

## **WTT School Council Minutes**

May 17th 2021

**Attendees:** Lori Peebles Sandra Himann, Kristy Dryland, Meredyth Hertz, Summer Braunig, Sharon Dunlop, Pam Law, Sarah Nakamura

### **Introduction and Welcome**

### **Administrative Report - Sandra Himann**

#### **Around the School**

- Ms. Geiger looking to share art virtually for a slide show to share with
- New Kindergarten orientation bags are being prepared and will include books, play do and other items to get kids excited for starting kindergarten
- Thursday June 24th – Virtual Grade 6 graduation
  - Mrs. Townshend will be doing an address for the graduation
- Staffing has begun for WTT and other schools in the board. This is tentative for the moment depending on results from distance learning survey. For staffing they looked at how many people have opted for distance learning at the moment.
- Ms. Peebles has been working hard to pull together special announcements which have been enjoyed by students and families

#### **Around the Board**

- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) looking for new members
- Looking for new French teachers – spread word
- Equity is a focus for the board. Because of this the school has reviewed virtual graduations and decided that graduation celebrations will not involve drive bys, gifts or t-shirts.
- Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> is a PD Day

#### **Around the Province**

- Parents have until June 1 to decide in-person or distance learning for the 2021/22 school year
- Outstanding young leaders who are working to eliminate discrimination can apply online for the Lincoln M. Alexander award
- Ontario Ministry piloting school bus driver retention program
- More French resources available on Learn French Ontario

## **WRAPSC**

- WRAPSC met and discussed PRO grants for next year and opportunities
- Discussed about the parents needing to provide their comments around next year and decisions on distance learning. Information on how online learning impacts school funding

## **PRO Grant**

- WTT was successful in receiving \$500 for school garden
- Have been speaking to Rayna at the Waterloo Region school garden program.
- Need to gauge interest from people in the community for maintaining the garden
- There are schools that can give WTT seedlings and seeds
- Previous issues with water and availability for the gardens still needs to be figured out
  - Custodians are at the school from 7 – 3, but would limit parents ability to water if they weren't available during this time
  - Ms. Himann will speak with Mr. Martz to determine what ideas he might have to make
  - Kristy to prepare a school day blast to be sent out to gauge interest from school families to participate in the school garden over the summer.

## **Environmental Grant from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks**

- Pam mentioned a fund where any not for profit, school, municipality can apply for funds for an environmental project
- She will be putting in an application to plant a couple of trees on the back grounds to increase shading for the school

## **General Discussion:**

- Kristy, the council chair, shared that this will be her last year on council as her youngest child graduates WTT
- Heartfelt thank yous were shared for her contributions to the school over the years of her involvement on council

Next meeting is June 23rd at 7:00 pm