WRAPSC Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Agenda Review:

- Next Year Planning, how we did this year.
- PIC-PRO Grant Update
- Best Practices starting the school year
- Trustee small group chats and snacks

Looking Back at this year:

- Question: How to make these meetings productive?
- Q&A: all meeting slides will have answers to questions asked.
- Please continue to send us your questions so that we can make these meetings meaningful. Email: wrapsc@gmail.com

Looking Ahead:

- What would we like to see next year? Some suggestions:
    - Surveys/questions could be geared towards elementary vs Secondary. Having two surveys go out?
    - We love the best practices part of our meetings.
    - Executive team discussed WRDSB community partners list so that schools know which groups/speakers are recognized by the board.
    - We also want to look into groups outside WRDSB in the interest of impartiality
    - More info on Right to Read- WRAPSC will seek clarification from the board as to what changes are being made and how home reading/literacy instruction at the school/classroom level will change.
        - Audience Suggestion: Sold A Story Podcast
    - Feedback from members: Need to further promote WRAPSC within School Council groups.
    - Questions about speakers: Looking for a balance that finds more time to address member questions, in addition to guest speakers.

- Note: members are encouraged to send questions/concerns to wrapsc@gamil.com before meetings so that we can find information to help answer questions prior to meetings.
- If caregivers/councils have questions/concerns regarding WRDSB policies, these should be directed towards WRDSB Trustees or PIC (Note: we do not have a direct contact for PIC at this time. This will be a question brought forward at the next meeting)
- Question for members: What do we want to see from PIC?
  - Members need additional clarification on the role PIC plays.
  - Chromebook/Television Usage: clear policy detailing usage in the classroom.
  - Accountability for PIC: how do we have more consistency? Who is accountable for what? Who do we go to with our concerns? Greater transparency needed.
- PRO Grant approvals have been shared! Check in with the school/Principal
- Members share that they didn't hear about PRO Grant— how can we better communicate? How can communication be more consistent?
- Think about: How are your meetings going to happen? Example: will you vote on virtual vs in-person for next year? Ensure that you are voting on all major decisions at your school council meetings. This makes transitions between administrators easier.
- Council should be filling out 2 forms: "Principal Profile Form" and "Survey— End of year report". These forms come from your principal.
- Did you know there is a School Council Handbook?
  - Suggestion: Recap your council by-laws at your initial meeting (see Handbook linked above)

In attendance:

All trustees present with the
exception of: Fred Meissner, Bill
Cody, Marie Snyder

- Trustees: Work to complete
  performance appraisals,
  make decisions about
  policies, liaison between
  parents and board, attend
  board meetings, serve on
  committees, adopt strategic
  plans, discipline hearings,
  and advocates for public
  education.
- Elected in a specific region (e.g., Kitchener, Waterloo, etc), but you can reach out
  to any trustee.
- If you have a concern, contact the teacher/principal first, then move to Trustees
  and Superintendents if you are unable to resolve your concerns. ([Find your
  assigned Superintendent here](#)).
- Overall job of a Trustee is to keep student wellbeing and achievement at the
  center of all we do.

Trustees and in-person members engaged in a meet-and-greet.

Thank you to all who attended, and a special thanks to Trustees for joining us!
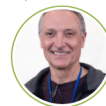
Next meeting is Oct 3, 2023