

Sept. 26, 2024 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm Library

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2024

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Attendance:

Council Members	Staff/Volunteers	Regrets
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lydia Schroeder (Elected Chair),2. Cedar Zhang (Re-Elected Treasurer)3. Rose Lo (Newly Elected Secretary)4. Solmaz Shakourzadeh5. Sanam Alamdari6. Sara Alford Khajeh-Hesamedin7. Elham Khazanbaik8. Tommy Yip9. Dorna Kiani10. Farshad Tarzjas11. Somi Afuniz12. Alireza Zarinnal	<p>Staff:</p> <p>Mme Heather Zaitlin (Principal)</p> <p>Volunteers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Neusha Nourizadeh2. Paria Mahrani3. John Baumann4. Jaleh Nateghi5. Lena Porschien6. Afsoon Arzpeynia7. Hojjatollah Fazaaei8. Mojdeh Zolfaghari9. Sara Golkashti10. Maryam Izadifar11. Annie Liu	

1. Welcome & School Council Overview

- Presenter: Mme Heather Zaitlin
 - Mme Zaitlin opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda and outlining the role and responsibilities of the School Council and the members
 - Parent volunteers are always needed- whether or not a parent is a “member”

2. Election of Officers

- Chair: Lydia Schroeder was elected as the Chair of the School Council.
- Treasurer: The current Treasurer has been re-elected in her role: Cedar Zhang
- Secretary: Rose Lo was elected as the new Secretary.

3. Principal's Report

- Mme Heather Zaitlin provided updates on school initiatives and goals:
 - Reorganization- why we were required to reorganize Henderson this year
 - Class Adjustments: Class splitting due to school board requirements.
 - Criteria for Student Movement: Based on student behavior and learning abilities to ensure balanced classes
 - Field trips are happening in each grade (Kindies have already gone to the farm!)
 - The Jr/ Int. Playground was repaired last year and had a new part added over the summer. This was a fundraising goal for Council over the last few years.
 - Our school's academic focus is writing, reading through the “Science of Reading” and Math. There is embedded professional learning every week with different teacher groups

- Focus Areas:
 - Literacy and Science of Reading
 - Reading and Writing
- Collaboration with a consultant from EQAO to analyze test results and identify areas for improvement.

4. Fundraising Discussion

- "Fresh from the Farm":
 - Minimum Order Requirement: 40 orders needed (e.g., \$22 for vegetable bundles).
 - Profit Margin: 40% of sales will go to the school.
 - Volunteer Need: Volunteers are required to help bundle orders.
 - Promotion: Handouts will be distributed to encourage participation.
- Additional Fundraising Ideas:
 - Kidney Clothes Box
 - Greeting Cards: will take place twice: for the winter holiday season and again in the spring
 - Spring Flowers: will take place twice this year: before Now Ruz and in June

5. Student Lunch Program

- 2024 Lunch Options:
 - Monday and Tuesday: Kids Kitchen
 - Pizza: Wednesdays
 - Sub: Thursdays
 - Sushi: Friday (Options include California rolls, avocado, crab, and chicken teriyaki – 8 pieces).
- Volunteer Schedule:
 - Fera and Solmaz have volunteered to assist with the lunch distributions on both Wednesday and Friday. They will connect offline to coordinate the distribution strategy and logistics.
 - Volunteers need to be present at the school between 12:00-12:30 PM for distribution.
- Potential 2025 Lunch Ideas: Kebab, Subway, and burgers. Providers should ensure nut-free options.

6. Movie Nights

- Two successful movie nights were hosted between 2023-2024
- We will require a new permit to show movies this year.

7. Budget Requests

Budget Requests from the school, as a fundraising goal for this upcoming year:

- Cross Country Trip Bus Rental Cost: \$900 (to be covered by the School Council).
 - Approved: 8 votes in favor of the cross country trip bus rental cost expense.
- Arts Performances
 - Plan to work with service providers for performances including:
 - Instruments, dance, Indigenous performances, theatre, music, etc.
 - Cost: \$800 per show (45 minutes duration).
 - One show for every three-grade group.
 - Parent Contribution: \$6-\$10 per child.
 - Planned Performances: Potential for 4 performances.
 - Rejected: 1 vote in favor of the School Council paying for a performance.
- Scooter Rack

- Cost: \$845.
- Rejected: 5 votes in favor of purchasing the rack.

Future Meeting Dates

- November 28, 2024
- January 23, 2025
- April 24, 2025

Other Business: None