

**Watt Public School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
6:45pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Kate Monk, Cheryl Marshall, Greg Goulter, Laura Goltz, Kim Small, Hayley Lawrence, Rob Dennys

Regrets: Jeannette Odman

Agenda Item	Decision / Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome – Kate Monk	Chair welcomed everyone	
Election of Executive	Vice Chair - Laura Goltz Treasurer – Cheryl Marshall Secretary - Rotating Fundraising Chair - Jeannette Odman	
Adoption of minutes from June 7, 2016	1 st Laura Goltz 2 nd Cheryl Marshall	
Business arising from minutes	<p>Security System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter was sent to the board by council last spring to inquire about securing our school • Lights have been put up now • Principal will put this concern/request into this fall’s Facility Renewal (October 2016) but anything approved would not be done until next year <p>Watt Summer Reading Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went ahead this summer: Mrs. Hetherington, Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Dennys were extremely helpful and supportive. At our peak there was 14 students. A successful first year. 6 weeks was a good length. Each week had: guest reader, craft, and silent reading time. This opportunity brought together kids who don’t 	Rob

	<p>see each other a lot in the summer for social purposes and enjoyment of reading together and sharing about their favourite stories/books. Kate to inquire of teachers if they felt it was of any benefit in order to assess if it should run again.</p> <p>Report on Watt 50th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pm cake cutting and speeches. Louise Clodd and Andrea Gillespie to speak. Nicole McKeag’s Art unveiling • Group photo to follow • Watt by the decades will be around the outside of the gym • Coffee, tea, muffins, buttermarts, fruit trays available • Guestbook and name tags as people enter the school. • Trivia Challenge handed out. Kate has secured AMAZING prizes • Swag (ball caps and water bottles available for sale) • Great hard working organization committee; the chair acknowledged SC members for their participation as well as Diane and Sydney Smith, Cheryl Evans and Beth Quinton. <p>Thanking volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a scramble to thank people last year. We would like a process to thank all volunteers • It was decided that both the school volunteers and the parent council volunteers would be thanked at the same time in the same way • Council needs to be on top of keeping track of all our volunteers 	<p>Kate</p> <p>WattALL</p> <p>Lisa/Rob/Kate/ALL</p>
<p>Review Correspondence – Chair</p>	<p>Parent Involvement Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence 	

<p>Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Website update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa can now update 😊 • Please make sure Council minutes are updated to the website regularly 	<p>Rob/Lisa</p>
<p>Principal’s Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQAO: Watt’s results appear low, but our numbers are based on small numbers of students writing this past year; therefore with only 11 kids writing a test, one poor result can bring the average down. • Also – across the province EQAO results declined. Rob indicated that staff and the Board are looking at ways for TLDSB to address this moving forward. • Grade 3’s: 4 students at 2.9, instead of 3: therefore our percentage would have been 71% not for those results. • Staff has been talking and planning for this year • Parents are frustrated with not being able to help their kids with the “new math strategies”. SC suggested a Math Literacy session for parents may be a good idea. <p>Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding Forest School: mud kitchen, stage for dramatic arts, raised gardens • Requested monetary support from SC • Plan with Kindergarten teachers to work out specific details for council to approve and order any lumber 	<p>Rob/Kate</p> <p>Greg to work with Ms. Nelan and Ms. McKeag</p>
<p>Treasurer’s Report – Cheryl Marshall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our account: \$5,161.95 • According to Secretary a cheque was lost in the mail this past summer made out to Metroland Media in the amount of \$339.00 that still needs to be withdrawn from the \$5,161.95 <p>Watt 50th expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 from the board in our account 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl tracking money and receipts from the 50th Thanks to school admin for purchasing the Swag materials for sale (\$1200+). <p>Parent Engagement Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 for this year once again. Need to determine if this is part of the budget figure in the bank. Could perhaps be used for Math Literacy workshop or for Watt 50th, etc. 	<p>Cheryl</p> <p>Lisa</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaga Ball – this project is was approved last school year and still needs to be implemented. It will be paid for from funds raised for the Daniel Smith legacy. SC offered to rouse a Parent Posse to get work on this completed. Greg Goulter will determine what is needed to complete the project from Megan deLaGran (teacher) in order to attempt to get the boards ups this fall. An order for the wood could go in conjunction with what the Kindergarten class needs for their project. Council discussed bringing back the Community Garden in addition to supporting Forest School’s request for raised gardens. Rob will discuss with staff to determine their interest. Council discussed improving the trails outback; various people could be consulted for this including Megan delaGran (who has running club out there) and Tom Knight. Cross Country Ski Equipment concern; Aimee Cooper ran the 	<p>Rob/Greg/Megan to pick a date</p> <p>Rob</p> <p>Greg</p> <p>Hayley/Rob</p>

	<p>Motion to organize Swag sales to school population: Oct 17-Nov 11 1st: Hayley Lawrence 2nd Greg Goulter</p> <p>Laura Goltz will act as coordinator. Council does not want Swag orders to conflict with Christmas candles/poinsettia orders.</p> <p>Watt Winterfest will run again on February 8, 2017. Laura Goltz will act as event lead.</p> <p>District Parent Involvement Committee of the TLDSB: Laura Goltz has agreed to once again be council rep, while others are welcome to attend. Meetings for the 2016-2017 school year will take place at 7 p.m. on the following dates at the Muskoka Education Centre (Board Office):</p> <p>Thursday, November 3, 2016 Thursday, December 1, 2016 Thursday, March 2, 2017 Thursday, May 4, 2017</p> <p>Staff Requests to SC: Rob will speak to teachers. Additionally, Council has decided to fund each classroom individually this year to the tune of \$500 per classroom. In order to receive the funding, proposals from the teachers should go in to the Principal by end of October for approval in November.</p> <p>Motion to fund classrooms individually for one year (to the tune of \$2500 total): 1st: Cheryl Marshall 2nd: Hayley Lawrence</p> <p>Christmas Sale: Kate reported that Jeannette has agreed to run the annual</p>	<p>Laura</p> <p>Laura</p> <p>Laura</p> <p>Rob</p> <p>Rob/Teachers/Kate</p> <p>Jeannette/Rob</p>
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	Christmas sale once again. A date in December needs to be picked.	
Meeting Adjourned	8:35PM	
Next Meeting	Tuesday, January 17	6:45 pm Library