



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS TUESDAY, Jan 9th, 2024 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u> <u>Presenter</u>	<u>Notes</u>
7:00 - 7:10	Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment - Review of Agenda Sara/Jackie	Meeting started at: 7:07pm Introduction Please remember to put your school in the chat or on the sign-in form
7:10- 7:30	Pro Grant Best Practices Sara	Review of survey sent out to WRAPSC members re: PRO grants PRO (parents reaching out) Grant from board to schools for family engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See slides - 92% have applied for a grant - Most schools start thinking about PRO grants in October/November - Council chair most likely to fill out the application - 90% haven't been denied for a PRO grant fund (if so, usually an incomplete application) - Need more feedback from PIC and a chance for the school to re-apply - Lots of great PRO grant events (see slides) - Unsuccessful events - Asking admin and parents when the best days/times for council meetings and events are
7:30- 8:00	Pro Grant Past Events Presenters: Erin Amy Kelly	Erin from King Edward Public School - Welcome Kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photos are in slides - Thought about needs of school, downtown school, a lot of new registrations to the school through the year (72 new students last year) - Gathered materials from local services to provide pamphlets (ex. House of friendship, ymca, outreach worker, multicultural centre, local programming at community centres, kw art gallery, the library, local

		<p>camps, the museum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our school has over 20 languages spoken at home - Included a welcome one-pager that was translated into various languages on Google depending on the family's needs <p>Amy from Jacob Hespeler - Scholarship and Trades Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes are in slides - Used PRO Grant to apply for subscription to these two resources - Sent out 5 times per year - Information on scholarships, awards, and bursaries and how to apply for them - Clickable resources on open houses, submission dates, etc. - Information on different trades, career events, applying for funds for apprenticeships <p>Kelly from Blair Road Public School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoga Night - Bought a class set of yoga mats, donated to school after - Offer a hybrid option - Consider providing childcare - Provided refreshments - Found a community member for the instructor - Book through the school at the community centre to have the liability insurance of the board
8:00-8:40	How to Fill out a PRO Grant Application Jackie/Laura	<p>Jackie - co-chair of PIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See slides - Timelines and requirements for applying - Contact principal and/or PIC email address if you have any questions: pic@wrdsb.ca - Applications due January 26th, 2024 - Funds must be spent by June 24, 2024
8:40-8:55	Large Group Question Period Jackie/Sara PRO Grant Ideas	<p>Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information night on new English curriculum - Talk about vaping, virtual option - How to navigate the school system, communication - There are \$500 of funds that your principal has from the ministry to use for family engagement - consider adding to the PRO grant (see previous minutes)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctor and cell phone addiction - would parents support a phone ban? - Legality of parents being responsible for cell phones - Using hot topics and topics that are engaging - School flyers, teachers calendars, planners, school day, website
8:50-8:55	<p>Closing: Future meeting dates (Feb 6, Apr 2, May 7)</p> <p>Next meeting: Tues. Feb 6, 7-9 pm</p> <p>Sara</p>	