

## **WT Townshend Parent Council Meeting Agenda**

Thursday April 19th, 2018

### **Welcome!**

#### **Lori Briscoe- Admin Report**

##### **Around the School**

- jersey day for humboldt. School is unsure what children were told at home, so they were careful in what was said at school. Older grades did discuss it, but younger grades not so much. That is left to parents' discretion.
- Google Summit was recently. Several teachers attended, learned about bringing technology into the classroom. Was discussed at staff meeting.
- Staples grant resulted in 4 wheeled machines for kids to use for coding activities.
- PD Day last Friday. Teachers went to Rockway Public School where associate to Stuart Schenker (self regulation guru) ran an info session. Another event at Waterloo Inn re. authentic play. Another at Bingemans. Another at school re. self care.
- Staffing numbers went in March 31. Last year there were 664 students and staffed at 668. Now at 730 students.
- Communication - more is wanted from school. Eric Mendes (looks after announcements) is looking into different options within the school. Amanda working on keeping the website relevant and up to date.

##### **Around the Board**

Well being survey is out until June 11.

PIT conference was on April 7.

RAPSY meeting was April 13.

Directors' Town Hall on April 25 (opportunity to give input and feedback to board)

Receiving calls from concerned parents on how school threats are being addressed and discussed. WT has multiple drills and exercises in place that they feel are appropriate at this time.

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##### **Around the Province**

- March 26-27: new initiatives, free childcare pre-kindergarten, and increased special education teachers.

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##### **Pick-up/Drop off Concerns**

Accident in ring road between 2 vans. Now a police concern.

Ring road continues to be a concern at drop off and pick up. Meeting took place with city, transportation and school board about ring road options. So far nothing is working,

but another meeting is scheduled for April 26 (?) Perhaps a “kiss and go” area?  
Construction on Ottawa / Fischer Hallman is going to cause additional frustration. Pam is going to obtain and share some detail about the impacted areas.

### **Fundraising**

- Bingeman’s Fun Night - April 12th ~\$750 raised
- Total fundraising for year is approximately \$14,000
- Thank you to Diane for organizing ticket sales.
- Ideas for next year - Volunteers to research and bring forward suggestions for council
- Night at Titans raised \$32
- Now seeking new fundraising ideas

### **PRO - Wellness Workshop - May 10: 5:30 - 7**

- Update
- Volunteers for set up/greeters
- School board social worker, naturopath, children’s yoga instructor, and 15 community organizations (Lutherwood, KidsAbility, Kids Help Phone) will be attending. Looking for wellness themed scavenger hunt ideas.
- Info will be sent home with students and put out through social media.

### **PRO - 2018/2019 Application**

- Math night?
- <https://schoolshows.ca/listing/jump-2-math-family-math-nights-math-field-trips-parent-engagement/>
- The math activity in mind does seem fantastic, but requires 15+ volunteers which is a definite challenge. Application will go in, in the hopes that it can be achieved.

### **School Gardens**

- Update on use of gardens

### **Questions:**

- Any questions or concerns
- Arts Night is next Thursday
- Wetland clean up is April 28th 10am to 12pm.
- Diane will look into Buddy Bench - contact vendors to determine cost and process to have it installed.

### **Next meeting**

Thursday May 17th, 2018