

School Council Meeting Minutes from the November 7, 2023 Meeting

7:00 pm in the Learning Commons and Online

1. Introductions and Welcome

Admin introductions

Members present: Ms Bruno, Mr K, Celine, Vishal, Tariq, Zemeen, Francisco Liu, Despina, Joe, Paramjit Kaur, Isabel Reinoso and Fanta Lewis

2. Elections / Finalize members for the Council

Elected members: Co-Chairs Celine Stavrou and Vishal Bangia, Treasurer Tariq Mohamed, Secretary Zemeen Jaffer Thompson

Finalized a total of 11 School Council members' as per the constitution

New Members: Francisco Liu, Despina, Joe, Paramjit Kaur, Isabel Reinoso, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis

Development of sub committees within council to handle specific areas

- Fundraising – January to April (2 months only TBD)
- Fun Fair – Date June 13, 2024
- Parent Involvement in School Council
- Events
 - Parent Teacher Interview (Term 1) – November 16, 17, 2023 – setup Sign up table to recruit new members for Parent Council, 4:30-7:30pm Thursday, 8-11am Friday
 - Spring Concert (Cultures around the world) official
 - Grade 8 Graduation – June 19, 2024

Discussion about parent engagement – ideas new year and resolutions for being active therefore, throw a Fitness Night or Fit Fridays (a walking group between parents who would like to be more active and walk to pick up drop off children

3. School Constitution Video

Revised policy 262 for School Council – Members present at the meeting watched the video

Discussion of inclusion, access of information to all parents in different languages and participation resistance

Relationship building and responsiveness of council to members in the community

Policy and procedures review of equitable access to participation

Safe space and diversity inclusion

Executive Team to review (during November, complete assessment questionnaire which is 10 mins in length)

4. Principal Profile and Constitution

Reviewed the principal profile and the constitution

Understanding that both need to be updated this school year

Would anyone be interested in a sub-committee to finalize these?

Need to view a 8/9 min video to introduce changes to the constitution at the next meeting in Nov.

5. School Admin Report

Great School Startup this year, 12-13 new teachers, School is at 600 students, only 5 portables for use 50 new students enrolled in MCES, non English speaking students

Majority of newcomers Russian speaking and Turkish speaking
Vision for school is always to have the right talented teachers at the school
Sports and Clubs: Volleyball, Cross Country, Eco club and Arts / Drama
School Programs: Lunch Pals Program and Parent Reading Program
Initiatives come from Students example: Poem Remembrance Day, Assembly
November 10, 2023 10:30 am EST
Great Student Leadership at the school
School uses Equitable Lens when planning events taking into consideration different cultures
Projects: Book Fair
Progress Report Cards (Term 1) – November 16, 17, 2023 – setup Sign up table to recruit new members for Parent Council, 4:30-7:30pm Thursday, 8-11am Friday – Council decided on Flyer for recruitment and Exec setup table on those 2 days to meet and greet parents
Girls Volleyball – last week semi finals
Boys Volleyball – next week

6. Treasurer's Report

School generated funds - \$2,000.00 for the use of startup of events
\$500.00 for movie license for school educational content and movie night event
Graduation spring 2024 \$600.00 for awards

7. Fundraising, Hot Lunches

Discussed doing two fundraisers – January – April timeframe
School to continue with Hot lunch program along with other minor fundraisers to support the music program and technology this school year
Hot Lunches noticed sales down from last year, may need to change vendors examples Twisted Indian Samosa sales in Late November 2023 to try out the menu items for the new year
Approached by Costa Verde for hot lunches, discussion for new year
September to January – 4 vendors confirmed can not change until the new year
Fundraising committee to be decided on to complete for the school year – Big Box Cards, Flip Give, Flower Blubs – TBD

8. Future Meeting dates

Discussed and finalized the meeting dates for the school year

Michael Cranny ES School Council Meetings

All meetings will be from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, the first Tuesday of the Month, unless there is a religious holiday:

- October 3, 2023
- November 7, 2023
- December 5, 2023
- February 6, 2024 - virtual only
- April 2, 2024
- May 7, 2024

Please note this year School Council meetings return to In Person in the school library.

