



## **Coledale Public School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

### **Call to Order:**

The parent council meeting of Coledale Public School was on Monday, September 23, 2024 in the library. It began at 6:30 pm and was presided over by Principal Ms. Kurek.

### **Attendance:**

**School Staff:** Ms. Kurek, Ms. Lau, Ms. Nagarajah, Ms. Wong, Mr. Hoogendam

**Parents:** 11 parents attended the meeting in person; 11 parents attended the meeting via zoom.

## **AGENDA**

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved.

**2023-2024 School Council Wrap-up, budget and report:** Co-chairs Lucy and Kanupriya provided a summary of the previous year's school council activities. The Fun Fair that was held last year was very successful. School council has proposed the date for the next Fun Fair to be Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Current funds from School Council are approximately \$8800. The school used some of the funds for Gr 8 grad trip, agendas, and Chromebooks. The school received donations of approximately \$1800 and fundraising generated approximately \$5000.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Ms. Kurek went through the available positions and role description for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Council. The following members have been elected for School Council for the upcoming year:

- Co-chairs: Lucy Li and Tonia Tse
- Secretary (and Communications): Nora Li
- Treasurer: Julia Seung
- Fundraising Officer: Kanupriya Kejriwal

### **Staff Report (Ms. Nagarajah, Mr. Hoogendam, Ms. L. Wong)**

Staff provided an update to the following items:

- Many clubs have already started, including cross country which were open to gr 4-8, photography club, volleyball, frisbee, choir
- There is a trip for Gr. 7's to Scanlan Creek
- The budget provided by the School Board is extremely tight this year. The Board has changed how they allocate money, for example, they provide less funding per pupil but allocate more for pupil in special ed; there are allocations for photocopying. Overall the budget provided to the school is \$10,000 less this year for more children in the school.
- The kids have been great with adopting the new cell phone rule.

### **Administration Report (Ms. Kurek, Ms. Lau)**

Ms. Kurek and Ms. Lau provided the following updates:

- **Classroom re-organization:** Administration knew by mid-Spring last school year that classes had to shift, which was due to changes in the mix of student population. Last year, there were more students in the lower grades whereas this year there are more students in the higher grades. The classroom re-organization resulted in an additional split grade class and impacted 160 children, which included 83 students moving classes. Parents whose children are moving classes will receive an email by end of day September 25.
- **Staff changes:** There are two new office staff this year: Ms. Emmanuel, and Ms. Lee
- **Hot Lunches via LunchBox:** Hot lunch program has been off to a good start. The application provides more flexibility and allows parents to book lunches on a weekly basis.
  - o Komo Shokudo will be added as an option to LunchBox starting October 28.
  - o Astoria and Lunch Lady offer Halal options
  - o Pizza Provider – a parent, Shaila, provided mixed feedback on the current pizza provider, however, the school noted that this has also been the case in the past with other providers. Shaila noted she plans to look for other pizza lunch options for the school.
- **Book of Forms:** It is important that parents complete these forms for their children who are attending the school. Parents should have received an email from the Board.

### **New Business**

- Council Meeting Dates (Tentative – to be discussed):
  - o October 22, 2024
  - o November 20, 2024
  - o January 13 or 20, 2025
  - o February 4 or 18, 2025
  - o April 9 or 16, 2025
  - o May 26, 2025

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Recorders:** Tonia Tse (Secretary)