



Fairwood Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Date : [October 6, 2022](#)

Meeting Start : [6:30](#)

Fairwood Principal/Staff: Melissa Murray

Council Members present: Bonnie Dalton, Diana Scheddin, Caitlin Ceci, Cynthia Ballantyne, Ashley Mutch and Chrissy Kiefer

Attendees: Bonnie Dalton, Michele Sloss, Caitlin Ceci, Alan and Zhyoung Li, Allyson McLeod, Ashley Mutch, Cynthia Ballantyne, Diana Scheddin, Chrissy Kiefer

Approval of Minutes: *n/a this meeting (first meeting)*

Approval of Treasurer's Report: *(VOTE Required)*

Prepared by Cynthia Ballantyne (with office staff: Pat Best)

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Co-Chair's Report:

Principal's Report:

- Purpose of Council
 - [Council page on School Website](#)
 - [Constitution](#)
 - Acts as advising group
 - Support with communication between community and school
-e.g., fundraising
- School Updates
 - new staff (Mrs. Contrara, Mrs. Canellos (December), Mrs. Beshay, Mr. Brannigan)
 - literacy focus
- Graduation update - No specific direction from the Board at this time
- The Grade 8 graduation ceremony is meant to recognize the transition to high school, and is no longer viewed as a student's only graduation. It is our expectation that all students will graduate high school
- Graduation ceremonies need to reflect both student interests as well as family realities. Many of our families are navigating food, housing and employment

insecurities. As we proceed with planning as a school, both of these elements will need to be at the forefront of our planning

Fundraising Report:

- Supports for families - holiday baskets, lists of community resources
- To follow up at November meeting- wishlists from Fairwood staff will be in
- Coat drive/ gently used clothing items - Fairwood Instagram page
- Grad fundraising - February/ March

Action item considerations and updates:

- Request made for Council to cover costs of hoodies for each graduating student. Voted and approved
- Future meeting dates ([6:30 p.m.](#)):
Thursday, November 10, Thursday, January 12, Thursday, April 13
- **Here is our executive for this year:**
Co-Chairs: Bonnie Dalton and Diana Scheddin
Secretary: Caitlin Ceci
Treasurer: Cynthia Ballantyne
Fundraising: Ashley Mutch and Chrissy Kiefer

Adjourned at : [8:30pm](#)