

Minutes of WR Best Memorial Public School's Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 @ 7:00PM

Present: Diana Wright-Drzazga Corryn Mounstephen, Darryl Weeks, Michelle Walbank, , Amanda Van Leusen, Cara Crawford, Terri Ann Gaynik, Jen Johnston, , Sue Giovanetti, Briana Orava, Teena Sauve, Paul Haughton, Sarah Boddington Michelle Tuner, Dusana Bondy, Laura Skjelmosse-Betts, Patti McCullough, Erika Engel, Rebecca Fagan, Laura Benson, Jaqueline Yeatman.

Location: WR Best Library

Topics: General Meeting

1. Diana Wright opened the meeting by circulating Council self-nomination form distributed for voting members of council.
2. The entire present council introduced themselves to Diana.
3. Corryn Mounstephen continues as Council Chair, Darryl Weeks as Secretary and Michelle Wallbank as Treasurer.
4. Diana discussed the September shuffle. WR Best needed reorganize classes due to lower than projected enrolment resulting in losing one class and one teacher.
5. EQAO results. Math will continue to be a focus based on results and will be the focus professional development. Specific children's results will go home soon. Diana said that the EQUA is a snapshot in time as it is a standardized test yet is a good measure of the school overall. Our numbers are strong compared to other schools always room for improvement.
 - Terri Anne - would like to see Math textbooks coming home. Test books returning to school might be an issue. Diana pointed out that textbooks are often online.
 - On October 20th staff will be looking at school action plan - how to support parents working together.
6. Diana distributed WR Best's fundraising plan that outlines all of the school's fundraising initiatives for the school year.
 - Council discussed how WR Best can best extend our fundraising to help other school's in our community. Sports equipment donation to Andrew Hunter was a success.
7. Parent Reaching Out Grant application has been submitted for a \$1000.00. If successful WR Best will be doing it's own Math night for students and parents in

the same vein as last year's Math night at Guthrie. Council discussed bringing in community members to talk about math and science. Council hopes to do the event in March 2018.

8. Next grant available to the school is the Metro Green Apple Grant that is meant to promote healthy eating. Council discussed what we could like to use the grant for. Ideas included: Adding a healthy snack component to our proposed Math night, or bringing in a local nutritionist, to cooking classes.
9. Council then discussed our lunch programs. WR Best currently offers: pizza, milk and pasta.
 - Pizza Day will move to Wednesdays in the new year/next order cycle.
 - Council discussed adding Lunch Lady option on Fridays. Terri-Anne is going back to Avoca Bar to see if they would be an option as well.
 - Council then discussed the problems with our supplier at the Pizza party. In the future the Pizza Party order forms will put more emphasis on pre-ordering to avoid disappointment
 - Toppers and Pizzaville will be considered to take-over as our vendor. Requesting that samples be brought to our next council meeting in November.
10. Lice Patrol Update: Students have been checked already this year. It currently takes a week to scan the entire student population. Will continue to communicate the process to parents. The school will continue to distribute lice information via the website and twitter.
11. Connection event to take place at the Simcoe County School Board office on October 24th 5-7 which as a Council networking event which includes a buffet of board approved food vendors.
12. WR Best Bazaar will take place on November 4th.
 - Vendor Update: So far 23 vendors paid with 9 pending. 14 spots are available in the gym. Library will feature 5 tables.
 - Best Café: soup, more bakery stuff and a better layout. Sign-up sheet was distributed where Council members could commit to donating a soup and commit to a type of soup.
 - Baskets will need to be at the school by November 2nd. Corryn went through the list of basket themes.
 - Bake Sale is being handled by Amanda who has also been in contact with the Ontario Travel Centre to hopefully be included in their update to help promote the event.
 - Silent Auction Update from Michelle: general ask letter is complete and has been distributed to Council members. A spreadsheet is in

the works with all ask details and to help ensure that Council members aren't doubling up on.

- Next Bazaar meeting: October 17th @7PM

13. Additional items

- Corryn raised a concern from a parent about students using the forest behind the school. Diana assured Council that there are no safety issues and that student's using the space are supervised.
- Our lost a found system will continue. Sue is going to wash unclaimed items in preparation for donation.
- Council is beginning to discuss executing a snowsuit swap/sale. Council will work on a winter gear swap/sale at next year's pizza party.
- Next council meeting November 7th
- Speed zones/community safety zones Update from Laura Benson who has been in contact with Oro-Medonte and the County of Simcoe about making changes to the speed limit in front of the school. Ideally we would like the speed to be reduced to 40KM/H Community safety zone have been installed. Radar indicating current speed has been discussed as well as flashing lights that highlight a reduction in the school zone during busy period in the morning and the afternoon.