

School Council Meeting Minutes

15 Jan 2024 / 6:30 PM / Hybrid

Attendees

- Parents: Jennifer Reitsma (Chair), Lang Vu, Daniel Martin-Weaver, Tanusha Jeganathan (Treasurer), Amanda Ryan, Renee Chang, Andrea Chin, Sehara Jayasinghe
- Virtual: Reshma Khan, Stephanie Whittamore, Thasan Yogarajah, Anna Leung, Sadaf Brar, Olivia Chu-Yau, Arslan Ghani (Secretary)
- Administration: Vivienne Baines (Principal), Chunha Park (Vice-Principal)
- Teacher Representative: N/A
- Regrets: N/A

Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement – read by Chunha Park
- Approval of the agenda – Jennifer Reitsma moved; Thanusha Jeganathan seconded
- Approval of the minutes of Last Meeting – Jennifer Reitsma moved; Lang Vu seconded.

Admin Report – Vivienne Baines

- Focus on next school year planning. Number of students, classroom organization.
- Junior girls' and boys' volleyball is wrapping up.
- Robotics team competition in February.
- Play leaders are helping the primary students with games during tarmac recess.
- At times the field is off limits due to ice in winter and mud in spring. Tarmac recess is necessary, should the field be damaged, it could be off limits for up to a year for repairs.
- Primary choir and a Junior/Intermediate Choir are practicing and there are also 3 bands – Grades 6, 7 and 8.
- February 1st concert for Junior and Intermediate students.
- Basketball teams are starting shortly.
- School is continuously working on addressing the use of discriminatory language and slurs by some students. It's a school wide and system wide issue that requires continuous education from parents, teachers, and all community members.
- The Board's protocol will be made more visible for all staff and students in classrooms and other places in the school. It will be shared with parents in the

Wolverine Weekly (also available on the YRDSB website) in hopes for consistency in addressing these incidents.

- Parents suggested might need some tips to monitor kids' social media usage and other avenues that might be contributing to the issue mentioned in the point above. Suggestion to include tips for the parents in the weekly newsletter.
- Field trips are at the discretion of teachers. Parents should speak with the teacher to enquire about field trips.

School Council Report – Jennifer Reitsma

- Thanks to the community for helping with board games for indoor recess.
- Help is needed during the weekly Pizza and Pasta lunches. If a parent is available to help even for a few weeks, contact Jennifer.

Treasurer Report – Thanusha Jeganathan

- Thanusha presented the treasurer report. During the last meeting, \$1,500 was approved for Scientists in School, \$1,500 was approved for floor mats for Grade 2 classrooms, \$3,000 was approved for Chrome books. The current balance isn't available due to the upcoming payments for Pizza and Pasta lunches until the end of March.

Yearbook Report

- No update on Grade 8 memory book as many committee members were absent.

Fundraising Committee

- Fundraising committee suggested movie nights to raise funds. If 3-4 movie nights are scheduled during the current school year as well as the next year, decent amount of funds could be raised from this activity. The movie license is valid for 1 year from the date of purchase. Funds can be raised from ticket sales, comfy couch raffle, pizza, snacks etc. As an example, from a past movie night event in May 2019, the net profit after all expenses was around \$900.
- Jennifer Reitsma moved to approve \$965.98 for the movie license purchase. Thanusha Jeganathan seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- Jennifer Reitsma moved to approve approximately \$1,500 for the custom school tent with the condition that it would be purchased once sufficient funds are available in the account. Lang Vu seconded the motion. Motion carries.
- Lego spike bots are on the wish list.

Next Meeting: February 05, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Hybrid format