

Westmount School Association

MINUTES

For May 29, 2017 @7:00 pm
Westmount School

Attending: Leanne Andrecyk, Nancy Anningson, Diane Axell, Amanda Beresford, Tonya Malay, Janet MacNeil, Stephanie Rice, Stacie Rimmer, Naomi Shelton, Lesley MacInnis, Ian MacRae, Natalia Diaz-Insense, Sean Flemming, and Michelle, Krista, Anne

Regrets: Tiffany Connell, and Shanda LaRamee-Jones

1. **Welcome & Introduction of Guests** - Leanne Andrecyk
2. **Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2017**
Motion: to approve the April 24, 2017 WSA meeting minutes as circulated.
Approved: Amanda Beresford *Seconded:* Nancy Anningson *vote:* All for/0 against
3. **Review of Pending Action Actions** - Leanne Andrecyk
No pending items
4. **Principal's Report** – Ian McRae
 - New school photographer – The school has made a 1 year contract with a new photographer, Paul Adams.
 - Grade 6 field trip – The grade 6 field trip will be June 23. They will take a double decker bus around the city, go to Murphy's for lunch and then to McNab's Island for the afternoon.
 - The school received 10 additional chrome books. They traded 10 computers. This will bring technology into the classroom. The school now has 30 travelling chrome books. Every class has at least 1 chrome book for the class and there are 2 per room in the upper classes.
 - The school's goal is to get a traveling set up to 50 chrome books. This means they need 20 more in the fall. This could be a technology project that the WSA will support.
 - The WSA will look at the budget for next year. We need to redo the budget buckets and allocate according to the new HRSB policy. Our focus will be on technology for the school.

- Mr. McRae reported that there will be 16 classrooms next year. This may change due to enrolment over the summer – The proposed configuration is as follows but could shift before September:
 - 2 primary classes
 - 3 grade 1 classes
 - 2 grade 2 classes
 - A grade 2-3 class
 - 1 grade 3 class
 - A grade 3-4 class
 - 2 grade 4 classes
 - 2 grade 5 classes
 - 2 grade 6 classes
- This would mean 16 home room classes, there will also be 2 learning centres, gym, art, and French.
- Last year the WSA provided classroom funding for 22 teachers – Next year there would be 24 for funding.
- The school hosted a drumming event with squid that was very popular.
- The Spring fair went well.
- The school will host a cultural fair on June 1. Parents can attend the fashion show at 11 am.
- Field day will be held on June 21 with a rain date of June 22. The younger students up to grade 3 will participate from recess to lunch. Garde 6 will help with that. The upper grades will participate in the afternoon.
- June 9 will be a string concert for the grades 4-6 students.
- On teacher is retiring this year – Ms. Julia Blandford, grade 3.
- The WSA usually purchases a \$50 gift for the school in the retiring teacher’s name.

Action Item: Mr. MacRae will ask Ms. Blandford and let us know what she’d like.

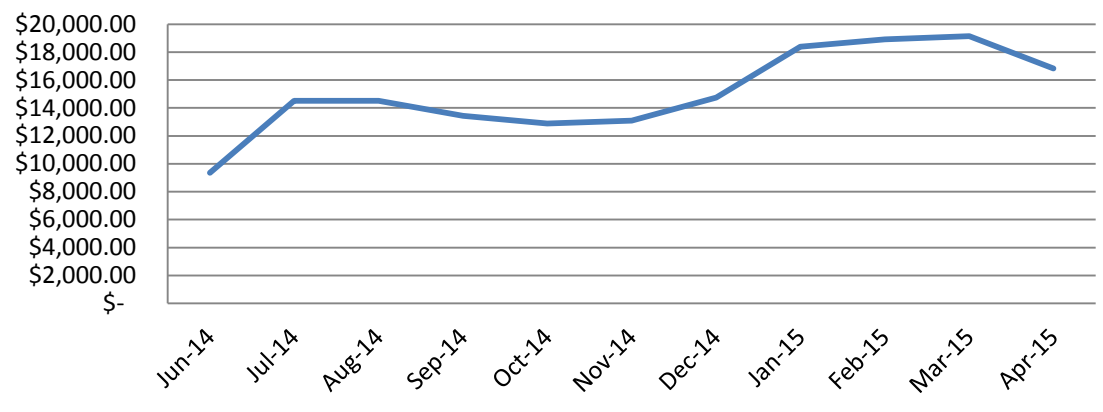
5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Nancy Anningson
Please see the Treasurer’s report on the following page

Motion: to approve the treasurer’s report as presented.

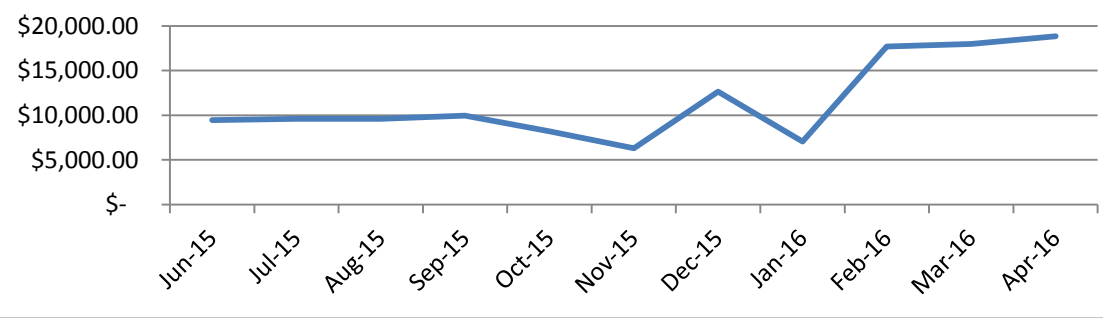
Approved: Diane Axell **Seconded:** Amanda Beresford **vote:** All for/0 against

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION		
	BALANCE AS OF April 28 ,2017	NOTES
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE:	\$ 14,229.73	
Residual amounts to be re-allocated	\$ 405.79	Remainder bike/scooter rack grant
CASH BALANCE:	\$ 13,823.94	
Anticipated expenses to June 30, 2017		
1. Criminal Records Checks (\$1,000):	\$ 60.00	
2. Classroom Supplies (\$4,400):	\$ -	
3. Awards, Recognition & Gifts (\$1,050):	\$ 200.00	
4. WSA Operating Costs (3,000):	\$ 650.00	
5. School Pride & Promotions (\$1,500):	\$ 200.00	
6. Technology (\$10,716.96):	\$ -	
7. School Events, Initiatives & Special Projects (\$6,250):	\$ 1,000.00	
8. Grade 6 Class trip (\$3,000):	\$ 4,000.00	
Earmarked funds - outdoor classroom etc.	\$ 1,985.41	
Estimate	\$ 8,095.41	
Revenue Anticipated to June 30/17		
Spring Fair	\$ 7,000.00	
Scotia Match	\$ 3,000.00	
	\$ 10,000.00	
Anticipated balance June 30, 2017	\$ 15,728.53	

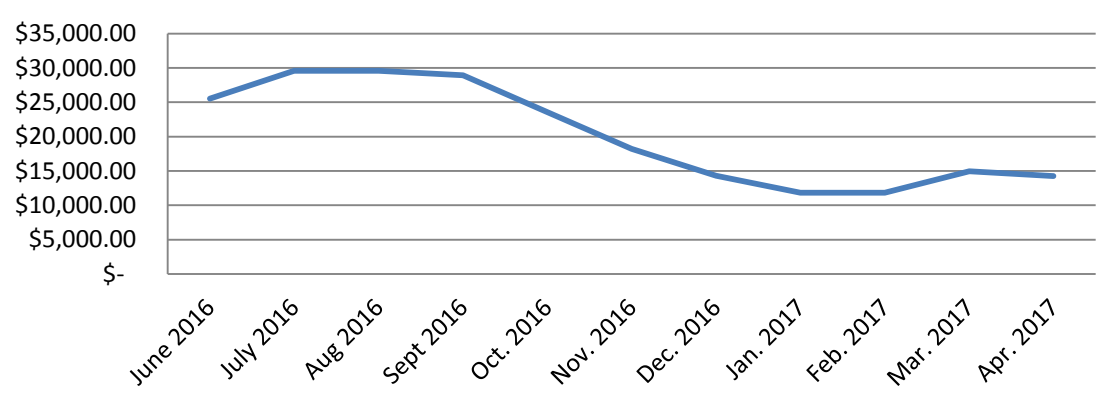
Cash Flow WSA 2014-2015



Cash Flow WSA 2015-2016



Cash Flow WSA 2016-2017



6. Funding Requests Presentation & Discussion

No funding requests

7. Event Chairs' Pre and/or Post Event Report

Post-event report – Spring Fair – Tonya Malay

- Spring fair went well – thanks to the staff and administration
- The kids had fun
- Suggestions for next year – If each person takes on a piece of the planning it more manageable. We need more volunteers.
- The committee will be Michelle, Tiffaney, Stacie and Heather, Vanessa, and Janet
- The expenses still coming in

Teacher Appreciation luncheon – Tonya Malay

- There was discussion regarding the WSA hosting a teacher appreciation lunch as we normally do in June.
- Mr. McRae indicated that it may not be appropriate this year.
- The school is not hosting a volunteer tea this year.
- An appreciation event may not be something that everyone is comfortable with.
- This is something to revisit in the fall.

8. Other

Westmount's Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) maps – Natalia Diaz-Insense

- Survey – 2 years ago there was a survey regarding how the kids come to school.
 - They are now going to generate a map to show safe walking routes.
 - Natalia collected data on traffic patterns and asked what parents would like to see.
 - This work was put on hold in 2015 due to funding cuts but is now able to proceed.
 - Natalia will share the data and work with HRM over the summer to address the problems.
 - She needs volunteers for a committee to support this work.
 - The end result will be a map to show the best routes to walk or bike to school. It will indicate 10-minute walking routes to school to help get parents to park outside the circle and walk their kids from there.
 - Natalia would like to recruit more people to help with school travel planning.
 - Please volunteer if you are interested.
- The WSA Annual General Meeting will be on June 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm.
 - WSA voting positions available for next year are:
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - 3 Member at large positions
 - The teacher representatives may not attend next year. We will have to review and potentially amend the WSA by-laws to reflect this.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Approved: Diane Axell

Seconded: Nancy Anningson

vote: All for/0 against

Next Meeting: WSA AGM – June 26, 2017 @ 7:00 pm