

William Watson Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes for September 28th 2022

Location: WWE School Library

1.0 **Call To Order**- Carrie Lakatos (PAC President) called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

2.0 **In Attendance**- Carrie L, Harjeet G, Melanie T, Nishi.G, Aman S, Aarzo S, Mai H, Sharon W, Aman C, Ms. Pomonis (Vice Principal). Full Quorum met.

3.0 **Approval of Agenda and last Minutes from last meeting**- Motioned by Carrie L., 2nd by Harjeet G No objections, approved

4.0 **Vice Principal's Report**- Ms. Pomonis

The start of the year was chaotic with an increase in enrollment and student numbers are now 469. We received four new portables, two are classrooms, one is French and one is Music. We have 21 divisions and approximately 90 new students including kindergartens. Due to the increase, we now have multiple split classes to accommodate all the needs of our school population. This is very common in larger schools, and we are expected to continue with split classes as the population continues to grow at a rapid pace. We are the overflow school in our catchment for kindergarteners only.

On October 12th there will be a soccer playday and wondering if PAC would host a concession on that day?

Wish List: The following list was presented by the VP on behalf of the teachers and Principal.

- ~ school bus allotment
- ~ money to offset some of the field trip admission costs
- ~ Resilient Rhythm performance \$1240
- ~ Young Actors Project (not every class participating) \$5180
- ~ Al Pichler (20-22 days, every class participates) \$8000-\$10000
- ~ Coding Games \$1260

5. Presidents Report- Carrie Lakatos

We ended the school year with multiple concessions.

The Welcome Back tents were ready on the first day of school and were well visited. We were able to talk to many parents and handed out glow stick, bubbles and freezies that were left over from last year. We then held a Concession at the Meet the Teacher night. Despite having to run the concession through paper orders, we did well serving hot dogs and other goodies.

We will be launching Hot Lunch on Munch a Lunch very soon and will need to increase the prices to accommodate the vendor increases in their prices. Not all have increased prices therefore we will adjust accordingly. We are always open to

new local vendors and encourage parents to reach out to the PAC with suggestions at any time.

At the AGM we approved the cost to donate approximately \$20,000 to share half the cost of 30 new computers for the school. The principal is currently in the process of ordering and will inform us when the cheque is needed.

Carrie motioned to cover the cost of the coding games that was on the teacher's wish list. Aman C, 2nd the motion. Motion was approved

Carrie motioned to cover the cost of Resilient Rhythm again asked on the teacher's wish list. Nishi G 2ND the motion. Motion was Approved.

Carrie addressed the Young Actors request, and it was decided that we require more information and can revisit this at the next meeting.

Carrie addressed the request for Al Pichler's Production and asked for more information so that we can vote on this at the next meeting. It was discussed that this is something we would love to make happen but require more information as it requires a full commitment from the staff.

Carrie thanked the staff and parents for their ongoing support of the Hot Lunch program as well as the other fundraisers that continue throughout the year. The fundraisers that are ongoing are Tru Earth, Mabel's Labels, Return it Depot and Cobbs Bread.

6.0 Treasures Report and Budget Approval by Harjeet Grewal

William Watson PAC Financial Budget
School Year 2022 – 2023

Opening Bank Balances: September 1 2022

Fundraising account	\$29,813.48
Gaming account	\$2,84.80

Current Bank Balances: September 29 2022

Fundraising account	\$31,393.37
Gaming account	\$11,404.80 (\$8,540.00 – gaming grant received Sept 28 2022)

Proposed spending for the current school year 2022 – 2023

Teacher Allotment

\$6,600 for 22 divisions (\$300 per division) – includes music class
\$800 for 2 divisions – LST/IST (\$400 per division)

2. School Spirit Days \$4,500

3. School Bus

\$6720 for 21 divisions. (\$320 per division)

4. \$250 for WWE alumni scholarship – an initiative to work on for this school year.

5. New Laptops for WWE students

Total cost \$40,920 – PAC to cover 50% = **\$20,460.00**

6. \$1260.00 for Coding Resources – Library

7. \$1240.00 for Resilient Rhythm

Additional

- School Drama Production & Young Actors costs to be reviewed at next PAC meeting in November 2022.

7.0 DPAC Update- Melanie Terry

The new School Superintendent Mark Pearman introduced himself. He gave a bit of background on himself. He has two children one in university and the other in high school in Surrey School District. He's passionate about being innovative with funding and hopes to find creative ways to accommodate the growing district.

There will be literature sent out regarding funding for students in the community who are unable to afford necessities. If a student is in need, please direct them to the principal and the administration will make sure no student goes without.

8.0 Old Business

Old business was moved to discuss at the next meeting

9.0 New Business

Upcoming fundraisers include Purdys, Spirit Wear, Readathon, Treat Tuesdays, movie night.

10. **Announcements**

Please visit our Facebook Page at **William Watson PAC** and our Instagram page at **wwepac** to get the latest updates on PAC fundraisers and Reminders.

Thank you for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Our next meeting will be in November date TBA

Respectfully Submitted By Melanie Terry