



School Council Meeting

March 23, 2023

Acknowledgment of the Land

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Introductions

Mme Korinis, *Principal*

Mr. White, *Vice Principal*

Teacher Representatives

Student Representative

Community Representative

Nicole Huskovic, *Chair*

Simmi Chhabra, *Vice-Chair*

Laela Constantine, *Secretary*

Sumbul Naqui, *Treasurer*

Agenda

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Introductions

Motion to accept agenda

Motion to approve last meetings minutes

Role of School Council/Norms

Principal and Teacher Updates

Treasurer's Report

Escape room report

WinterFest report

Spring Fair update

Progrant Update

Other business (proposed items for future meetings)

Future Council Meeting dates

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Last meeting minutes

EMPS School Council Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: EMPS Library
DATE: January 26th, 2023
TIME: Scheduled: 7:00 pm; Began: 7:05pm
Adjourned: 8:07
FACILITATOR: School Council Executive (2022-2023)
EMPS Administration
NO. OF ATTENDEES: 18 people
• 9 visiting members, 2 administrators, 1 teacher.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Laelia Constantine		
School Council Executive Members Present	Nicole Huskovic, Co-Chair Simmi Chhabra, Co-Chair Laelia Constantine, Secretary Sumbul Naqvi - Treasurer	
EMPS Administration/Staff present	Mme Eugenia Korinis Mr. Osman White Mr. Christopher Mellor	
Agenda		
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement		Nicole
School Council, Administration and Staff Introductions	Brief Introductions	Everyone
Motions to Approve Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes		
Role of School Council and Meeting Norms	As outlined in the School Council Handbook Publication - YRDSB	Nicole
Principal's Report		Mme Korinis

Teacher Update		TBD
Treasurer's Report		Sumbul
Recipes in a Jar Report		Nicole
Escape Room Fundraiser		Nicole
Winter Fest		Enn
Spring Fair		Sumbul
Program Update		Naila
Paint Night		Erica
Other Business (for future meetings)		Erica
Future Council Meeting Dates		Erica
Motion to Adjourn Meeting		
Motion to approve agenda and previous meeting's minutes	Oct 27, 2022, minutes and Jan 26, 2023, agenda approved	
Role of School Council (Nicole Huskovic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As outlined in the YRDSB School Council Handbook 	
Teacher's Update (Mr. Mellor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student clubs and athletics to begin/underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Basketball Forest of Reading Program Skills Ontario Program Drama Club Dance Club Visual Arts Club Equity Club Newspaper Club Glee Club Current and Upcoming Observances/Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Heritage Month 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month Bell Let's Talk Holocaust Remembrance Day Black History Month (BHM) Guest Speaker - Dwayne Morgan for Grades 4-8. Winter Concert raised approx. \$2400 to be used for music equipment. 	
Principal's Report (Mr. White and Mme Korinis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most student clubs are being initiated by student interest. Students create the clubs, and the teachers support. Report cards to be ready in early February. Teachers have been taking part in Professional Develop exercises – particularly in Math and Literacy to improve their practice in these areas. There was a question on how BHM will be recognized for students in the lower grades that will not be part of the BHM assembly. Mme Korinis assured that part of the school improvement plan focuses on identity affirming practices in classrooms, building inclusive spaces, and dismantling anti-black racism. Teachers are encouraged and expected to incorporate diverse perspectives and representations in their teachings, therefore, it is expected they would do so to honor and recognize BHM as well. 	
Treasurer's Report (Sumbul and Mme Korinis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising plan – few changes have been made. Water bottle fill station moved to operating expenses and will be funded through the school's budget. Sewing program presented at last council meeting is too expensive to be feasible this year. Scholastic Fair was a huge success, and this reduced the allocation budget for library books. Field trips in planning stages for most grades. Will be communicated with parents approx. 3 to 4 weeks prior to field trip date. Grade 8s will take over and run Fun Food Friday around March, and money will go towards their graduation. 	
Recipes in a Jar Report (Nicole)	Raised approx. \$350	Nicole
Escape Room Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 16 – fundraising to support stem activities such as school board science fair for grade 7s. volunteers needed. 	Nicole

Winter Fest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 9 – paid and free events. Admission \$2 per person. Parents will be encouraged to purchase winter bucks in advance on schoolcashonline to reduce cash. Packages cost to be TBD. Looking for donations for items to raffie off 	Enn (Nicole in place of Enn)
Spring Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 1st – Planning in the works. Carnival style activities. Maple Ions club can help with BBQ. Outdoor event. 	Sumbul
Mme Korinis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal - Big box of cards fundraiser to be managed by School staff. Will run in April for a few weeks. Birthday card box would be sold with school making \$11 per box. More details to come after March break. School council aligned with proposal. 	
Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School has been awarded Program funding. This is money the board gives schools to fund a community based extracurricular activity. Naila is chasing this initiative and planning is underway. Currently researching STEM based activities/organizations with a focus on math and science. 	Naila
Paint Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 6 – Ballon art project. This would be a free event. Apr 6 is a diamond day. Apr 13 possible new date. Use of balloons is ok with parent supervision. 	Erica
Future Council Meeting Dates	March 23 and May 4	Nicole
Motion to Adjourn Meeting	8:07 meeting ended.	

Role of School Council

The role of the School council is to provide advice on school matters and help to strengthen the important relationship between schools, parents/guardians and their communities.

Norms:

We will:

- Take the opportunity to reflect
- Be open-minded and objective
- Respect participants and opinions
- Refer parent or student issues to the teacher or administration
- Begin and end on time

Role of the School Council

- supporting and promoting family and community engagement in advancing student achievement and well-being in an equitable and inclusive manner;
- participating in the development and implementation of the school improvement plan
- communicating with and providing ongoing advice to the principal on school-related matters
- collaborating with the principal to coordinate community resources that support student learning, achievement and well-being;
- understanding and communicating with members of the community about the roles and responsibilities of school councils

All attendees at meetings should have an opportunity to have input into the discussions of the council but responsibility for making decisions is up to the duly elected council members who represent the entire school community.

It should also be noted that voting on controversial issues is seldom the best approach. Reaching a consensus that all members can support is often the better way to handle matters of this nature.

(School Council Handbook pg 33)

Teacher and Principal's update



Treasurer's Report

Summary of Accounts in SGF January 25, 2023			
Activity	Revenue	Commitments	
Music Concert	\$2,400.00	Athletic Events	
Spirit Wear	\$455.70	Graduation	\$4,000.00
Commission Just Catering	\$163.00	Music Program	\$2,400.00
Recipes in a Jar?	\$327.6	Guest Speaker - Dwayne Morgan	\$750.00
Donation Drive	\$1,097.44	Field Trips*	\$2,400.00
Fundraising General	\$18,913.00	Forest of Reading	\$2,200.00
Graduation	\$193.00	Classroom Games***	\$1,100.00
Escape room	\$1487	Lunch program expenses**	\$8,585.52
Winter fest	\$2755.54	Athletics/Gym Equipment	\$1,750.00
Total Revenue	\$23,222.14	Total Commitments:	\$23,185.52
		Net available:	\$36.62

EMPS Draft Fundraising Plan...

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	DRAFT FUNDRAISING PLAN	TIMELINE	AMOUNT
MODERN LEARNING STRATEGY	MUSIC PROGRAM - INSTRUMENTS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	FALL	\$1,800.00
		SPRING	\$1,200.00
	FOREST OF READING	SPRING	\$2,200.00
	FIELD TRIPS - Buses		\$3,000.00
	ATHLETIC EVENTS		\$4,000.00
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND EQUITY STRATEGY AND DISMANTLING ANTI-BLACK RACISM STRATEGY	DWAYNE MORGAN -MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER GRS 4 - 8	FEBRUARY	\$750.00
	NEW LIBRARY BOOKS	ONGOING	\$1,000.00
	CLASSROOM LIBRARIES	ONGOING	\$3,200.00
MATHEMATICS STRATEGY	PUZZLES, GAMES AND ONLINE SUBSCRIPTONS (CARIBOU MATH CONTESTS, BREAKOUTEDU)	FALL SPRING	\$2,400.00
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STRATEGY	GUEST SPEAKERS	FALL/SPRING	\$2,000.00
STUDENT ACTIVITIES/RESOURCES	CLASSROOM GAMES	ONGOING	\$1,300.00
	GYM EQUIPMENT	FALL/SPRING	\$2,000.00
	GRADUATION	SPRING	\$4,000.00
			\$28,850.00

Escape Room Event

In support of stem activities including a board-wide science competitions that the grade 7 students will be participating in.

Nicole



ELDER'S MILLS PS SCHOOL COUNCIL
PRESENTS

GREAT ESCAPE

Come for a good time...
But will you be able to leave?

Thursday **9** February
5-7 PM

Elder's Mills PS
120 Napa Valley Ave

Three levels to play.
Separate admission ticket required for each level.
Minute to win it games in the gym.
Spots are LIMITED! Order now!

\$5 per person or
\$20 for up to 5 players

Purchase tickets and pizza on
School Cash Online in advance ONLY

The poster features a clock icon in the top left, a key icon in the top right, a magnifying glass over the date '9' in the center, and an hourglass icon in the bottom right.

Wonderful WinterFest!



Thank you for all the volunteers. We appreciate all the support. Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to have these community events.

It was a packed house!

Class baskets were a hit and the raffle sales table was very busy all night.

Raised \$2400!

Spring Fair

Food

BBQ - contacted Maple Lions club \$250 for bbqs and volunteers to cook

Considering pizza or food trucks

Requested picnic tables

Volunteers

Activities



Spring Fair

Activities

Water relay race
Three legged race
Student staff sports event
Drama club performance?
Art club display?
Talent show?
Do we want to hire an
entertainer? Clown?

Match the staff to their childhood
photo

Face painting

Henna

Bubly stand in support of Autism
speaks?

Firefighter display

Youth2youth global display

Can we rent tables to local vendors
or families?



PROGrant update

Focus on live speaker but may move to engaging screening presentation.

- PROGrant live speaker sourcing is still ongoing
- Due to lack of options available in person and willing to travel to Woodbridge area we may switch complementary curriculum subject to mental health and wellness from STEM focus
- Still sourcing viable options for an in person general assembly but may move to engaging documentary or other visual medium presentation



Suggestions for
next meeting
agenda items

Future Meeting Dates

March 23

May 4



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THANK YOU
for coming!