

PAC MEETING



 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 9:30 AM / ONLINE MS TEAMS

# WPAC INTRO’S:

* Cory – Co-chair with Ana (who was unable to attend today)
* Nick – Hot Lunch Coordinator
* Sarah – Secretary
* Lirica – DPAC Rep
* Maryam – Treasurer
* Clara – Past Chair
* Leila – Volunteer Coordinator

# PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

**Thank you**

* Courtyard Café on the first day of school - selling of Beanies and Sweatshirts
* RAZ Kids Gr 1 – 4 – reading at home that is funded by PAC
* Hot Lunch - thank you Nick!
* Created by Kids – thank you Cory!
* Cross Country – big group of parent volunteers, large energetic team of students
* To our Executive for their start of year work, meetings, budget, DPAC
* Funds for classes for teachers’ special projects
* Emergency Preparedness – there is $4274.30 in our Toonies for Tremors fund to replace the food in our packs that are expiring this year

**Enrolment and Staffing**

* 16 Divisions for 2024 – 2025, grades K – 7 , 412 students, all straight classes
* September 5th was the date of return to guarantee spots – this made abig positive difference for classes and teachers to start up the year
* Traffic drop off in those 6 drop off spots are going well

**Special Events/Sports**

* Orange Shirt Day/National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Staff Book Club “Valley of the Birdtail”, students will be learning with their family teams and doing refurbishment of the front garden
* Terry Fox Run – have raised close to $600 with still some money coming in. Had 1st school assembly yesterday
* Had 1st fire drill yesterday
* Elementary Band Gr 6 /Gr 7 - in the renovated Music Room. Large, robust bands, 69 kids signed up. Need to add some soundproofing in the music room.
* Grade 4 – 7 choir with Ms. Fulton students
* Caribou Math extended to include all Grades K – 7, first test is Oct 16, early morning 7:30 do it from home. Kids can sign up and get an access code to play the math games online without having to necessarily participate in the contest
* Cross Country - first meet completed yesterday
* Other extra-curricular activities happening: Lights Up Musical Theatre, Basketball with Mr. B, Fencing with Dynamo Fencing (soon)

**Next Year**

* Kindie Registration for 2024 – 2025 starts on Tuesday, October 15th at 8:00 a.m.

**Board Presentation September 24th**

* Ms. Parker, Ms. Kwan, 2 former Gr 4 students

**Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2024-2025**

* Board Presentation in September on Intergenerational learning – building and contributing to Community
* Focus and reflection on Balanced Literacy – Writing Goal
* Resources, programs, scope and sequence, assessments on Writing
* Staff Meeting and Professional Developments Day focus
* Alignment with Ministry (assessment) , District goals and initiatives

**New Facilities Updates**

* New Boiler is still currently being installed
* Old Science Room is being renovated to become a new work space
* Blinds in Intermediate classes are being added
* Music Portable footprint expansion – removed the office there to create more space
* Virtual Boards – replacing the old projectors that are too costly to repair. PAC bought 2 virtual boards for the school, now the District is giving the school 10 more, and another 10 will come later on.

**Lates**

* Our new challenge....What can we do to encourage families to be at school on time, as latecomers cause disruption to class learning
* K-Gr 4 start at 8:40am
* Gr 5-7 start at 8:50am

**Traffic & Parking Update**

* No left turn at the top of Westcot Road
* No drop off loop at the top
* Bylaw officers will be at school today and next week to enforce rules, and to see if those improvements are working with traffic flow
* Lucky to have the church parking lot available for us to use. We are working hard to maintain the relationship and respect their rules

**ANY QUESTIONS:**

* Q1: Any more traffic enhancements planned around the school or any sidewalks to be created on Wildwood Lane?
* A1: Other than the changes already made like the no left turn at the top and no drop off loop, there are no other changes expected. The City also cleared a lot of bushes along Wildwood Lane, which they will wait and monitor. There are no plans for building a sidewalk there at the moment.
* Q2: Any plans for the school library to be opened before school starts for students?
* A2: No. Early morning staff are currently assigned to be outside helping with the drop off area, so no staff supervision is available for the library.

# WPAC EXEC OPPORTUNITIES

* Volunteer Coordinator
* 2nd DPAC Rep for meeting attendance partner/back-up
* Members At Large x 2
* If you are interested in any of these positions, please email Cathie Ratz. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy with the PAC!

# HOT LUNCH

* 1st day of hot lunch will be September 23, 2024
* No volunteers are needed
* Same as last year, there is a 10 day order window
* Vendors this year are: Inn Cogneato, Aburi Market, Boston Pizza, and Subway
* If you have any questions/concerns, please email Nick at westcothotlunch@gmail.com

# FINANCIAL REPORT

* Last year we had a deficit of $8000 due to less than expected profits from Hot Lunch. This year with different vendors, hopefully we will have more orders
* There is still an overall balance of $80,000 in the bank account
* There are already 60 sweatshirt hoodies pre-orders. We will order a few more to keep some stock on hand to sell
* PAC Exec will have a separate meeting to discuss budget

# SPECIAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

* World Teachers Day – Friday Oct 4, 2024. PAC provides lunch for the teachers. Will need a volunteer to pre-order, pick up, and deliver salad/sandwich platters to the staff room. Last year we ordered from Save-On Foods
* Pink Shirt Day – Cathie to ask teachers if they want classes to do a pink shirt design and then we order and sell
* Holiday Gift for Teachers – Traditionally we gifted a physical item (eg. Candle) to all the teachers, but new suggestions are planning an activity for them to all do together, or a pastry recess? If anybody has any ideas, please let us know!

#  ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

* Q1: Coffee morning and Family Friday were great community events. Can we do more like them? Maybe make a sandwich board outside school to remind parents of school events happening that day?
* A1: Kindies do noisy reading with their parents in class. Grade 1s do math with their parents in class. Maybe we can do some coffee gatherings for parents before certain school events (eg. Christmas singalong, etc). PAC will discuss to see what other opportunities there are.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am