

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Pleasantville Public School**

**School Council – Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2025  
**Location:** School Library/ MS Teams

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

| <b>Attendees:</b>               |                                     |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Robyn Reid                      | Ali Joudi                           | Marisa Perfetti         |
| Natasha Rohwer                  | Aram Dezfuli                        | Armita Arvan            |
| Lindsay Huot                    | Christine Chin                      | Shirley Lee             |
| Joanna Berkovitz                | Farnaz (Frannie) Helfarash          | Shannon Hamilton        |
| Soha Almadari                   | Diana Mandeleew                     | Alfonso Marino          |
| Mehrak Hashimi                  | <b>Recorder:</b> Nishevitha Sarathy |                         |
| <b>Regrets: Hossein Mehrban</b> | <b>Monique Costa</b>                | <b>Nelson De Castro</b> |
| <b>Gillian Brooks</b>           |                                     |                         |

| <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action Steps</b> |
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| Robyn Reid welcomed the return and new members of the council.<br>Land acknowledgement was stated. | None                |

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Playground Rejuvenation:**

| <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action Steps</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teacher recommendations for kindergarten playground upgrades were documented: 2 tables with bins, large cart, plastic toys.</li><li>Request was made for \$2000 in Feb 2025 with an additional \$1000 in Spring 2025.</li><li>Early education consultants will be involved in outdoor learning projects.</li></ul> <b>\$2000 has been approved by the council.</b> | Robyn to coordinate with Early education and provide updates. |

**Band, Choir/ Winter Concert:**

| <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action Steps</b> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rehearsals are going in full swing.</li><li>The Winter concert date has been finalized for <b>Thursday, February 6, 2025.</b></li></ul> |                     |

**Student Voice:**

| <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action Steps</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student voices suggested locker decoration for birthdays.</li><li>Their Goals are towards school, division, and community. Food drive was a successful community driven event hosted by student voices.</li><li>ProGRANT- speaker recommendations were discussed. Parent council recommendations: Paul Davis. Alternative ideas are welcome- Math night, Trivia</li></ul> | Student voice accomplishments are to be included under REPORTS to be sent on Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> and parent communication email. |

**Culture day:**

| Discussion (contd.)   | Action Steps |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culture day has been rescheduled to February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 30 am to 4 30 pm. due to conflicting elections on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to attend after school hours- 3 15- 4 30 pm.</li> <li>For effectiveness, culture day is to be considered for 2 half days next year- this will be discussed next year.</li> </ul> |              |

**FINANCIALS REPORT AND BUDGETS**

| Discussion (contd.)  | Action Steps |          |  |       |            |       |        |  |         |       |         |                                 |     |       |        |  |              |       |       |                    |             |       |          |                                    |
|--|--------------|----------|--|-------|------------|-------|--------|--|---------|-------|---------|---------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|--|--------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------------|-------|----------|------------------------------------|
| <div>▪ The following are the assignments and updated budgets:</div> <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Code</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>Graduation</td><td>10000</td><td>\$8981</td><td>Grad venue deposit paid.<br/>other payables still owed.</td></tr><tr><td>General</td><td>12000</td><td>\$13710</td><td>Approved items will be deducted</td></tr><tr><td>BBQ</td><td>12004</td><td>\$4285</td><td>Carryover from 2023-24; to be topped up to \$10k for BBQ night</td></tr><tr><td>Movie Nights</td><td>12008</td><td>\$620</td><td>Carry over 2023-24</td></tr><tr><td>Hot lunches</td><td>12010</td><td>\$41,436</td><td>New orders, more invoices to come.</td></tr></table> <div>▪ The following items were purchased upon last meeting’s approval:</div> <div><div>○ \$3000- Music program- 3 clarinets ordered. - Purchased</div><div>○ Wipebooks- 3x of previous request purchased due to demand. Purchased</div><div>○ \$220- KG- Grade 2 Blue Spruce Club- Purchased</div><div>○ \$500- Current events resource subscription for Jr students- IXL &amp; What in the World - Purchased</div><div>○ \$500- Health &amp; Wellbeing Snack program- no longer required. A public health grant of \$500 has been received for the lunch program.</div><div>○ \$200- Karaoke machine and board games in the wellness room- Purchased<div>○ 12 board games were donated from the community.</div></div><div>○ Decodable texts- Pending.</div><div>○ \$800- Outdoor games- Sand and snow toys to be ordered.</div><div>○ \$600- Calming bins and fidgets</div><div>○ Other supplies purchased through school council monies:<div>○ Culture day supplies- display boards and table clothes, flags.</div><div>○ Field day subsidy is in use.</div></div></div> <div>Request more board and card games donation in the newsletter.</div> | Item         | Code     | Amount   | Notes | Graduation | 10000 | \$8981 | Grad venue deposit paid.<br>other payables still owed. | General | 12000 | \$13710 | Approved items will be deducted | BBQ | 12004 | \$4285 | Carryover from 2023-24; to be topped up to \$10k for BBQ night | Movie Nights | 12008 | \$620 | Carry over 2023-24 | Hot lunches | 12010 | \$41,436 | New orders, more invoices to come. |
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| Graduation   | 10000        | \$8981   | Grad venue deposit paid.<br>other payables still owed.         |       |            |       |        |  |         |       |         |                                 |     |       |        |  |              |       |       |                    |             |       |          |                                    |
| General  | 12000        | \$13710  | Approved items will be deducted                                |       |            |       |        |  |         |       |         |                                 |     |       |        |  |              |       |       |                    |             |       |          |                                    |
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### LUNCH TIME SCHOOL PROGRAMS

| Discussion (contd.)   | Action Steps  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of registrants for Winter lunch time programs: Roma Crafts- 13; Allegro- 14; Chess- 15; Act One- 25.</li> <li>It has been decided that 4 classes may be too many programs due to conflict of other in school events like sports and board games- The winter programs should be targeted to juniors.</li> <li>The number of springtime programs (April-June) were discussed. It has been decided that Roma crafts and/or Chess may not work due to lower turnout. 1-2 max programs would be ideal.</li> <li><b>Paid sports programs was voted down. Mad Science, Robotics, and JJB Futbolito</b> were suggested. York Hills- Jr/ Intermediate- building <b>self-esteem, social skills</b>- supplementary social skills program was recommended.</li> <li>Time constraints between Culture club, Music, Basketball and Volleyball was mentioned.</li> </ul> | <p>Armita to provide updates regarding Springtime programs.</p> |

### HOT LUNCHES

| Discussion (contd.)   | Action Steps   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>529 orders were placed in the previous rotation.</li> <li>5-week lunch options- March 17- April 18; April 21- May 23; May 26- June 20</li> <li><b>Persian food- Shishlicks</b> has been finalized. Beef \$10-ground beef with rice. Chicken \$11 with rice. Grilled veggie is \$9 with rice + HST. Prices to be marked up by \$1. However, it has been flagged that the restaurant does not add labels and hence there is a need for more volunteers.</li> <li><b>Yamato- Korean/ Japanese, Bar Burrito, Subway and Pizza</b>- Korean/ Japanese will be renewed for next rotation.</li> <li>Lunches are to be opened on School cash online on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and closed March 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>It has been flagged that Subway prices may go up.</li> </ul> | <p>Mehrak to confirm Labels + HST for Shishlicks asap.</p> <p>Other options for next rotation: Indian lunches- Delhi spices- \$10 for chicken, \$9 for paneer or \$7 for rice+ samosa.</p> <p><b>Cora's will be cancelled.</b></p> |

### GRADE 8 GRADUATION

| Discussion (contd.)  | Action Steps                               |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valentines Ice cream will be distributed on Valentines Day for those who pre-ordered.</li> <li>Coming soon- Purdys- Spring fundraiser has been confirmed.</li> <li>May 7- Krispy Crème fundraiser</li> <li>Grad trip is booked for the last week of the school year.</li> </ul> | <p>Grad trip updates will be provided.</p> |

### FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT

| Discussion (contd.)  | Action Steps  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family fitness night will take place on <b>Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</b></li> <li>Self defense (adult taekwondo) or family taekwondo- about 9 participants have signed up for each option for a Sunday workshop. <b>Family Taekwondo has been voted.</b> Date is TBD- Feb 23 or Mar 2 upon discussion with Tiger Kicks.</li> </ul> | <p>Natasha to provide updates on Family Taekwondo date.</p> |

**Next meeting date: Monday, March 3, 2025, from 6:30- 8:30 pm (hybrid)**