

Home & School Meeting Minutes – September 9th

Principal Report – Introduction for our new Principal Beth, excited to be at Wilberforce, coming from UH. Starting to get acquainted with the team and students. This year we have a total of 650 students, 9 new faculty members, 5 are permanent and 3 LTO's. Busy start to school with soccer sign ups and tryouts, cross country sign up, grade 3 earth avengers, colour houses and spirit days.

H&S Elected Positions for 2024/2025 School Year -

Co-Chairs – Kristina & Shelby

Treasurer – Amanda

Secretary – Steph

We will fundraise as a team, and hot lunches are being supported by Christian.

Meet the Family – Event will be held on Wednesday October 2nd. Teachers will be meeting families from 5:30pm-3:30pm and we will have food from 5pm-6:30pm. This year we will look to serve pizza, refreshments and cookies from Crest (cost TBD by Steph). To have more efficient flow of traffic, looking to use the gym area with multiple tables set up for families to come and get their food, and some tables and benches set up through the gym to sit at if desired. Kristina was going to make a sketch of desired plan for the event and give to Kristi and Beth to have the support of the school for set up. During this event H&S will look to set up an area in the gym to launch Wilberforce Spirit Wear with examples of items, logo, sizing, feel etc for families, as well as a QR code available to families who are looking at purchasing right then and there. Looking to have sales start immediately, and then run again in November close to Christmas. Will have a lot more variety this year, touching lots of different price points. Fundraiser for Outdoor Equipment – Stickers, Croc Charms, Meet the Family Donations to run this night as well.

Fundraising Plans – Kristina provided break down post meeting of the plans we have for fundraising this year. One of the asks from the school was support with the new sound system that was installed over the summer which we didn't realize would be happening that fast. The Optimists have committed a \$1000 donation, and they have also reached out to the Lions and H&S for donations as well. We will talk about fundraisers more in depth next meeting and how we plan to allocate funds raised to a couple key areas we hear as priorities.

Treasurer Report – Amanda walked us through the treasurer report, nothing new to report but shares we have a surplus of Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Money. We used some of this on new Hot Lunch bags, will use for meet the teacher night, and will use to purchase pantry items. Will discuss fundraisers and goals next meeting to update targeted outcomes, and for what.

Hot Lunches – We will be moving forward with 2 hot lunches a week. Christian has the ordering system up and going with vendors and new this year, donate a meal which is going over as a great success so far! There will be some credits to families who ordered early when the system initially went live, but will look at giving these families a refund/credit where applicable, ordering is available until End of January right now.