

École John Wilson Elementary School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Melissa Dudley (Chair), Angela Warke (Principal), Janice Savage (Vice Principal), Holly Bilton (Trustee), Tania Morrison (Secretary/Treasurer), Adam Moxham, Sam Gaucher, Lorraine Dingman, Colleen Dymont-Begeman, Dixie McLeod, Lisa Litchfield, Cynthia Goorts (via Google Meets)

1. **Call to Order:** 6:07 p.m. by Chair
2. **Adoption of September Meeting Minutes**
Motion: Lorraine; Seconded: Colleen
3. **Additions/Approval of Agenda**
NONE
4. **Administrative Report/Account Balances**

Account Balances (\$) – Current to October 15, 2024			
Fall Fundraiser	3,646.67	Kindergarten	0
Hot Lunches	22,251.65	Grade 1	0
Toast	5,312.80	Grade 2	0
Music	23.09	Grade 3	0
Art	9.15	Grade 4	0
Read-a-thon	10,666.11	Family School Wellness	0

Note: Grade balances have returned to 0 following reconciliation of 23/24 Field Trips

- First Celebration Assembly on Friday, Grade 4s will highlight Respect from our school's Big Five.
 - Hot Lunches are going well. Participation continues to be good.
 - Parent-Teacher Interviews on September 22nd & 23rd
 - Halloween parade to show of costumes in gym
 - Confirmed Remembrance Day assembly to be held in Gym 3 on November 7 at 2 pm.
 - Fall Fundraiser: Innisfail Growers and Angus Farm are good to go. Tentative schedule discussed, to be confirmed with vendors.
 - Fire Drill and Hold & Secure on Thursday; First time practicing hold & secure as part of new program. Not a lock down.
5. **Donations for Teachers**
 - Proposal brought forward by outgoing Chair, Melissa Dudley, to distribute some of our sitting funds to the classrooms to help defray the cost of resources, etc. Desire expressed to make this an ongoing initiative. All funds

are managed and use accounted for through the school office. Student generated funds.

- Suggestion to also use some of these funds to support clubs, with teacher interest/supervision or inside activities during inclement weather.
- Proposed \$250 per classroom (20 classes, including art & music) = \$4,500 total out of Hot Lunch

Motion to provide \$250 to each classroom, including Art & Music, up to a total of \$4,500 to defray the cost of resources: Lisa; Seconded: Lorraine

6. Trickster and Storybook Theatre Presentation (Colleen & Lisa)

*Story book theatre to be discussed at next meeting

- General discussion related to Trickster theatre company and how EJWES might engage with their programming. See attached Handout, summarizing offerings.
- Opportunity to obtain additional funding through grant programs (e.g. Town of Innisfail, Province of Alberta) to offset costs.
- Discussion of how this could be both an opportunity for teaching staff to support the project with their in-class teaching and to engage with local businesses.
- Consideration of a residency would be for 2024/2025 school year
- Tabled until November meeting pending further investigation of Town of Innisfail grant application and administration discussion of this proposal with teachers.
- Colleen will spearhead this initiative.

7. Officer Elections

- Chair: Colleen has been nominated and accepted.
- Vice Chair: Lisa has been nominated and accepted.

8. Holly's Update

- No Update
- New Superintendent hiring questionnaire will be forwarded to administration and chairs for feedback in the near future.

9. Adjournment: 6:56 p.m. by Chair (Outgoing)

Next Meeting: November 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

Spending Motions:

- **Motion to provide \$250 to each classroom, including Art & Music, up to a total of \$4,500 to defray the cost of resources:** Lisa; Seconded: Lorraine