



EMPS School Council Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: EMPS Library
DATE: October 10th 2024
TIME: Start: 7:19 PM
 Adjourned: 8:27 PM
FACILITATOR: School Council Executive (2023-2024)
 EMPS Administration
NO. OF ATTENDEES: 34 attendees, 10 voting members
MINUTES TAKEN BY: Laela Constantine

School Council Executive Members Present	Luana Herbert, Chair Nicole Huskovic, Vice Chair Laela Constantine, Secretary		
EMPS administration/staff present	Mme Eugenia Korinis Mme Mondal Mr. Mellore		
Agenda			
	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement		Luana
	Motion to Approve Agenda		Laela
	Motions to Approve Previous Meeting’s Minutes		Laela
	Introductions	Brief Introductions	Everyone
	Role of School Council and Meeting Norms	As outlined in the School Council Handbook Publication - YRDSB	Nicole
	Principal and Teacher Update		Mme Korinis
	Financial Update		Karthika
Upcoming Fundraising and Donation Updates		Nicole	

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Motion to approve agenda and previous meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agenda approved – Motion raised by Melissa, seconded by SophiaMinutes approved – Motion raised by Sophia, seconded by Erin												
Role of School Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As outlined in the <u>YRDSB School Council Handbook</u>												
Teacher Report	<p>Recent Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety WeekTerry Fox Run – approx. 2k raisedOrange Shirt Day <p>Upcoming/Ongoing Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Oct 29th assembly to showcase Orange Shirt Day learningsIntermediate boys and girls' volleyballCross CountryIntramural soccerSoaring Eagles Concert Band....and more. Stay up to date with updates by reading the weekly newsletters												
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fieldtrips – Grades 2 and 4 have gone to BORC. Grade 3 to Heritage School House. Grade 5 and 6 to Kortright Center. Grade 7 and 8 to Cool Creek.The Mural is on the wall now												
Treasurer's Report/ Financial Update	<table><tr><td colspan="5">Summary of Accounts in SGF October 10 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Activity</td><td>Revenue</td><td>To be paid out</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>			Summary of Accounts in SGF October 10 2024					Activity	Revenue	To be paid out		
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Donation Drive	\$60.00	Graduation	\$4,500.00	placeholder
Fundraising General (e.g. lunch programs, snack sales)	\$11,400.00	Lego Wall	\$2,200.00	
School Council General	\$7,448.00	Outstanding cheques	?	
Total Revenue	\$18,908.00	Total to be paid out	\$6,700.00	approx
What we have to work with:	\$12,208.00			

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	

Caribou Math Licenses

- School would like to get licenses again. Online contest, it's global and students compete against other students around the world.

Technology

Questions

- How does administration determine which classes get technology?
- What if the parents don't want to send personal devices to the school?
- What does cost sharing with the district mean?

Responses

- There are 4 chrome books per class - typically less in low grades. Seems there is also an issue in grade 6. Administration will look into it.
- Some Chromebooks have to be repaired, some get damaged beyond repair.
- Administration waiting on cost sharing to open up with the district.
- Fundraising for tech should come from school budget which is determine by district. Board has cost sharing program where they will give funds up to a certain dollar amount, and schools can match.
- There are 23 chrome books from last year waiting to be tagged and distributed.

Community Events

- There are 15 buses that bring kids in from all over – Administration would like to continue to work with School Council to help facilitate opportunities for kids to connect like Winter Fest and uses funds from fundraising for those events as well.

Upcoming Fundraising and Donation Updates

Lunch Fundraisers

- Change in program set-up.
- Before parents paid monthly amount, now parents can pay weekly and opt in weekly. This allows parents to opt in when they want to.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will bring back Hero Burger and another vendor that has Italian cuisine. Question raised: Does Lunch Box cost more? Prices are more this year, does the school make more? There are fewer admin fees with Lunch Box, and the vendor sets price and school adds mark up. <p>Socktober</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donation drive at the school for Socktober. All donated socks will be delivered to the Vaughan Public Library on October 29th. Socks will help support homeless and at risk teens. <p>Food Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food bank donation bin – seeking canned fruits for the season however all food donations welcomed. <p>Fresh from the Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents can order fresh Ontario grown fruits and vegetables, and part of the proceeds goes back to the school. 26 orders placed so far. <p>Book Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made just over \$45. 														
Any other business	<p>Late bus issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent has called bus company to ask why the bus is consistently late, no one answers. School advised them to send an email, they got no response. Would like direction on how to proceed with addressing this issue as their child has been late to school very often. Mme Korinis advised that an email was sent to transportation coordinator. What they've been told is there is a shortage of drivers. Sometimes drivers do 2 routes, finishes one then start another. They need to improve their staffing situation. For everyone's information, if your child is a bus student their late arrivals are not counted against their attendance. If bus doesn't show up and you drive them it also doesn't affect their attendance. 														
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	Sonia Cantera	Voting Member
	Simmi Chobra	Voting Member
	Erica Jackman	Voting Member
	Laela Constantine	Voting Member
	Naila Mistry	Voting Member
Future Business (for future meetings)	Deeper dive into EQAO results	
Motion to Adjourn Meeting	Meeting ended at 7:29 pm.	