

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Pleasantville Public School

School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 17, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: School Library/ MS Teams

Recorder: Nishevitha Sarathy

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

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EQAO Provincial assessment:

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQAO results are available at https://www.eqao.com/, with a 95% participation rate for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. Findings include that about 50% of participants first language is English. PPS is performing above board and provincial achievement levels in most areas. Key findings re: math, reading and writing can be found on this link. Initiatives like additional staff involvement in the Math Network, professional development, Math Booster and Literacy Booster Groups, increased MLL support, and focus on helping Level 2 students reach Levels 3 and 4 were outlined. It was emphasized that while EQAO results are important, they don't always align with report card marks. Classroom progress over time often provides a clearer picture. 	

Student Voice

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine's Dance was a huge success with additional themes and more inclusive crafts/ activities for students this year. Touchtone Assembly awards: Student voices hosted the assembly for the first time, and the theme focused on ten-character traits. The homeroom teachers were involved in the nomination process. Winter Concert: Student Kiera was appreciated for organizing the winter concert for the Sunrise Senior Home. It was a great success. 	

Discussion (contd.)	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intermediate café: Student voice has kickstarted a concession stand where students can listen to music, enjoy a snack, be a part of the study group. This is a part of their fundraising initiative. ▪ Intermediate Sports day: Student voice is working on a sports day themed event where non-competitive activities are conducted. ▪ Glimmer days: Student voices may be initiating their 3rd glitter glimmer day to encourage kindness and good deeds. This will be a part of their fundraising initiative where students can purchase glitter gems and share them with their friends and classmates to foster positivity. ▪ Locker decorations for birthdays are continuing. 	

FINANCIALS REPORT AND BUDGETS

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<div><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>\$6,089</td><td>Venue, Trip deposit paid.</td></tr><tr><td>General</td><td>12000</td><td>\$11,592</td><td>Approved items will be deducted</td></tr><tr><td>BBQ</td><td>12004</td><td>\$4,285</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>\$24,244</td><td>Jan/ Feb invoices paid</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>\$46,830</td><td></td></tr></table></div> <div><div>▪ The following items were purchased upon last meeting’s approval:</div><div><div>○ \$3000- Music program</div><div>○ \$220- KG- Grade 2 Blue Spruce Club</div><div>○ \$500- Current events resource subscription for Jr.</div><div>○ \$200- Wellness room supplies</div><div>○ \$600- Camin bins and fidgets</div><div>○ \$300- Board games club</div><div>○ \$119- Family fitness supplies</div><div>○ \$2000- KG space supplies + play items</div><div>○ \$6000- 2nd set of decodable binary and wipe books- 2nd set pending</div></div></div> <div><div>Playground rejuvenation:</div><div><div>▪ 2 tables with bins have been ordered for the playground. A cart will also be ordered to transport supplies to the yard, rather than keeping items permanently outside.</div><div>▪ The cart will carry different items each day, such as figurines, small balls, pinecones, and sticks, offering varied outdoor play experiences.</div><div>▪ The school is collaborating with consultants over a 6-week to help reimagine outdoor education for kindergarten students.</div></div></div>	Item	Code	Amount	Notes	Graduation	10000	\$6,089	Venue, Trip deposit paid.	General	12000	\$11,592	Approved items will be deducted	BBQ	12004	\$4,285	Carryover from 2023-24; to be topped up to \$10k for BBQ night.	Movie Nights	12008	\$620	Carry over 2023-24	Hot lunches	12010	\$24,244	Jan/ Feb invoices paid			\$46,830		<div>Suzy to be informed of top up for 12004 BBQ.</div> <div>Robyn to provide updates on the decodables.</div>
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LUNCH TIME SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Programs like Lego Robotics, different options available for specific grades 1-3 and 4-6) and Soccer were discussed. Feedback will be gathered on program offerings and registration numbers to determine if certain programs can run for specific grades.	Robyn to provide further updates on programming.

HOT LUNCHES

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some families leave for extended vacation periods, so smaller segments might be preferable- There will be 5- and 4-week options for the next 2 rotations.Indian food has been finalized for Wednesdays for the next 5 weeks.Subway, Pizza, Korean and Barburrito will be renewed for the next rotation.Lunch options for the beginning of the school year will not work due to staffing overload and ongoing new registrations during the new school year.Next dates: April 21st to June 16th	

MOVIE NIGHT

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Voice will take over organizing the event, and candy, snack and popcorn sales, with a few members volunteering to help with cash handling.Licenses have been purchased.	Update: Movie Night dates have been confirmed: Thursday, April 3rd and Thursday, May 8th Parent volunteers are required for cash handling.

BBQ

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday, June 10th is finalized.	Parent volunteers are required for 2- 7 30 pm or to bake for bake-sale. More updates in the next meeting.

Teacher's appreciation

Discussion	Action Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday, June 19th is finalized.	More updates in the next meeting.

Next meeting date: Monday, April 7th, 2025, from 6:30- 8:30 pm (hybrid)