. Currently \$1100 is available to spend on TSA if we need more for the parents teacher interviews round 2 we will review it closer to the date.
  - vi. Teachers would like vinyl tablecloths.
  - vii. TSA dates could be pushed to another week if there are too many PED days. Considering the 26th to 29th, of February.
- e. Spiritwear - H&S fundraiser for last week of November. Call out to the community this week for the design. Then we will do a vote.
- f. Toy Drive- 75 of 114 kids were sponsored through kidlink.
- g. Food drive will be over a week, and there will be baskets to drop off the food. 2 organizations are in NDG and 2 serve refugees. Feb 19th -23rd and April 15th - 19th.
- h. Cricut has been purchased, and we want to get some volunteers to help with the beautification.
- i. End of School event we need to start planning.

12. Votes & Budget approval:

- a. Want to use the Scholastic rewards after the February book sale.
- b. Pancake breakfast, budget not ready yet. We need a date ASAP so we can book a caretaker. The last week of January is too soon. It would be a weekend day.

Adjournment 8:45 Approve – Veronica, Second - Margo

**Next Home & School meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7:30pm**

