

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

School Council – Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 2, 2023

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

LOCATION: School Library (no virtual attendees)

RECORDER: Shirley Lee

ATTENDEES:

- Aram Dezfuli - Treasurer
- Michael Grieve - Super Intendent
- Shirley Lee - Secretary
- Robyn Reid - Principal
- Natasha Rohwer - Chair
- Crystal Yu - School Trustee
- Gillian Brooks
- Christine Chin
- Monique Costa El-Hage
- Nelson De Castro
- Mehrak Hakimi
- Lindsay Huot
- May Jeong
- Omer Maimon
- Alfonso Marino
- Marisa Perfetti
- Tom Petersil
- Cindy Sham
- Mojtaba Ahmadi Nejojd
- Soha Alamdari
- Armita Arvan
- Emma Bai
- Joanna Berkovitz

REGRETS:

- None

Council Election & Handbook

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robyn Reid welcomed returning and new members of council • Robyn reviewed Purpose of School Council and Handbook - Council viewed Revised school council policy video 	Robyn to lead discussion on updating previous constitution at next meeting (eg. removing caps on school council members)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive positions confirmed: Natasha Rohwer (Chair), Shirley Lee (Secretary), Aram Dezfuli (Treasurer) - Council confirmed no other Executive positions are required for the year 	Council members confirmed executive positions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robyn confirmed the following council meetings to be held this year. All are encouraged to attend in person or hybrid moving forward • Dates: Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4, Feb 5, Mar 4, April 8, May 13 and June 13 • Those interested in attending virtually will need to register via link provided in Parent Weekly newsletter every month ahead of meeting 	Robyn confirmed all meetings will be hybrid moving forward and will include registration link in Parent Weekly newsletters monthly

Principals Report

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023-2024 Identity through the arts project (Partnering with P.E.A.C.E. – People everywhere actually co-existing equitably) 	Robyn to lead discussion at next meeting about financial support needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked Paul Davis for Monday, May 13 Session for each of Jr then Int then parent session in the evening \$1500 	Robyn booked Paul Davis for Monday, May 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn confirmed school is in process of applying for a healthy school grant to be submitted this year for up to a \$400 grant 	Robyn to confirm if grant gets approved at future meeting

Financial Report

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram shared that 2022-2023 council finished with strong financial results, raised \$50,500 net, out of which \$30,000 was invested back into various school programs and activities \$20,500 of reserve has been carried over to 2023-2024 Aram confirmed the biggest sources of funds raised were: Pizza lunch program, end of year BBQ, concessions sales at events, and Dec donation drive 	Aram and Robyn to provide detailed financials at next meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram confirmed the opening balance of \$20,500 raised by council will allow the school to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support field trips in the fall and spring Contribute to technology/chromebooks, if needed Support other school requests (music instruments, library, ec) Other ideas to improve students learning and experiences 	Council confirmed to fund/subsidize \$20 for each student to attend two field trips (\$10 per trip/term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram mentioned need to improve processes for budget breakdown and allocation this year for various activities. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having dedicated financial accounts for activities and tracking programs Support council/event program leaders forecast and requests for initial budget Gr 8 graduation event needs focused planning and proposal in advance 	

Planters & Banners

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram confirmed funding for planters were approved in the Spring, and since have been purchased and now in display at the front of school “Welcome back” banners were very well-received and hung at front this year. They will also be hung at back of the next year as families also enter/exit from the backdoors 	Aram to keep banners for next year

Fundraising & Donation Drive

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha is currently exploring various fundraising options and businesses for event nights 	Natasha and Robyn to lead discussion at next meeting about overall goals and needs for the school and fundraising activities that align to those goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha confirmed the one-time donation drive to be reviewed this year based on last year's results 	Natasha to lead discussion around one-time donation drive this year at next meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha confirmed she is hosting fundraising/social stations to be set up during events at the school this year while parents/community members are in the building Council will be hosting various activities and fundraisers in the gym on Thurs, Nov 16 during parent interview night 	Nelson to contact Sharc to explore spirit wear options for Nov 16

Lunch & After School Programs

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May to help organizing programs with Natasha this year, council was asked to send feedback for programs attended last year Link for feedback was also included in last Parent Weekly newsletter Natasha confirmed new programming to start in January 2024 	Send feedback for lunch time programs to Natasha and May

Pizza & Other Lunches

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay and Joanna shared lunch options available now to purchase from School Cash Online, including Pizza Pizza, Kids Kitchen and Mr Greek 	Lunch volunteers are needed, contact Natasha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed changing pizza option in the spring Discussed adding Kids Kitchen option on Mondays so purchased lunch is available every day 	Robyn to look into Kids Kitchen availability for Mondays Lindsay and Joanna to add Kids Kitchen option to Mondays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options to be refreshed in January after feedback from fall 	

Grade 8 Graduation

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council discussed feedback from last year's graduation and early feedback for this year's graduation event- Discussed need to explore more economical venue options to keep costs more inclusive- Discussed need to revisit how council budget is allocated to this one time event	Monique to lead Gr 8 grad committee and currently exploring venue options and engaging students for feedback

Parent Teacher Interviews

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robyn confirmed parent teacher interviews to be held on Thursday, Nov 16• Natasha discussed various activity stations in the gym to fundraise for the year, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- "Taste test" snack station (eg smoothies and cookies)- Pleasantville spirit wear/clothing shop (via approved Sharc vendor)- Green screen photobooth (no cost)- Craft table (TBD)- Donation drive table (TBD)- Scholastic book fair to take place in library during interview night so book swap will not take place on the same day	Natasha to organize volunteers for stations

Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023 (hybrid)

- **Virtual attendees must pre-register using link found in the Parent Weekly Newsletter**