



School Council Meeting

February 6th, 6:30-7:30

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.

Agenda

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Melissa

Motion to accept agenda

Melissa

Motion to approve last meetings minutes

Tharshini

Introductions

Everyone

Role of School Council/Norms

Ban

Principal and Teacher Update

Policy update

Financial Update

Victoria

School and School Council Initiatives

Melissa

Fundraising and Donation Updates

Sonia

Sub-Committees

Sub-committee Chairs

Other business (& proposed items for future meetings)

Future Council Meeting dates: April 24, 2025

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Everyone

Introductions

Mme. Korinis, *Principal*

Mme. Mondal, *Vice Principal*

Teacher Representatives

Student Representative

Community Representative

Melissa, *Chair*

Tharshini, *Secretary*

Victoria, *Treasurer*

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

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

Teacher and Principal's Update

- Fundraising Plan as of Jan 31
- Principal Profile
- ProGrant
- School Activities
 - April 24 Arts Night



Victoria

Financial Update



[Treasurer's Report linked here:](#)

Opening balance - September 2024					5,751.12
Fundraising - 2024-2025:					
1) Winterfest					
Revenue					
	Direct deposit - pizza	530.40			
	Additional deposits (advance sales?)	1,317.00			
	Cash	1,482.50			
	Total revenue		3,329.90		
Costs					
	Snacks	(190.30)			
	Pizza	(169.25)			
	Crafts - TBD				
	Other - TBD				
	Books n/a - donations	-			
	Total cost		(359.55)		
	Profit			2,970.35	
2) January Jingle (December concert too?)					
	Plushies & roses	530.00			
	Less: costs - TBD				
	Total		530.00		
	Profit			530.00	
Total fundraising					3,500.35
Closing balance - February 2025					9,251.47

School Council Initiatives

- Winter Concerts Performer Gift Sales
- Lunch Clubs
- Coffee Drop-In
- Fundraising

Elder's Mills School Council Constitution

Elder's Mills Council Constitution Act (CA) Updates

1. There should be a final meeting in June to wrap up the school year and lay out goals/activities for the next school year.

We could miss out on certain events - if these are laid out beforehand, perhaps we can get started on certain events/activities with more preparation and time to plan.

VP also said the school calendar fills up quickly - we should get out events in early.

2. A committee that is hosting an event should aim to schedule a meeting two weeks prior to a major event, and extend the invitation to executive members as well.

Explanation: Again, to provide time to plan and prepare as a collective. Example, this year's third meeting is held AFTER winterfest, a meeting beforehand would have been beneficial - might also have more parent support/"buy-in" if everyone is aware of what is happening.

3. Each voting member should chair or co-chair at least one committee, and be an active member in activities/events.

4. Council should aim to select voting members to equitably (when possible) represent each division (primary/junior/intermediate).

5. All meeting dates should be scheduled by the second council meeting of the school. Increase the time of each meeting from 1 hour to 1.5 hours.

Allow parents to plan, schedule, and attend. Increased meeting times would allow for more/better input, idea sharing, and discussion.

THANK YOU!

FOOD BANK

Wrap Up Winter with Kindness: Donate Canned Vegetables Today!

Peas Help: Share the goodness and help others grow strong!

Carrot On: Canned veggies last long and make a big difference.

Corn Tribute: Golden kernels that bring smiles!



Other Business

- Bus Loop and Kiss n Ride
- Office Visitors and Etiquette
- Grade 8 Graduation
- Danceathon or Readathon
- Lunch Options

Volunteer



Get involved with our School Community! Contact Melissa or Tharshini, or email: elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca with your info to take part and contribute to our community! There are many ways to be involved!



Suggestions for
next meeting
agenda items

School Council: Coffee Drop-In



Monday, February 11 From 10:30 am-Noon

Work from home? Work nearby? Home during the day? Take an early lunch and come for a coffee break!

We want to connect with you!

Please join us at the only daytime event we offer!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Future Meeting Dates

School Council Meeting Dates:

- April 24
- June 12

Other Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- May 29 Spring Fair



Connect with Elder's Mills



<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/eldersmills.ps/Pages/default.aspx>

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THANK YOU
for coming!