

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Pleasantville Public School

School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 2, 2024
Location: School Library/ GoogleMeet

Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Recorder: Nishevitha Sarathy

Attendees:		
Robyn Reid	Mehrak Hakimi	Marisa Perfetti
Natasha Rohwer	Aram Dezfuli	Gillian Brooks
Lindsay Huot	Christine Chin	Monique Costa
Joanna Berkovitz	Nelson De Castro	Shannon Hamilton
Hossein Mehrban	Diana Mandeleew	Omer Maimon
Ali Joudi	Nishevitha Sarathy	
Regrets:		
Alfonso Marino	Armita Arvan	Soha Alamdari

Discussion	Action Steps
Robyn Reid welcomed the return and new members of the council. Land acknowledgement was stated.	None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Profile:

Discussion	Action Steps
Principal profile was circulated. All council members are in favor of keeping the profile the same.	None

Playground Rejuvenation:

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was reiterated that the primary focus is the kindergarten playground upgrades.Upgrading the play structure by the kindergarten yard is not a feasible project.The 2nd vendor is yet to visit the back structure for feedback and suggestions.	Robyn to coordinate with vendor for quotes for the playground rejuvenation project.

Band, Choir/ Winter Concert:

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Band and Choir- Grades 7&8 Intermediate students are encouraged to participate by in the band. Junior students will be invited to participate in the choir at a later time.The Winter concert date has been finalized for Thursday, February 6, 2025. More information will follow as the planning progresses	Robyn and School council will provide updates on Winter concert progress.

Student Voice:

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approx. 30 students are a part of the Student Voice at Pleasantville PS with a goal to make a difference in the community, school and division.\$800 is the budget for Student Voice projects. Some successful projects hosted by the Student voice include the Food drive, Fall Dance, Snack concession sales.It has been finalized that more dances will take place during the academic year.	

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snacks- concession sales by Student voice were discussed. Suggestions were made for (i) 5–6-week blocks of sales; (ii) student voice volunteers to perform snack sales in classrooms, however interruptions to the instructional day need to be limited (iii) provide student voice with a school card with money loading option. 	<p>Information about Student Voice accomplishments to be added in the newsletter and parent communication email.</p> <p>Joanne Berkovitz to look into the card options and share with Robyn</p> <p>Robyn to provide updates on student voice plans.</p>

Culture day:

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture day's theme: learning about culture through art. Display board, cultural pieces, maps, fashion, visual arts, flags will be on display. Artists will be working with students to symbolize each culture. The next culture club meeting with Ms. Kwak is scheduled to be on Dec 18th. 	<p>Representatives of culture club will provide updates from Dec 18th meeting.</p>

FINANCIALS REPORT AND BUDGETS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">The goal is to streamline the accounting process for 2024-2025.Lunch programs are combined into one account called the “Hot lunch program”. Low activity/ unused accounts are closed.Funds approved by the school council will be communicated with the office and moved into school accounts from “School Council General” account.Following are the assignments: <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Code</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>Graduation</td><td>10000</td><td>\$4332</td><td>Grad venue deposit</td></tr><tr><td>General</td><td>12000</td><td>\$17990</td><td>Post-debit 1640</td></tr><tr><td>BBQ</td><td>12004</td><td>\$4354</td><td>Carry over 2023-24</td></tr><tr><td>Movie Nights</td><td>12008</td><td>\$620</td><td>Carry over 2023-24</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$ 16,400 is the approved payment for resources as per previous meeting’s agreements.Movie license will be purchased by April 2025- \$600 has been approved.Council approved \$5646 (total balance:\$10,000) to fund the School Council Annual BBQ, so that families can attend and participate in the activities free of charge.The following additional resource suggestions were approved.<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$3000- budget for musical instruments maintenance\$220 K-Gr. 2 Blue Spruce Club\$500- Current events resource subscription for Jr students\$200- Wellness Room supplies\$600- Calming bins and fidgets\$300- Board games	Item	Code	Amount	Notes	Graduation	10000	\$4332	Grad venue deposit	General	12000	\$17990	Post-debit 1640	BBQ	12004	\$4354	Carry over 2023-24	Movie Nights	12008	\$620	Carry over 2023-24	<p>Ongoing updates will be provided on accounts.</p> <p>Donations will be requested for board games.</p>
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LUNCH TIME SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent feedback has been gathered and reviewed for lunchtime programs: Act One Musical Theatre; Envision Robotics; Chess Club; Allegro Dance and Roma Crafts. The programs are to be finalized for registrations. There are no lunch time programs on Fridays. Rooms are to be allocated for the programs. 	The list of program facilitators will be finalized by Armita and the details will be circulated with families for registration.

HOT LUNCHES

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One day extension was provided for hot lunches, allowing families who missed the deadline to register for lunches in the 2nd Fall 5-week session Lunches have been finalized as per the following schedule: Monday- Subway, Tuesday- Pizza, Wednesday- Yamato, Thursday- Cora's, Friday- Bar Burrito. The following blocks were suggested- 8 weeks, 2 x 5 weeks and 4 weeks. KidsKitchen will be offered on Wednesdays only starting in January. Astoria and Tahini are some restaurant options being explored for the next block of hot lunches. Orders are to be entered in school cash online- 3 weeks' notice upon registration is requested by the office personnel for data collection. 	It has been decided that the next block for Winter will be for 8 weeks – Jan 13 th to March Break.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookie dough will be distributed to families on Dec 4th. Suggestions were made for Purdy's chocolates and Ice cream for Valentine's Day to secure donations. Grad Fundraising will receive 25% back in savings from sales. Candy Canes will be sold for \$1 each on Friday, Dec 13th at 3:15 pm. 	Valentine's day gifts and sales are to be discussed with the Grad 8 team.

FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Fitness night will take place on Thursday, January 30th, 2025. Volunteer placements and tasks were finalized during the meeting on Nov 25th. Facilitators are being contacted for confirmation. Suggestion of self-defense class promotion by Tiger kicks Taekwondo was made. Classes may be offered on Sundays based on interest. A survey will be distributed for participant feedback on high-interest programs. Babysitting course for Ages 12 and up was suggested. 	<p>This will be discussed and finalized with the facilitator.</p> <p>This will be further discussed.</p>

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babysitting course for Ages 12 and up was suggested. 	This will be further discussed.

Next meeting date: Monday, January 13, 2025 from 6:30- 8:30 pm (hybrid)