

## Joseph Welsh Elementary School Council Meeting

Agenda – April 24, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
2. **In attendance and Introductions:** Laurie M, Kevin R, Nicole G, Lisa Q, Tasha A, Helen M, Mikayla J
3. **Land Acknowledgement**
4. **Review & Approval of Agenda & March Meeting Minutes**
5. **Celebrations and Announcements**
  - Hot dog lunch and lego night
  - Swimming coming up!
  - Smile Cookies next week - buy some to support the Reading College
6. **Teacher Report** Grade 3
  - Grade 3 teachers talked about what's going on in their classrooms, Literacy focus on UFLI phonics and reading groups. Working on fractions and multiplication in math. Social Studies is learning about Peru, Ukraine, soon to start Tunisia. Field trip planned to the Jungle Farm, and grade 3s will be hosting the May assembly.
7. **Business Arising from Minutes / New Business**
  - a. School Open House
    - i. Table set up for School Council; anything particular we want to promote? We are actively looking for more parents to be involved; we will highlight the hot dog lunches, family nights, book sale - without school council and parent involvement none of these would be happening.
  - b. Hot Dog Lunch
    - i. Laurie and Kevin will discuss a time.
  - c. Family night for May
    - i. Movie night for May, still finalizing which night.
  - d. Grade 5 Aloha Run request
    - i. Grade 5 leadership students came and talked about the Aloha Run in May for mental health. Various activities planned for the week, and they would like School Council to provide freebies for all students. YES - approved by School Council
  - e. Retirement gift for Eva
    - i. Eva is retiring at the end of the school year. School Council will purchase a gift card for her
  - f. Staff Appreciation
    - i. Ideas for what we can do for Staff Appreciation?

**8. Reports and Updates:**

- A. Admin Report - Kevin Robertson
  - Lego night was lots of fun. Swimming starts next week and students are excited.
  - Grade 5s will be off to Grow Kids on May 15 for the day. Grade 6 orientation open houses are this week and the middle schools, and our grade 5s will go to Eastview on June 19th to see the school.
  - Grade 5 farewell will be June 18
  - June 21 is National Indigenous Day, and we will have a day of games and activities planned.
- B. Financial Update - \$6280.93; waiting to hear if we get a grant for a theatre residency

**9. Upcoming Events:**

- April 25 - Student Recognition Assembly, 1:30
- April 26 - Staff Learning Day, no School
- April 26 - Young Writer's Conference at Oriole Park
- May 6 - Choir performance with RDSO, 7pm
- May 9 - School Open House, 6pm
- May 15 - Grow Kids
- May 17 - Staff Learning Day, no school
- May 20 - Victoria Day, no school
- May 22 - Student Recognition Assembly, 9 am

**10. Next Meeting: May 22, 2024 3:20 pm**