



EMPS School Council Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: EMPS Library
DATE: December 5th 2024
TIME: Start: 6:43 PM
 Adjourned: 8:27 PM
FACILITATOR: School Council Executive (2024-2025)
 EMPS Administration
NO. OF ATTENDEES: 34 attendees, 10 voting members
MINUTES TAKEN BY: Naila Mistry

School Council Executive Members Present	Melissa Romain, Co-Chair Ban Obaid, Co-Chair Laela Constantine, Secretary		
EMPS administration/staff present	Mme. Eugenia Korinis Mme. Mondal		
Agenda			
	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement		Roberta
	Motion to Approve Agenda		Melissa
	Motions to Approve Previous Meeting’s Minutes		Naila
	Introductions	<i>Brief Introductions</i>	Everyone
	Role of School Council and Meeting Norms	<i>As outlined in the School Council Handbook Publication - YRDSB</i>	Ban
	Principal and Teacher Update		Mme. Korinis/Mme. Mondal
Financial Update		Mme. Korinis / Victoria	

	Upcoming Fundraising and Donation Updates	<i>Holiday Heroes</i> <i>FundScrip Cancelled</i> <i>Future Opportunities in the next term being discussed by our Fundraising Committee</i> <i>Winter concert SC table</i>	
	Other Business	<i>EQAO Results discussion (per request from last meeting)</i>	Open Floor and Questions
	Dates to Note	<u><i>December 9</i></u> - Coffee Drop-In (Welcoming parents and guardians of students in our school community at a time that differs from our usual events and meetings in the evening) <u><i>December 11</i></u> - Winter Concert at Emily Carr Volunteers might be needed? <u><i>December 20</i></u> - last day of school before winter break <u><i>January 16</i></u> – Primary Winter Concert <u><i>January 23</i></u> - WinterFest! Volunteers please connect with us! <u><i>February 6</i></u> Next School Council Meeting <u><i>Additional School Council Meeting Dates</i></u>	
	Motion to Adjourn Meeting		
Motion to approve agenda and	Agenda approved – Motion raised by Melissa, seconded by Sophia Minutes approved – Motion raised by Sophia, seconded by Erin		

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What we have to work with:

\$9,412.45

EMPS FUNDRAISING PLAN - DRAFT - 2024 - 2025

DRAFT FUNDRAISING PLAN	TIMELINE	AMOUNT	NOTES
MUSIC PROGRAMS - INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT	FALL/SPRING	\$2,500.00	
CARIBOU MATH LICENCES		\$350.00	
TECHNOLOGY - e.g. Chromebooks	FALL/SPRING	\$8,000.00	
FIELD TRIPS - Buses		\$3,500.00	1 bus per grade ~ \$450 x 7 grades
ATHLETIC EVENTS		\$3,600.00	~12 area and regional events w/1 coach
NEW LIBRARY BOOKS - FOREST OF READING		\$2,000.00	
LIBRARY ENHANCEMENTS		\$5,000.00	
OUTDOOR PLAY - BALLS AND GAMES		\$2,000.00	
GUEST SPEAKERS , PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS	FALL/SPRING	\$8,000.00	
GRADUATION	SPRING	\$4,500.00	
		\$39,450.00	

Technology

Questions

How does administration determine which classes get technology?

What if the parents don't want to send personal devices to the school?

	<p>What does cost sharing with the district mean?</p> <p>How can we encourage students to feel comfortable in using school Chromebooks?</p> <p>Is there a reason that the Chromebooks are distributed in the way they are today?</p> <p>How many Chromebooks are we away from having a one to one for the intermediate students?</p> <p><i>Responses</i></p> <p>There should not be an expectation that students must bring in their own technology and administration would like for the students to feel that they can rely on school Chromebooks</p> <p>Some Chromebooks have to be repaired, some get damaged beyond repair.</p> <p>We cannot spend any more fundraising money on Chromebooks</p> <p>The only time we can spend money on Chromebooks is through “cost sharing” which is a cap of \$8000, anything outside of that amount must come from the school’s operating budget</p> <p>An idea would be to use some of the fundraising money to supplement library needs spending</p> <p>All programming is not centered on access to laptops/ Chromebooks so if there is a concern that the student cannot complete work due to inaccessibility to Chromebooks in class please do reach out to the teacher as this may spark conversations on rethinking distribution of devices</p> <p>There are 23 Chromebooks today with 22 on the way to being distributed soon (order has just been placed recently, they will not reach classrooms before the end of January)</p> <p>There is not an in house technology repair person</p> <p>Basketball Hoops Replacement</p> <p><i>Questions</i></p> <p>Why is that money coming from the fundraising budget?</p> <p><i>Answer</i></p> <p>This is considered a “Playground Enhancement” and anything under this classification come from the fundraising budget</p>
<p>Upcoming Fundraising and Donation Updates</p>	<p>Holiday Heroes</p> <p>Toy drive for new and unwrapped toys that will run until December, 12th 2024</p> <p>All staff will be contributing via a secret Santa exchange where they will all be purchasing toys to contribute to the Holiday Heroes toy drive</p> <p>We can accept baby items but we have been primarily promoting as a toy drive</p> <p>Food Bank</p> <p>December theme is canned corn but any and all donations are welcome of course</p>

<p>Upcoming purchases from Fundraising money</p>	<p>Chromebooks</p> <p>Plan to purchase 22 new Chromebooks</p> <p>Basketball net replacements</p> <p>Primary basketball equipment to be replaced</p>
	<p>School Council Support Needed</p> <p>Certain subcommittees still require chairs and chairs are not required to be voting members of the School Council</p> <p>Subcommittees missing chairs are Winterfest and Spring Fair but we also encourage any co-chairs and members who are willing to help in any way</p> <p>Please do reach out if you are interested in supporting either of these subcommittees or any other subcommittee</p> <p>Winterfest date is Thursday, January, 23rd</p> <p>Request for more detail on types of support required for each committee</p> <p>ProGrant deadline is December, 20th and Sofia has volunteered to work with Mme Korinis and Mme Mondal to write and submit the ProGrant</p> <p>Sonia, Natalia and Stella have volunteered to be chairs for Winterfest (January, 23rd) and Spring Fair (May, 29th)</p> <p>There is a binder for Spring Fair created by Sofia that can be used as a valuable resource</p> <p>EQAO Results</p> <p>Grade 3 students write the test in French</p> <p>A suggestion for the board would be to isolate the French immersion school results</p> <p>EQAO Results – Grade 6</p> <p>Grade 6 write their test in English and have slightly above average scores in Language and Math</p> <p>Constitution Review</p> <p>Request to pass motion allowing for the review and update of the School Council Constitution before the February School Council meeting</p> <p>This will happen as a virtual initiative with a virtual vote</p> <p>Danceathon</p>

	<p>Mme. Korinis and Mme. Mondal to review the calendar for available dates</p> <p>Parent volunteers require vulnerable sector screening and we can also ask for teachers to volunteer</p> <p>Collaboration between administration and council will happen to determine possibility of a daytime or after school event</p>
Future Business (for future meetings)	<p>Possibility of hosting Danceathon and/or Readathon School Council event</p> <p>Constitution Review</p>
Motion to Adjourn Meeting	Meeting ended at 7:57 pm