



**Williamsburg Public School  
School Community Council Meeting  
April 11, 2019  
WPS Stem Lab**

**Meeting Chaired by: Deanna Mason & Katelynn Basler**

**Attendees:**

WPS Administration	SCC Executive	SCC Voting Members
Brad Savard Monique Coore Andrea McDonald Lisa Wry	Deanna Mason Katelynn Basler Susan Turner Jill Hardaker Jenn McLean	Rupal Patel Mary Letto

**Regrets:**

WPS Administration	SCC Executive	SCC Voting Members
	Gilbert Ko Christine Pinnock	Alisha Sapardanis Laura Avard- Gardner Sheila Cowling Annya Miller Kath Coppola Niloufar Hassanizadeh Sarah Safaei Wayne Hogan

**Minutes:**

Agenda Item	Discussion
Student Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students presented about Autism Awareness Month</li> <li>• They have made posters in the same fashion as Black History Month, using HP reveal and QR codes</li> <li>• The posters are on the wall by the office, they include such things as puzzle pieces and signs and symptoms of Autism</li> <li>• They also spoke about the movie "Indian Horse", which the grade 8s watched. It is about a boy who goes to a residential school. They said that it was excellent movie and recommended that everyone go to see it.</li> </ul>
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved by Jenn McLean and Susan Turner</li> </ul>
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved by Susan Turner and Jill Hardaker</li> </ul>
Teacher's Report (Mrs. MacDonald)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. MacDonald spoke about the Water Walker, Lorrie Ann, who came to Williamsburg to talk to the Grade 2-5</li> <li>• She spoke about taking care of the water, which is a great lead in into Earth Day. She spoke about pollution in the lakes and oceans and how we need to take care of the water now for future generations.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She did a smudging ceremony with sage, which has calming and healing properties.</li> <li>• A grade 6 student from the SSP class came down to talk to Mrs. MacDonald's class. She has autism and spoke to the students about what her life is like and how she handles it. She is an excellent artist and has a You Tube channel to showcase her art. She did the school announcements on Autism Awareness Day.</li> </ul>
<p>Principal's Report (Brad Savard)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Savard spoke to us about the Grade 4, 5 and 6s participating in Wellness Day. Learning about self-regulation and empathy. Sara Westbrook came to the school to talk to the students about helping themselves and empowering themselves. She came back to talk to the parents at night, there were about 70 people who came out for that, it was a good turnout and a good message conveyed.</li> <li>• Wellness Day for the Intermediates is in May</li> <li>• April 22 is Earth Day, Williamsburg students will be cleaning up the school yard and if time, will also clean up Rocketship Park and Medland Park. Mr. Savard got bags and gloves from the Town of Whitby for Earth Day.</li> <li>• The Student Census will be coming out soon. For students in grades 1-6, the parents will complete the census. For students in grades 7-12, the students, themselves, will complete the survey. There is a You Tube video on the DDSB website explaining the survey. The main theme of the survey is Know Every Student, Grow Every Student. The census is anonymous. An email and phone call went out to all parents about an information night explaining the census.</li> <li>• We saw a video of the students about breaking stereotypes. For example "I'm a girl...but I'm not weak". Through the video students were breaking away from the stereotypes put on them. The video was very well done and was shown at a Board professional development session.</li> </ul>
<p>Chair and Treasurer's Report (Deanna Mason)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SCC has \$7000 in the account now. We made \$944 on Pancake Tuesday.</li> <li>• The school is asking for ½ of the fee to have Sara Westbrook and the cost to have the Water Walker in (\$710 + \$300)</li> <li>• The quote for the audio/visual equipment is \$15K, the school is hoping to have it installed by Christmas 2019. Mr. Savard will get two more quotes before then.</li> <li>• As it was decided earlier in the year that the audio/visual equipment was a goal for the SCC, we have decided to hold the SCC funds for now to see how much money we have in June. At that time, or before, we can look at all the quotes and decide how much we can give to the AV project and what</li> </ul>



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	<p>we have left to cover the requests for Sara Westbrook and the Water Walker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panago is increasing the cost of our pizzas, so in September there will be an increase in the cost to the parents. This is the first increase in about 5 years and we hope it will be the last increase for about the same amount of time.</li><li>• Sub days are going well, they are not super profitable, but are easy and fun, so will continue.</li><li>• We have proposed to have bi-monthly SCC meetings for the 2019/20 school year, if anything urgent comes up, we can hold an extra meeting.</li><li>• On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the date of our next SCC meeting, it is also the Kindergarten information night. We need to recruit some new parents to the SCC, as many of us will be aging out within the next few years. We plan to update our brochure and speak to the new Kindergarten parents on May 9<sup>th</sup>, explaining what the SCC does and trying to recruit new parents. We will also hand out the new updated SCC brochure at the Meet the Teacher night in September.</li><li>• The emergency vehicle/games night on June 6, will not be able to happen. We are going to look at having the Magician back on May 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>. We will see if Star Burger can come on those nights, too. If the Magician is unable to come, we will look at doing a Sports Night on May 30<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• For Meet the Teacher in the Fall, we will redo the canvas art sale (for primary and junior divisions only), but have the art on display in the classroom to be bid on. We will not do another movie night. We will have raffle baskets with awesome new themes such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Crayola</li><li>- Baking with the Kids</li><li>- For the Dogs</li><li>- For the Cats</li><li>- Kids Books</li><li>- All Sports</li><li>- Gift Cards (2 x baskets)</li><li>- Movie Night</li><li>- Car Wash</li><li>- Griller's Delight</li><li>- Lego</li></ul></li></ul>
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**Next Meeting:** May 9/19 @ 6:30 pm in the library or Stem lab.



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