



Wazoson Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Library - In person 595 Moodie Drive

Chair's Remarks:

- Motion for the wish list to be put into the fundraising initiative. Motion was seconded.
- ODCSB Council meeting is on the third Thursday of the month and conflicts with our plan.
 - Motion to have our meetings moved to the last Thursday of the month and the motion was accepted.
- Jason will be the Wazoson member to attend the district council meetings to flow that info to the school.
- School council is legislated under the Ontario Education Act. The purpose of council is through active participation to improve pupil achievement. The council is to advise on parent involvement, community enhancement etc.
 - Policy 014 states what a school council is allowed to do. The code of conduct and constitution need to fall within this policy.
 - October 31 of each year a document needs to be filed with the school principal with all members listed.
- Our current budget is \$1000.
 - Possibly another \$500 coming in.
- There will be an email address for council provided by the school principal.
- School principal has a list from the school open house nothing what families communicated they were interested in.
 - Some schools have done surveys on this.
 - Sara will create school survey if there is a need.

Principal's Report:

- Thank you to our Council who participated in our Meet the Staff Event. We were so pleased to have you as a part of the Wazoson Public School Team and are grateful for your support.
- As you know, we completed the reorganization of our primary classes, and our students and staff are settling into their new classes and routines.
- We have completed our three mandatory fire drills. Teachers have been reviewing procedures for Lockdown, Shelter in Place and Secure School with their classes. We will be practicing a Lockdown Drill in the upcoming weeks.

STAFFING UPDATE

- Garilyn Whitney is on a leave of absence until November 3rd. Ruthann Kohls will be filling in behind her.



SCHOOL COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESS

- sc-wazononps@ocdsb.ca
- Password will be available to our Council Chair/Co-chair
- I will review the expectations of being an agent of the School Council of Wazonon Public School.
- The new password cannot be changed to ensure administrators are able to monitor the communications. [Code of Conduct](#)

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS

- Teachers have written IEPs for students with learning exceptionalities. Paper copies were sent home last week. These documents are reviewed on an ongoing basis and should be updated regularly by staff.

HALLOWEEN

- WPS will be acknowledging Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. Students are welcome to wear orange & black or a simple costume to school.
 - Costumes must be simple and CANNOT include accessories / props, masks or makeup.
 - *Educators will plan for inclusive activities, with options for those who are not celebrating Halloween.*
 - Students are welcome to bring a special snack for themselves to enjoy on this day; however, **We will not be sharing or distributing food** due to student food allergies and dietary restrictions.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

- The OCDSB has spent the last year consulting with the various stakeholders to achieve a strategic plan to support our District for the next four years. Key areas of focus identified are:
 - **Learning; Well-Being; and Social Responsibility.** These three pillars reflect the requests we heard to put learning at the forefront of the strategic plan; to support student and staff wellness, especially as we address needs that emerged during the pandemic; and to acknowledge our collective responsibilities to society and the environment. A focus on equity and inclusion is embedded throughout the plan, and captured within each area of focus.

[STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

PRINCIPAL PROFILE

- Needs to be submitted with my October Opening Documentation. [SAMPLES](#) from other schools. I would ask that Council shares the Wazonon Public School Principal Profile before our next meeting. Thank you!

THE "BIG MOVE"

- We are on Schedule!
- School Tours for council are possible in December



- Moving Days
 - Teachers will use December 22 and January 8th as moving days. These days will be no in class learning for students.
- Classroom Allocations are still being worked on.
- Preparing our students for “The Big Move”
- Resources to Support Student Learning - [Floor plans](#), [Second Floor Plans](#), [Landscape Design](#)

Teacher’s Report:

- The cross-country team did an amazing job at the meet and showed excellent sportsmanship and placed 2nd overall.
- Grade 5 lunch monitors have done great in the classrooms.
- There is a very popular primary coloring club that has started and runs weekly for grades 1-3.
- Oct is Islamic heritage month and students have been taking part in learning activities on this.
- The students have been doing the morning announcements.
- Jr Choir has started. Grade 4-5 students come out on Thursday at first recess and will perform at the Remembrance Day ceremony.
- First assembly will be next week and will focus on perseverance.
- We have chosen our school mascot. We had a student vote between two different birds beginning with a W. The wax wing bird was the winner.
- Fundraising – The teachers are fundraising for school jerseys.
 - The school freezie sales went great.
 - Pizza sales during meet the staff. This has helped bring us closer to the goal.
 - Teachers are wondering if they could host pizza lunches or sub days to raise money. Additionally, if Council is looking into doing these and the pizza supplier was wonderful.
 - Motion for the teachers to do hot lunches to raise money for jerseys. Motion accepted.
- The Fox Kinders are very excited about their website.
- The Dinosaur Kinders are learning about lifecycles of pumpkins and trees.
- Grade 2-4 are doing music and art classes for Islamic heritage month.
- This week was take me outside week. Students went outside and focused on Indigenous learning.

Impact Report-Fundraising Brainstorming Session:

- November 13 the Impact Report needs to be sent to the executive for review. We will vote and approve at the November 30th meeting.
- Parent Involvement – Once we know what fundraising is on the horizon, we can let parents know and reach out as soon as we can to get their involvement.
- An Event before the winter break would be good.
 - Movie night with free admission and have a concessions table.
- An event once we move to the new school would be nice.



- Excel sheet is started with a lot of ideas.
 - Purdy's/Chocolate sales
 - Pizza Kit Sales
 - Movie Night(s)
 - Hot Lunches
 - Bake Sales
 - Mables Labels
 - Boston Pizza
 - Raffle Baskets
- We should start smaller as we do not know what we have for volunteers and there is a lot going on this school year.
- There will be no playground equipment at the new school so this could be used as a larger fundraiser initiative in the coming years.
- Ideas on things to fundraise for are as follows:
 - Playground equipment
 - Friendship benches
 - Teacher appreciation luncheon
 - Potluck lunches for the teachers on the moving days would be nice so school staff does not need to worry about food.
- Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library has offered to donate to the school.

School Council Meeting Dates - (Four meetings are required by School Councils)

- 1. November 30, 2023**
- 2. January 25, 2024**
- 3. February 29, 2024**
- 4. March 28, 2024**
- 5. April 25, 2024**
- 6. May 30, 2024**
- 7. June 20, 2024 - Annual General Meeting**