

WT Townshend Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 20, 2018

Attendees: Danielle Reynolds, Pam Law, Kristy Dryland, Robyn Gilbey, Tina Landry, Raj Bola, Diane Stephens, Ibrisam Riza Allah, Lara Brody, Shama Olmedo, Summer Braunig, Meredythe Hertz, Sharon Dunlop, Anneke Van Den Berg, Lori Briscoe

Lori Briscoe- Admin Report

Around the School

- Very smooth start to the school year.
- Intramurals (soccer) have started. Parents asked for a description of grades (i.e. Junior) when posting activities for students.
- Please subscribe to the school website.
- Tomorrow first PD day - School Improvement Implementation and Monitoring - Looking at board goals (math, grad rates, wellbeing of students and staff) and developing School Plan and develop school specific goals.
- Whole school assembly on the first Friday of school. Building the school community. Talked about Mindfulness Moments. Went over basic rules. WITS.
- Talked to students about respecting their spaces, picking up after themselves. Parents to talk to kids with reminders to keep their areas tidy.
- Colour houses have changed this year. There are now two colours. Making points align with participation and encourage engagement and collaboration. There are other spirit days where kids can earn extra points. Parent asked if there were opportunities for activities between grades (i.e. with other grades in the same colour house)

Around the Board

- Marian Small (math guru) has come to Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) to do professional development. New program called Math Up. School bought licences.
- Dreambox, a math computer program, will continue (board supported with additional licences bought by school) Last year targeted Grade 3s. Target will be 60 minutes a week of program. Look at opportunity to move into Grades 1 and 2.
- Leslie Ann Unsworth and Ian Climenhage are Lead math reps for school

Around the Province

- Health and Physical Education curriculum - WRDSB has an FAQ page on their website. School board's direction is a pause and wait approach. School is committed to Board Strategic Priorities, "Our Students are first-each and every one". We will continue to support and respect each and every child individually.
- Equity and Inclusion curriculum is trickling down and the school board is looking at incorporating it.

Nominations

- Nominations for Chairs and Secretary Positions.
- Nominations: Kristy Dryland, Robyn Gilby (proclaimed, no vote needed)
- Secretary: Summer, Meredythe (Pam and Danielle as back up)

Review of Planned Activities for 2018/2019

- Review of planned council led activities for next year, will be looking for champions for some events that will be happening early in the school year.
- Farm Fresh Fundraiser happening in October. Letter to go home/info posted to the website, announcements to be prepared.

PRO Event

- Jump2Math event happening October 17th (6-8)
- Will need around 10 volunteers (number to be confirmed with organizer) to help run activities (Lori to ask teachers) chairs will email out to see if parents are interested in volunteering. School board posted on facebook page that high school students are available to volunteer for events and to get in touch with them.

WRAPSC Meeting

- Happens every month, representatives from every school council. Kristy will attend the first meeting in October.

Questions:

- Will there be a multicultural food festival this year? Lori to follow up with teachers.

Next meeting

October 18, 2018