

Westmount School Association

October Minutes

October 30th, 2023

Attending: Erin Todd, Vicky Terrio, Meredith Pike, Greg White, Megan Gray, Christa LeBlanc, Marisha Caswell, Lynn Perrin, Jenn Hanscomb, Teri Colter, Laura Moeller, Suad Khalifa, Runa Ghosh Seal

Regrets: Sarah Lynn MacKenzie, Marilee Selewski, Alex Smith, Tara Wight

1. Welcome: Christa LeBlanc (Treasurer, in the role of rotating chair) welcomed everyone at 6:06 pm
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion: to approve the minutes for the September 2023 WSA meeting
Approved: Marisha Caswell
Seconded: Meredith Pike
3. Review of Pending Action Items: None at this time.
4. Principal's Report: **Teri Colter**, Principal
Vice Principal Greg White spoke about the newly formed Climate and Culture Committee, which aims to organize school assemblies, learning initiatives, and events around the diverse cultural experiences of the students. Rachel Myatt has spearheaded a number of "teaching culture through art" projects October was Mi'kmaq Heritage month, and Diwali and Remembrance Day are upcoming in November.
5. Treasurer's Report: **Christa LeBlanc**, Treasurer There has been very little activity in the account this month.
6. Event & Fundraising Reports:
 1. **Pizza & Hot Lunch** – Pizza orders are going smoothly, with a new session starting mid-November. With this new round of orders, families will have the option to donate / sponsor a pizza order that the school will distribute to supported students.
Joan's new round of hot lunch orders starts this week
 2. **Nourish Your Roots** – There were 75 orders, with some being donated back to the school to be distributed to supported families.

3. **Fall Bingo** – Next Thursday, Nov 9 from 6-7:30. Fall Bingo is ready to go. This week there will be a reminder for the bingo caller raffle and basket donations

4. **Parent Teacher Night** – we decided not to have a bake sale at Parent Teacher night. Other options were discussed. It was decided to collect hats / mitts / winter wear at this event.

7. Funding Requests:

No official requests at this time.

Replacing two of the outdoor basketball nets was discussed. Erin had a suggestion from a community member around how to get and secure these nets.

8. Other Items:

A. Mrs. D'Eon's Comfort Closet – Laura suggested that we do a winter wear drive to collect hats, mitts, socks, snow suits, etc to have on hand at the school in Mrs D'Eon's comfort closet. We decided to do so, collecting items at Parent Teacher Night

B. Spirit Wear – Teri talked to Headline Promotions and we are able to open an online spirit wear shop through them that would stay open so that families can purchase spirit wear at any time. Teri will talk to Marilee to get the vector copy of the logo.

C. Cleaning out the WSA Closet – While accessing items for the fall bingo, a mouse and mouse droppings were discovered in the popcorn bin. This has been cleared out and new popcorn will be purchased. A big clear out of old items was done last fall, and it was decided that that isn't necessary at this time. The closet could use a cleaning, but it wasn't clear whether anyone wanted to take that on at this time.

D. Diversity & Inclusion – Megan disseminated the Diversity Profile for this year. We will use it to inform considerations for any event planning. Ideally the WSA would reflect the diversity of the school community, and this should be considered in recruitment.

E. 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 6:58 pm

Approved: Erin Todd

Seconded: Laura Moeller

Next meeting: Monday, Nov 27th at 6 pm. Tara will chair; chairs for January and February will be decided at the November meeting.