

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Pleasantville Public School

School Council – Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, Sept 30th, 2024

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

LOCATION: School Library

RECORDER: Natasha & Robyn

ATTENDEES:

- Robyn Reid
- Natasha Rohwer
- Lindsay Huot
- Joanna Berkovitz
- Christine Chin
- Nelson De Castro
- Mehrak Hakimi
- Aram Dezfuli
- Shirley Lee
- Gillian Brooks
- Alfonso Marino
- Monique Costa El-Hage
- Armita Arvan
- Soha Alamdari
- Anglea Wan
- Hossein Mehrban
- Khosrow Akbari
- Makshid Shariati
- Hida Nazifi
- Mehrdad Shamsi
- Elena Petrenko
- Farnaz Helforouh
- Diana Mandeleew

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

- Marisa Perfetti
- Elham Mahamedi
- Nishevitha Sriram

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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive positions confirmed: Natasha Rohwer (Chair), Nishevitha Sriram and Elham Mahamedi (Secretary), Aram Dezfuli (Treasurer)• A sign up sheet went around for members to join various subcommittees (Family Fitness, Staff Appreciation Lunch, School BBQ)• Armita will continue to organize the lunchtime programs• Lindsay and Joanna to continue organizing Lunches	Council members confirmed executive positions and a few subcommittees.

Principals Report

Discussion	Action/next steps
<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: Sept 30, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 3, Mar 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2 Those interested in attending virtually will need to register via link provided in Parent Weekly newsletter every month 	Robyn confirmed all meetings will be hybrid moving forward and will include registration link in Parent Weekly newsletters monthly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn reminded everyone that the Spirit Wear is open for sale 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn gave an update on the Playground Rejuvenation 	

Financial Report

Discussion	Action/next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aram shared that 2023-2024 council finished with strong financial results, raised \$59 000 net approx., out of which, \$30 000 was invested back into various school programs and activities \$20 000 approx. of reserve has been carried over to 2024-2025 	Aram and Robyn to provide detailed financials at next meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn presented a wish list from the staff All members voted towards the \$10 field trip subsidy for school trips. 	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 	

Fundraising & Donation Drive

Discussion	Action/next steps
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser (Table is set up tomorrow night at Curriculum Night) As well as the Book Fair and Spirit Wear set up in the gym. Nov 14th is Teacher Interview Night - Cookie Dough Fundraiser table will be set up. 	<p>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.</p> <p>Natasha to discuss the timing of sending out the email fundraiser</p>
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Lunch & After School Programs

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armita will be organizing the programs again this year. Currently we are looking at Roma Crafts for Mondays and Chess World for Wednesdays. Armita also inquired about having after school programs. Robyn will check to see what is required with the permits. 	<p>Armita will firm up programs and registration will come out soon.</p> <p>Robyn to get back to us regarding the permits for after school program possibilities.</p>

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 Subway, Pizza Pizza, Bar Burrito, Mr Greek and Cora's. 5 days a week lunch options. These Lunch options will be offered in 5 weeks sessions. 	<p>Natasha has organized the Lunch volunteers and these contacts will be passed onto Joanna and Lindsay.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids Kitchen is available for Mondays and Wednesdays 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These options will continue for another 5 weeks in Nov/Dec to be able to gauge what option decline in sales and what is most popular. The options will then be refreshed in January after feedback from fall. 	<p>Lindsay and Joanna to keep us updated with these sales and popularity</p>

Grade 8 Graduation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Graduation Committee have already had their first meeting and the fundraising has begun. This years set up so far includes: Freezie sales (June and Sept), Fresh From the Farm, Cookie Dough Sales, Candy Cane Sales, Krispy Kreme, Valentines Ice Cream and the on going cookie and booster juice sales. 	Natasha to lead Gr 8 grad committee and to keep council updated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn is in the process of firming up a date within the next day or two. 	Robyn to get back to us with the Graduation Date once confirmed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine is sending out a survey to the students to get an idea of theme they would like. 	

Other Discussions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The topic of getting surveys and info across to parents came up. Parents missing important info in the newsletters. Discussion lead to various different issues and various solutions Conclusion: everyone has different schedules and reads at different times. No matter what time the Newsletter goes out it won't work for everyone. Multiple separate emails bombard families and are also not read. This is also not the solution. If families want to be in the know, they have to read the Newsletter (at a time that works for them) 	

Upcoming Events

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha had a quick discussion about some events coming up throughout the year. More detailed discussion next meeting. Oct 1st - Curriculum Night - Book Swap & Fresh From the Farm Nov 14th - Interview Night - Cookie Dough Fundraiser 	Natasha to update us with this years events at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, November 4, 2024 (hybrid)

- A council photo will take place at the next meeting**
- Virtual attendees will need to pre-register to attend**