

WEJ School Council Meeting - November 21, 2017

Attendees: Marilyn B. (Principal), Shawn Armour (Co-chair), Amanda Spielman (Co-chair), Lei Han (Treasurer), Meritxell Currius (Secretary)

1- Principal's update - Marilyn B.

- Report cards went home last week and interviews are scheduled for this Thursday and Friday.
- Remembrance Day ceremony at the school was amazing. The Guitar Club performed on it.
- Halloween Night was really successful. The school made about \$1200 (Silent Action: \$800 / Rest of activities: \$400)
- Intermediate sports, Chess club and Guitar club are running smoothly.
- Peer tutor just started: middle students help little ones.
- Growth mind. The objective for this year are: math problem solving, critical thinking as well as self regulations and be respectful.
- WITS assembly was today. It was a big success and they present the Buddy Bench to the students.
- As previous years, Kindergarten classes will do Yoga, but this year only 2 times for class instead of 3 as last year
- Winter concert: Dec 20 for Kindergarten and Dec 19 for the rest of the school

2- Financial Report - Lei Han.

- Lei Han has received all the paperwork and information from former treasurer.
- Lei Han, will call TD to change signatures from last treasurer to the new treasurer.
- Current balance: \$11000 approx.

3- General - Amanda Spielman

- The School Council has some leftover from last year: \$4345.72
- Some money will be kept apart to fill the playground next Spring.
- Amanda will talk to Heather as some of the extra money is at the school's account and some at School Council's account.
- Kanata BIA has asked if we were interested in going there to sign Christmas songs. It is decided that it's not an interesting activity for this year.

4- Lunch program

- Lunch program is running smoothly with no complaints at all.
- Order for second semester will go on the second week of December.
- Lunch Lady is becoming really popular.
- There's a refund check to do to a family who moved.

5- Principal's wishing list - Marilyn B.

- The Principal did a survey to know exactly what does each teacher/class need.
- The school would like to have a Chromebook in each class to be used by students.
- They also want an extra set of Chromebook for the portables and some whiteboards.

Tech wishing list	Units	Unitari Price	Total
Chromebooks + cart for the portables	25		\$8.700
Chromebooks for the classes	22	\$350	\$7.600
Media carts	5	\$250	\$1.260
Whiteboards (4x8)	12	\$250	\$3.000
Grand total			\$20.560

Other needs:

- **Library:** Last year the School Council gave some money to the library. Any money is more than welcome. A little donation will be nice: arouns \$500 to \$1000 (English & French)
- **Playground / Recess:** last year the School Council spend \$2500 on toys for recess time. Next spring we could buy some more toys.

OCDSB has a 5 year tech plan. Some highlight:

- achieve 1 computer every 4 students.
- Every teacher at WEJ will have a new computer (Chromebook) on Year 1.

Next steps:

- The Principal is awaiting and answer from BLT.
- We'll write a formal proposal on the School Council Website to know where the parents prefer to spend the money.

5- Fundraising activities:

- Hockey game; we agreed on February 1st. Shawn will ask for final price and Sutha will set up on the Hot Lunch program website.

6- Next meeting, December 19:

- We'll try to attract more parents with donuts,...
- **Ground graphics:** it will be discussed on the next meeting as it's a project for Spring.