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*CAPTAIN R. WILSON COUNCIL MINUTES*

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**Captain R. Wilson Public School Council Meeting**

**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

**Council Representation:** Kathy Fournier (Principal), Collette Peaker (Vice Principal), Susan Murphy, April Brown, Denise Bassett, Gurjit Sangha-Durrani, and Milena Hadzieva-Kuzmanovic.

**Members at Large:** Stephanie Clark, Michelle Fung, Amy Ramsay, Kathryn Fish, Courtney Otterbein

**Council Representatives Absent:** Andrea Bays, Sarah Vidic, and Aimee Mack

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm, by Susan Murphy.

Approval of March Minutes – Susan – seconded by April.

Treasury Report – April – ending balance of \$21,269.42, an increase of +\$1,406.24 from last month.

\$322 raised for the water station.

Need clarification on the dance a thon funds. \$5000 for the library + Dance a thon funds.

**Report from Chair**

From now on, in order to acknowledge that we are on native land and in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, Council will be reading the LAN at the beginning of each meeting.

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**Principal's Report – Kathy Fournier, Principal**

School Cash online at 94% usage. We discussed pros and cons of a possible change to procedures to encourage parents to use the online system. Instead of sending cash to school with the kids, parents who need to pay by cash/cheque would be required to come to the office between \*8:30-9:30 or 1:00-3:30.

- Council brought up that these hours will not be a possibility for working parents and Kathy made note of the Council's Feedback.

The Board will discontinue the use of agendas in September. The info will be sent electronically. Teachers can make personal decision if they want to use a personal alternative to the board agendas.

New attendance system will be required for September - attendance will be submitted electronically from the classroom. Administrators are just getting trained on the new systems now and will provide details as they are available.

The Board is also piloting an HDSB App at selected school and all schools will have it for use starting in September.

School Happenings:

World Tour that occurred on March 27 was huge success!  
Mr Shae took the band to Extravaganza band trip on March 27.  
CRW Egg-stravaganza was a big hit - March 29 by the Leadership team.  
Grades 7/8 completed their trip to Camp Muskoka. They were cold but not wet and came back happy.  
Senior girls and boys basketball seasons have finished for the year.  
Junior girls basketball tryouts have finished and the boys tryouts will start soon.  
Primary choir will be starting soon for the spring.  
Ongoing clubs continue  
Junior boys and girls basketball tournaments are being hosted at CRW April 25 and May 1.  
Some classes/clubs would like to have displays at the wellness night. Examples are the Alliance club as well as the Grade 1-2 class.

### **Fundraising and Events**

Wellness Night:

Advertisement went out via email with the event invite invitation.  
Speaker Andrea has sent a handout to prepare for participants.  
Have enlisted some grade 7/8 GW students to assist with registration, refreshments and childminding.  
The door prizes have been obtained, Andrea getting something from Starbucks and Amy will donate something as well.  
Yoga instructor will be bringing about 20 yoga mats but people are requested to bring their own.  
Reminder will sent out this week.  
Snack logistics still TBD.  
Presentations and yoga to occur in the gym.  
Can we put it out on twitter?

FUN FAIR:

Niagara inflatables have been booked with deposit. Need to confirm if they have a generator.  
Professor Jams and M&M have been booked.  
Denise is looking to book the "Ice Cream Laboratory" who have indicated that will contribute \$0.50 of each \$5 ice cream towards the school.  
Amy to do flyer and get it mocked up in advance.

Cookie Day not going to work until next year.

Steph: The Board Mental Health night put on by our trustee Joanna Oliver was a very informative night. Michelle Bates, who is the lead for Mental Health for the region gave a review of board strategy and outlined some differences between normal and flag behavior. They reviewed the "Have your say" survey results that support the notion that as children get older the more at risk they become. The Board has developed a 3 year mental health strategy to support flagged students and support staff in engaging with these students and identifying needs. The Board is also implementing learning about emotional literacy, and using school and classroom practices that promote student well-being. The seminar also highlighted some community resources that many parents may not know about. They are trying to ensure that students and families that need this support are made aware of where and with whom they can seek help.

### **Parental Involvement Committee**

Pro Grant deadline for next year's grant is due in early June of this year.

Our current theme is wellness yoga, the 2 prior years were focused on numeracy, and literacy was the theme for a few years before that.

Kathy – School initiatives for next year are not yet solidified, but will use the school self assessment that will occur in May to determine what the schools initiative will be. There is always a focus on wellness.

Steph – possibility to host a mini conference with instructional leaders who put on presentations.

Amy – suggested a stem/steam focus

Michelle – supports the integration of stem and arts, music and math, etc. leaning towards a global competency.

### **New Business**

Wishing Well, for refill stations at the World Tour was well done by Amy. Will be used at future events.

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

Next meeting scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. All are welcome.