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# School Council Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2022

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## Abraham Erb Public School

April 20- Google Meet, 7:00 p.m.

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**Agenda item: Welcome** **Presenter: Arturo**

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**Agenda item: Approval of March 23 Minutes** **Presenter: Arturo**

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**Agenda item: Introduction of the New Principle** **Presenter: Jodie**

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**Agenda item: Principal’s Report – attached for reference** **Presenter: Jodie**

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**Agenda item: Treasure’s Report** **Presenter: Taru**

Bank position remains unchanged; and the approved projects' expenditures (such as the purchase of French books) have not been updated.

**Agenda item: School Council Funds Request** **Presenter: Jodie**

- Grade 6 Celebration on June 24<sup>th</sup> – request for sponsorship of \$200
- Purchase of additional walkie talkie - \$800
- Crawford Lake Field Trip (Mrs. Nikolic, McAllister, Frey, Childs)- \$870 (\$10 per student)

**School Council voting results:**

- 100% for Grade 6 Celebration
- 91.7% for Purchase of additional walkie talkie
- 100% for Crawford Lake Field Trip

All three requests were approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

## **Principal's Report for School Council**

### **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

#### **School**

- We will be hosting a Welcome to Kindergarten open house for all our new Junior Kindergarten children and their parents on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 p.m. Email invitations have been sent to all families who have registered their JK child.
- Our Grade 6 Celebration event is being held in our gymnasium on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. A “save the date” flyer was sent home this week with all grade 6 students to share with the families and more information will go out to families in May.
- Enrolment counts and the staffing process are well underway for the 2022-2023 school year. Due to the number of students who did remote learning this year who are returning to in-person learning, we will be “up” by one class next year (we will have 19 classes instead of 18 like this year).
- We’ve got lots of field trips (e.g. Clay and Glass Gallery, Crawford Lake) and activities happening around the school, including: primary intramurals during nutrition breaks in the gym (junior intramurals will happen in May), math club, chess club, a yard clean up by the room 10 students this coming Friday, a school-wide scavenger hunt organized by the grade 2s in room 13 rooted in Black History month, our Abraham Erb junior track and field event on June 1<sup>st</sup> (on our own field) and our inter-school junior track and field meet happening at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Board**

- After a long consultation process occurring at many levels, WRDSB trustees have now officially approved the renaming of the high school that sits adjacent to us from Sir John A MacDonald Secondary School to Laurel Heights Secondary School.
- The WRDSB has reintroduced the reporting of COVID exposures to families and staff. Each day, if there have been COVID cases reported in students or staff, a School Day message will be sent to all families indicating the grade, room number and date of exposure. This communication will also happen at a staff level. If no School Day message is sent out, then families can assume that the school had no exposures shared with them.
- There continue to be service interruptions with bussing services provided to WRDSB students to get them to and from school. There continues to be a high rate of driver absenteeism resulting in the cancellation of some routes by Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR). We are less impacted here at Abraham Erb as we only have one school bus.

## **Province**

- All schools in Ontario with grades 3 and 6 are preparing for the administration of EQAO testing. After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the testing will be occurring again, and with some significant changes. Of note, the test will be online and the students will be using Chromebooks to complete it. In addition, we have a much longer timeline to administer the test (7.5 weeks) which alleviates some pressure on schools. Also of note, the scores that will be reported will be based only on the students who wrote the test (instead of counting exempted or withdrawn students as a score of zero).