

Walpole North Elementary School Council

Meeting Minutes- September 29, 6:00 pm

Attending: Randy Ongena, Lorelei Parsons, Heather Martin, Alisha Fernandes, Amanda Richardson, Starr Phibbs, Kristy Johnson

Regrets: Debbie Awalt

Principal Update & Introduction- Mr. Ongena

* Sharing 2020-21 Grand Erie School Council Guide
* Multi-Year Plan
* Organization & Enrollment Update

We have 200 students in our 11 classrooms currently and 35 students in the Virtual Learning Academy.

* Meet the Teacher Update \*Virtual through D2L – Staff will do a welcome to my room video that will be uploaded Wednesday Oct 7.
* Nutrition Program Update- We are starting the nutrition program this week with “grab and go” type of snacks. They will be delivered to each class in a sanitized bin.
* School Updates:

School Council Elections: **Elections are to take place within the first 30 days of the school year.**

Current:

* Chair/ Co-Chair: Chair- Amanda Richardson, Co-Chair – Alisha Fernandes
* Secretary: - shared.

1. School Council Budget Update –

Finances- Thanks to JLM Metal Recycling who has donated the proceeds from the metal recycling bin. We have earned $761.10 and now only have a deficit of $12.34 for the playground equipment.

Our Hot Lunch Program is at $2,238.64

Parents of Walpole- Fundraising is at $3,338.31.

1. New Business
* Monthly recognition of student achievement will begin at the end of October.
* Nutritional Program Co-ordinator: - Lisa Lickers
* Education Week- virtual event?- Special events? Activities that can be shared on D2L?
1. Set next meeting dates (Minimum 4 per year)

Tuesday November 10, 2020

1. Motioned by Alisha Fernandes and second by Amanda Richardson $100 to go to each classroom for supplies.
2. Motioned by Alisha Fernandes and second by Amanda Richardson- Any money owing after donations/ reaching out to business for the Nutrition totes to be covered by parent council.

**School Councils Resources**

* There has been no direction from the Ministry of Education to pause School Councils. So, they can move ahead.
	+ Meetings can be held virtually. Elections can be done this way as well.
* Note: all fundraising activities are on hold right now due to COVID-19. This decision will be revisited later this year by Senior Administration.
* The School Council section of our website has been updated: <https://www.granderie.ca/board/parentportal/school-councils>
* **Find the 2020-21 School Council Guide here:** <https://www.granderie.ca/application/files/4816/0037/9581/School_Council_Guide_2020.pdf>

**Please share the guide with your School Council.**

You can also find Grand Erie’s Policy on School Councils here: <http://granderie.ca/application/files/6515/0102/0744/SO2_school_councils.pdf>.