

## School Council

### Meeting Minutes

November 6 2023

Attendees: Leeanne Hoover-Joy, Wayne Spencer, Elizabeth Colley, Kelly Lo, Supriyo Majumdar, Anita Huang, Joanna Chan, Natalie Zamanis, Elesh, Bonnie, Luk, Mable, Marilyn

Meeting Presentation Link

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#### Administrator's Update

- EQAO highlights (last year):
  - 100% participation grade 3; 97% grade 6
  - Grade 3: Math 85%, Reading 88% Writing 85%
  - Grade 6: Math 79%, Reading 89%, Writing 95%
  - Administration looking into the 79% Math for grade 6 which is low for Castlemore
  - See key results in meeting presentation
  - Results available via [EQAO site](#)
  - Administration can segregate results further to see where the gaps are
  - Going to run extra classes after school for math and language – only for those students who need the extra help. After school on Tuesdays and Thursday, over 6 weeks; total of 12 hours. Students must attend all sessions. Parents will be contacted for their child.
- Eco team is looking for an elder in residence to partner with ECO group. Couple hours per month; mostly virtual. More info in upcoming weekly school newsletter.

#### School Council Forum

- Attended by Vice Principal, School Council Co-Chair and Treasurer
- Topics attended:
  - Creating authentic parent and family engagement in York Region schools
  - How to support students at home with math learning
    - Play math games
    - Mathematizing your child's world
    - Supporting homework
    - Resources provided:
      - <https://www.tvompower.com/>
      - <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/mathematics>
      - <https://courseware.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/27>
      - <https://mathify.tvolearn.com/parents/>
    - For 2024-25, more funding is coming from the board for math and language.
    - Castlemore has access to subscriptions to MathUP for kindergarden to grade 8.
  - How to support literacy at home
    - New language curriculum for grades 1-8

- Destreaming grade 9
- Parents are the first teacher for literacy
- YRDSB has a lot of research tools for students to use.
- [bit.ly/yrdsblit](https://bit.ly/yrdsblit)
- 4) Fundraising
  - School principal develops a fundraising plan for each school year
  - Funds should be spent in the year they're raised so all students from that year benefit

#### **School Council Funds Spending Plan for 2023-24**

- Items for consideration discussed.
- Should consider school needs and demographics when determining fundraising activities
- Pro Grant is available to support parent community
- Principal has applied for snack grant for next school year
- Principal to provide list of grants available for council to review

Next Meeting:  
Monday December 4  
7:00-8:30