

Deer Park School Council – Meeting Minutes

Nov. 15, 2022 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Dec. 5, 2022



Approved Meeting Norms

To enrich our understanding of the School Council role, as we promote Student Achievement and Well-Being.

- 1. Ideas, thoughts and suggestions are generated with positive intentions*
- 2. Begin and end meetings on time, by adhering to allotted time set for each agenda item.*
- 3. We reveal our individual interests but work towards the common goal by being open to new ideas*
- 4. Encourage participation of all by actively listening, being courteous, and respecting others as they present their ideas.*

In attendance: Kim Sarabura (Nick and Samantha); Laura Pearce (SK Corlyn and Evelen); Kristine Reynolds (Ben in Grade 8, Abby in Grade 6); Aimee Stronge (Grade 6 - Cadence); Randi Young; Cindy Wilson; Sarah McIntyre (Jacob in Grade 6)

Items to Share	Time	Presenter	Notes
Mail/Email Sharing	5 min.	Kristine	Nothing to share from emails
Financial Update/Budget	5 min	Cindy	Playground Fund = \$3585.80 Council General = \$642.51 Tuck Shop = \$2128.65 Total General = \$2771.16
Fundraising Plan/Fundraising Update	10 min.	Cindy/Kristine	School Cash Updates (Some of this info was shared with Council members before this meeting): - We are strongly encouraged to use School Cash Online for activities

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			<p>involving money at school <i>but can also allow for cash options if needed by some</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How do we do things like treat sales? <i>Cash is ok. Please consider limiting the amount of coinage, etc. as Dimple has to count/roll the money and this is very time consuming</i>- Council wants to know if they can have a school event password so people can go in and pay without having access to a family account? <i>Individuals must pay using a family account. However, there is an option to make donations to a school using School Cash without logging in; we are using School Cash for permission forms as well and will support families in getting set up as needed</i>- Can we do silent auctions? How do people pay for that? <i>Yes we can do silent auctions. This is a good alternative to raffles. People would just arrange to pay directly to the school after the auction. We can also get a license from the Town if we want to do a raffle but it is a bit of an involved process</i> <p>- Cindy shared proposed Fundraising Plan and also Fundraising Guidelines and items were discussed (see handouts) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- discussion of different coding companies to check out, also other types of presenters who could come in- talked about ways money could be used to support grad (Council has always helped out with grad; we also discussed the idea of making grad special but being aware that what we do needs to be able to be repeated each year, and with our small graduating class size, being cost-effective matters
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council will think about suggestions and vote at next meeting about what they want to support fundraising for - Mom’s Pantry Fundraiser: Kristine will be tallying the results on Thursday; we have about \$4000 in sales so far, not sure yet what that translates to in terms of our final proceeds
Tuck Shop	10 min.	Kristine/ Kim	Laura Pearce is taking this on and is looking at Wednesdays; students will bring \$ and buy limited number of items; Cindy will provide vendor information to Laura for ordering materials; FDK children will purchase after lunch, but other grades will do it during the eating portion of lunch recess; trying not to “nickel and dime” so we don't end up spending hours in te office counting change for deposits either!
Lunchbox orders	5 min.	Aimee	Aimee still waiting for some information; believes it is an approved vendor as it is used by Lake Simcoe PS, Sutton PS, Lakeside; this is how we can still do Booster Juice which we otherwise could not do directly since a parent would directly profit
Principal Update	10 min.	Cindy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EQAO Results were shared; we are concerned about # of students below grade level; math support funding from Ministry; P Plus teacher training for Mrs. Towle to support literacy skills; goal to move students along significantly with literacy skills this year; discussion of what to do for students who are not at grade level from last year - Cindy shared behaviour concerns (discriminatory language, defiant behaviour/opposition to authority/work refusal, bullying) and the schoolwide plan to identify behaviour we will accept and

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			that we won't; there will be consistent and clear outcomes and significant behaviour like discriminatory language will not be taken lightly, as per Board policy; a communication to families with more detail will follow; there will be a bulletin board display on the PA Day and an assembly for the whole school after that; communication with families will be an important part of the process so we can partner in teaching children the essential life skills of socially acceptable interactions and social problem solving strategies; hoping that this will create a safe and supportive space where children will be more ready to think about learning at school; we have had fantastic superintendent support with this
Happenings Around the School	5 min.	Randi	Spirit Wear has been ordered and is coming soon; we have two volleyball teams about to go to tournaments, Grade 6/7/8 trip presentation has gone over well, we are just waiting for final results of poll
Questions and New Ideas			- There has been discussion among staff about a possible event at th school for families (maybe a concert or family games night); Council input is that it would be appreciated if it could happen at night so more families can attend but there is appreciation of the idea; we also discussed the importance of honouring a balance of significant events for various cultures and faith groups so that all identities are affirmed and included