

**School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**

March 4 2024

Attendees: LEEANNE HOOVER-JOY, WAYNE SPENCER, SUPRIYO MAJUMDAR, JOANNA CHAN, NATALIE ZAMANIS,  
ANITA, KELLY LO

**Administrator's Updates**

- New: one mark for all language strands
  - Still expectations for each strand
  - Teachers look at how much time they spend in each strand to weigh the overall mark
  - January staff meeting spent lots of time assessment and new processes
  - K-grade 2: early reading screening – benchmark met: yes or no
    - Not done yet because access to the early reading screening tool not available yet
  - Along with the screening tool, diagnostic tools for other grades coming
- Grade 7 and 8 mental health lessons will be coming this year – board directed lessons
- Early dismissal for solar eclipse
- School organizations for Sept:
  - Always try to have straight grades wherever possible
  - 5<sup>th</sup> portable coming
  - Beckett PS families have the right to request to stay
  - JK/SK autism class – have to be diagnosed; could be from other regions, approximately 6 students
- What's happening at the Castle (found in weekly newsletters)
  - 100 days of school
  - Lunar new year learning
  - Black History Month learning
  - Lego robotics – won areas; placed 4<sup>th</sup> in regionals
  - Kortright outdoor learning programs brought to the school
  - Kiwanis music festival – choir and intermediate band (both 2<sup>nd</sup> place)
  - Intermediate basketball
  - Grade 7s at Lake St George

**Fundraising/Spending Updates**

- Approved some requests submitted by teachers (see spreadsheet in presentation)
  - Parents posed questions around spending items
  - Items purchased to be shared in next school council newsletter

**Council Updates**

- Discussed recruitment of volunteers for Fun Fair

- Discussed lunch options, including Milk program
- Shared feedback received from parents about current lunch options

Next Meeting:  
Monday May 6  
7:00-8:30