

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Pleasantville Public School

School Council – Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 4, 2024

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

LOCATION: School Library

RECORDER: Nishevitha Sarathy

IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

- Robyn Reid
- Natasha Rohwer
- Lindsay Huot
- Joanna Berkovitz
- Mehrak Hakimi
- Aram Dezfuli
- Armita Arvan
- Soha Alamdari
- Nishevitha Sarathy
- Jeffery Baum
- Hossein Mehrban
- Ali Joudi
- Angela Wan
- Hida Nazifi
- Shannon Hamilton
- Farnaz Helforouh
- Diana Mandeleew

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

- Marisa Perfetti
- Lindsay Gaspar
- Shirley L
- Julia Lyne
- Monique Costa
- Christine Chinpokoi

Council Election updates

Discussion	Action/next steps
Robyn Reid welcomed returning and new members of the council. Land acknowledgement was stated.	
Executive positions have been confirmed: Natasha Rohwer (Chair), Nishevitha Sarathy (Secretary), Aram Dezfuli (Treasurer)	

Principals Report

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Robyn confirmed the upcoming council meetings for 2024-2025 academic year. All members are encouraged to attend in person. Hybrid participation is available by registration through the link provided in the Parent Weekly newsletter each monthConfirmed meeting dates: Sept 30, Nov 4, Dec 2, 2024, Feb 3, Mar 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2, 2025. Jan 13, 2025, is cancelled.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reminder: Spirit Wear is open for sale	

Playground Rejuvenation Update

- Robyn provided an update on the ongoing playground revitalization efforts. The primary focus is on the kindergarten (KG) playground.
- 3 site visits were conducted- 1 by vendor and 2 by Plant Services.
- Fundraising dollars can help with the purchase of equipment, but cannot pay for the maintenance. Based on the vendor's input and Plant Services, the costs for maintenance are very high for the school
- Rubber resurfacing specifically is too expensive to maintain
- Alternative options for painting are being explored.
- The swing set can only be removed at additional costs.
- A climbing wall is being considered in the primary area.
- Quotes are awaited from the first vendor. The second vendor's visit is yet to be confirmed. Recommendations from vendors are still pending. The immediate priority is relocating the KG playground fence.

Fundraising plan 2024-2025

- Trustee's multi-year plan has 3 key priorities:
 - Student Achievement
 - Health and Well-Being
 - Human Rights and Inclusivity
- Potential Initiatives and Allocations:
 - Field Trips
 - Guest Speakers
 - Scholarships or Bursaries
 - Supplies and Equipment
 - Ceremonies and Awards
 - Schoolyard Improvements

Resources suggestions:

Item	Budget	Timing	Voting
Decodable Books for Primary Students	\$6000	Urgent	Yes
Wipebooks	\$300	Fall 2025	
Music Program -Instruments for Band - Additional Mouthpieces - Sheet Music - Repairs - Choir (Gr 5-8) and Band (Gr 7-8)	\$6200 cost- \$3000 budget	Flexible	
Tech Tubs (Charging Stations)	\$1200	Spring 2025	
K3 Blue Spruce Club (Book Club)	\$220		
HDMI Cable Replenishment	\$200		Yes
Jr and Int. Current Events Resource (2 Online Subscriptions)	\$500		
Cultural Day Supplies	\$1000	Winter 2025	Yes
Culturally Responsive Classroom Library Books	\$4000	Flexible	
Health & Well-Being - Snack Program	\$600	Year long	
Field Trip Subsidy	\$20/student \$7600	Year long	

Robyn to coordinate with vendor for quotes for the playground rejuvenation project.

Donation requests for board games and playing cards to be listed in newsletter.

Grant application to be submitted for groceries for snack program

Recess Equipment (Outdoor)	\$500		Yes	Donation requests for karaoke, décor for lockers to be included in the newsletter.
Student Voice Club Supplies (Locker décor, dance décor, supplies, projector light)	\$800		Yes	
Wellness Room Karaoke Machine	\$200			
Flexible Seating	\$1000			
Fidgets, Calming Bins	\$600			
Board Games Club	\$300			
Total	\$28,200			

Financial Report

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram shared that the 2023-2024 council ended the year raising a total of \$59,445. An additional \$20,536 was carried over from 2022-2023. Of this total amount, \$50,227 will be reinvested into various school programs and activities. A total of \$43,500 has been over to the 2024-2025 school year. 	School cash online donations information to be added to the financial report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram emphasized the need to improve process for budget breakdown and allocation for various activities this year. Key areas include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing dedicated financial accounts for activities and tracking individual programs. Supporting council/event program members in forecasting by submitting initial budget requests. Providing advance proposals for the Grade 8 graduation event. 	Robyn will connect with Suzy

Fundraising & Donation Drive

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDF flyer for email fundraiser. The book swap drive was well received. Donations can be requested specifically for Grade 6-8 books. The library sells popular books at a discounted price, and donated books may be considered for purchase. September 2025 is tentatively scheduled for book swap drive. 	Email fundraiser to be sent with newsletter

Lunch & After School Programs

Discussion	Action/next steps
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roma Crafts – In progress with approximately 20 registrations. Chess World – In progress with 23 registrations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation: Group participants by skill level rather than age. Feedback for facilitator: No updates on individual progress for children. <p><u>Suggestions:</u> Theatre program and Ukelele program. An art program fundraiser request will be further explored.</p> <p>After-School Program – Permits are available; however, it is required that Robyn or a designated representative be on-site during the after-school program. This has been declined.</p>	<p>Armita to explore possibilities for theatre and ukelele.</p> <p>Natasha to further discuss art program fundraising with vendor and request donations.</p>
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Lunches

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Lunches – There will be 5 weeks of special lunches (Korean, Chinese or Indian) starting in January. Each lunch will be under \$10 and will be offered on either Monday or Wednesday. Persian Lunch – A Persian lunch option is being considered for 5 weeks on Mondays. If the price is over \$15, it will be a one-off lunch option. Current lunch options will continue for another 5 weeks in November and December to assess popular choices and options with a sales decline, following which lunch options will be reviewed. This is being considered for the Feb./Mar. lunch session. Kids Kitchen – Available for Mondays and Wednesdays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible change to offering Kids Kitchen once a week. Switch Subway to Thursdays and cancel Mr. Greek 	<p>Lindsay and Joanna to keep the council updated with sales and popularity. Special lunches to be confirmed.</p> <p>Joanna to provide updates on the day change for subway.</p>

Grade 8 Graduation

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, June 24, 2025, is confirmed as Graduation Day 	.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookie dough fundraiser will be held on Nov 14, 2024, and distributed on Dec 4, 2024. 	Natasha to arrange flyers.

Year At A Glance

Discussion			Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Google Calendar was started specifically for School Council			Natasha to confirm other event details
Event	Dates 2024-2025	Notes	
Candy Cane Fundraiser	Tentative: Dec 13		
Holiday Concert		TBD	
Krispy Kreme Fundraiser	May 2025		
Family Fitness Night	Jan 30, 2025		
Valentine's Ice Cream Treat	Feb 14, 2025		
Cultural Day	Feb 27, 2025		

Persian Lunches		TBD	Aram to renew li- cense for movie night
Movie Nights (Based on Age Group)	Winter Dates	TBD	
Board Games Night	Mar 27, 2025		
Movie Night (K-2 and 3-6)	Apr 3, Apr 10, 2025	New license for movie night to be renewed	
Freezie Fridays	May 30, Jun 13, Jun 20, 2025		
BBQ	Jun 10, 2025		
Teacher Appreciation Day	Jun 19, 2024		
Grade 8 Graduation	Jun 24, 2024		

Next meeting date: Monday, December 2, 2024 (hybrid)

On Agenda: Council photo will be taken at this meeting. Virtual attendees should pre-register.