

Joseph Welsh Elementary School Council Meeting

Agenda – May 16, 2023

1. **Call to Order** 3:30 pm
2. **In attendance and Introductions:** Kevin R, Sean G, Laurie M, Dallas H, Anali G, Kyla R, Tiffany L, Tasha A, Nicole M, Brittani R
3. **Land Acknowledgement**
4. **Review & Approval of Agenda & April Meeting Minutes**
5. **Celebrations and Announcements**
 - Thank you to Kyla R. for spearheading so many of our fundraisers this year. It is a lot of planning and setup, and you've found some great ones that were successful for our school
 - Thank you to Anali G. for setting up our Healthy Hunger lunches. And thanks to Anali, Nicole M. and Tasha A. for distributing them. I know there are other parents who have helped as well, and your help is very much appreciated.
 - Thank you to the Richards and Albrecht families for their generosity towards our school - bringing in some extra items for our breakfast program, spare clothes for kids.... It takes a village to raise our students, and we have a wonderful, helpful village here.
6. **Teacher Report - Grade 1**
 - Have been working on grouping 10s, 1s and skip counting; long vowel sounds, upcoming field trip to the Nature Centre, and bowling
7. **Business Arising from Minutes / New Business**
 - School Council - what it is and what we do
 - Quick review for new people; school council is mandated by the Ministry of Education to give parents a voice
 - Planning for next year
 - What activities and events would you like to see?
 - Readathon - prizes?
 - Laurie motioned for up to \$500 to be spent on prizes for readathon participants - passed
 - Grade 5 Farewell
 - Laurie motioned for up to \$50 to restock supplies for farewell cupcakes - passed
 - Book fair next week - volunteers needed; sheet available to sign up
 - District Feedback for 2024/25 calendar
 - looked at proposed calendar; if anyone has concerns let Laurie know

8. Reports and Updates:

- A. Trustee Liaison - n/a
- B. Admin Report - Kevin Robertson /Sean Grainger
 - Grade 5 orientation for middle school was last week, and registration for options will be happening. Students are excited
 - Grow Kids for grade 5s upcoming; spend the day offsite doing different activities with all grade 5s in the district
 - Lots of field trips upcoming, and year end activities like Grade 5 farewell assembly, preK celebration, splash day with a firetruck
- C. Financial Update -
- D. Fundraising Update - Growing Smiles flower fundraiser went well, Readathon is our last thing for the year
- E. City Wide School Council Update - n/a

9. Upcoming Events:

- May 17 - Grow Kids (Grade 5s)
- May 18 - Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
- May 19 - no school, Staff Learning Day, Young Writers Conference (Grades 4, 5)
- May 22 - Victoria Day, no school
- May 23-25 Scholastic Book Fair (Buy one, get one free); evening
- May 24 - Assembly 9am, Grade 4 hosting
- June 9 - no school, Staff Learning Day
- Jun 14 - Assembly 1:30, grade 3 hosting
- June 21 - Aboriginal Games Day
- June 22 - Hot Lunch (McDonalds)
- June 23 - Grade 5 Farewell Assembly
- June 29 - last day of school

10. Next Meeting: June 13 6:30 - discuss School Education Plan