

Westmount School Association

September Minutes

September 25th, 2023

Attending: Erin Todd, Sarah Lynn MacKenzie, Vicky Terrio, Meredith Pike, Rufina Nair, Small Ou, Alex Smith, Greg White, Tara Wight, Vanessa Thomson, Megan Gray, Marilee Sulewski, Christa LeBlanc, Marisha Caswell, Lynn Perrin, Jane Mulatz, Ayat Manna, Jenn Hanscomb, Teri Colter

Regrets: Laura Moeller

1. Welcome: Erin Todd (Vice President, in the role of rotating chair)
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion: to approve the minutes for the May 2023 WSA meeting
Approved: Tara Wight
Seconded: Marilee Sulewski
3. Review of Pending Action Items: None at this time.
4. Principal's Report: **Teri Colter**, Principal
The year is off to a busy start. The school has had its first fire drill and lock down.
Busy week this week. Picture day is Wednesday. Curriculum night is Thursday from 6-7 and will once again be an open house format, followed by an ice cream social.
Tomorrow (Tuesday) there will be presentations by the HRCE speech language pathology team and two older students. They will present and demonstrate tools that non-verbal students use to help build understanding and increase communication.
There were 25 new enrollments over the summer. We have 15 classrooms this year (one more classroom than last year), plus the pre-primary classes. Registration is all online, which has been a bit of a challenge for some families.
5. Treasurer's Report: **Christa LeBlanc**, Treasurer
There are currently deposits coming in for pizza, and lots of activity at the end of last year from the spring fair.
Christa will send out an update soon.
6. Event & Fundraising Reports: 1. **Pizza & Hot Lunch** – We are using Dimitri's Pizza this year for the pizza orders, to rave reviews. Pizza orders can be made on School

cash, where there is an additional fee. This goes to Schoolcash, the credit card companies, etc. We discussed how to transport the pizza, as Dimitri's only has 7 delivery bags. Options from Dollar Store and Costco were discussed; Erin will purchase. We received 199 orders, which will bring in \$1500 for the 8 week period.

Joan Lomardo's hot lunch program has started for the year. There is very little input from the WSA.

Teri noted that the school supports six families with pizza orders. In addition, Joan donates lunches for some families who qualify for support. We discussed the possibility of some of the funds raised going back to the school to support additional families with pizza orders. We also discussed whether in the future there could be an option on the order form to donate to support additional pizza orders.

2. Nourish Your Roots – Erin MacRae ran this initiative this year, and 65 boxes were ordered, with a portion of the \$38 per box going to the school. We will apply to do it again in the spring.

3. Curriculum night – Curriculum night is this Thursday from 6-7, followed by an ice cream social Thursday, ice cream outside. We discussed having WSA representation there and decided to focus recruiting more during parent teacher meetings later in the fall, possibly with a bake sale.

4. Fall Bingo – Thursday, Nov 9 from 6-7:30. Fall bingo will include 10 games of bingo for basket prizes, 50/50, and popcorn and snacks available. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out closer to the event. If you are interested in joining the organizing committee for this event, please contact Vanessa (VThomson@hrce.com) or Vicky (vickydee@gmail.com)

7. Funding Requests:

None at this time.

8. Other Items:

A. Spirit Wear – We are hoping to switch suppliers; Teri suggested Headline Promotions as a possibility. The advantage with them is that they create a store webpage and the items are available all the time.

B. Diversity & Inclusion – Megan will work on getting demographic info from Teri and sending it out, and later in the fall we will resend the recruitment drive notice.

C. WSA Positions – Currently there are two Members at Large positions, and the President position remains open.

9. Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was ended at 6:56 pm
Approved: Marilee
Seconded: Christa seconded

Next meeting: Monday, Oct 30th at 6 pm. Christa will chair; Tara will chair in November