

School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 19th, 2023.

7:00-8:15 pm

Virtual Meeting (Google Meet)

<u>Attendees</u>

Present:

Ms. Grossinger (principal), Ms. Farley (teacher), Ms. Sandiford (community representative), Brendt, Judy, Megan, Jackie, Janine, Amyn, Naomi, Nadia, Vanessa, Mina, Sera.

Absent:

Rodney, Claudia, Rebecca

Start: 7:07 Introductions and Welcome (everyone)

7:17 Land Acknowledgement and Our Responsibilities as Settlers- Brendt

7:20 Agenda Approval-Janine, Jackie

Minutes from the last meeting- Janine requested an amendment - fundraising goals for Festive Shop was \$2050 not \$2500 (this was an error). Approved by- Janine, Jackie, Brendt

7:23 Action Items - Ms. Grossinger

-board has started to offer new training in restorative practices for staff (conflict resolutions, student support when conflict arises). Due to the high volume of registrations, all training sessions were filled. Currently awaiting registration openings, for staff members to be updated on the board restorative practises.

-No Cost Sharing-Technology

Funds are to be used from the school budget. For this year, the school board will no longer match funds generated from the school council to purchase technology. Purchase of new chromebooks through school budget: as Mr. Lanning shared last time 20 computers are no longer able to be fixed, so they need to be replaced. Ordering enough to do that and some additional chromebooks to continue to slowly increase inventory.

7:28 Financial Report - Ms. Grossinger(briefly), Rodeny absent

Festive Shop- approximately \$2,500. Fundraising was planned to be used towards field trips and extra curricular activities

Snack Shack-Dec.2022-approximately \$200. + Jan.2023 approximately \$220.-part of fundraising to support grade 8 graduation

Hot Lunches- slightly less in January than December, introducing special lunch with Hero Burger, new session for pizza and subs coming in Feb.Total Balance is approximately \$12,000.

7:32 Fundraising Update-Janine

· Volunteers required for fundraising activities and hot lunches, please reach out to your network

• Festive Shop- Surpass the goal \$2,050. made approximately \$2,500.

• Pizza Lunches- sales low for first 2 weeks in January 2023 -need help on Wednesdays

Snack Shack- about once per month, need a volunteer

<u>Movie Night-</u>February 2nd,2023. @ 6:00pm to pre-order dinner, movie starts @ 6:30pm

-Purchase of movie license for the mentioned date. License valid for 1 year -about \$500

-Plan to hold 2 additional movie nights to make full use of the movie license.

-Plans for movie options according to age group using both gyms

-Pizza-cheese, pepperoni, vegetarian-Slices and large (Toppers Pizza- pickup be done by Brendt 5:45pm), refreshments and popcorn purchase on school cash online. -encourage families to bring reusable water bottles or bottles be available for purchase.

Art Fair-Visual Arts & Band Performance (spring)– Sera, Teachers

-Class group project art piece with student and teachers.

-families can donate to own art work for fundraiser.

-Town of Aurora to frame the art work giving students art gallery experience.

-Preparation time- 1 month and 2 weeks.

-Bake sale was done in the past, however, no bake sale this year due to board /public health food preparation and handling policies

7:49 Judy B requested time as she had to leave by 8pm

Feedback: Boys Volley Ball-Judy B., Mina, Ms. Grossinger, Sera

-Great performance and positive feedback for school team.

-Request more training. (October instead of December) -explained that sports have seasons determined by YRDSB athletic council; Teachers volunteer their personal time available to coach teams in addition to their other duties

-Request for bus services to games, update to game entry for school before games part of team building and warm up was to walk 20 minutes to beighbouring school, all teams arrive at the same time as determined by the school hosting the tournament

7:50 **<u>New Business</u>**: Fundraising plan-Ms. Grossinger

-at previous meeting was discussed that teachers would be surveyed for what they feel are needed supports from council

-sharing input and requested amount based on past spending, cost and need -creating a plan (see chart)

	Draft School Fundraising Plan	Timeline	Amount
School Improvement Plan for student achievement (SIP)			
Learning and Teaching	Discover Kindergarten Events- refreshments Makerspace materials (consumables ex. Plastic cups, googly eyes, cotton balls other building materials ex. Marbles, magnets, etc)		\$100 -repurpose from community
	Indoor Games - -games, cards and dice		-could solicit donations from families (gently used)
	-Musical Instruments -repairs, cleaning, purchase		\$2000-3000
	-Field Trips exCC busing /sensory gym exKindergarten -spring farm trip, scientist in school		*Angel Fund for Fields Trips Approx. \$1000
	Technology - speakers, headphones - coding		Approx. \$25 per Approx. \$1500
Environment, Engagement and Well-Being	Playground Equipment (ex. Balls) Athletics -equipment specific for outdoor phys. ed.		Approx. \$1200-1500 -could solicit donations from families for outdoors Approx. \$3000-4000
	Library Refresh - Murals-words of wisdom, culture inclusive and enhance the learning environment.		
			Total:

-in previous years council supported Discover Kindergarten Night -suggested amount-\$100. (Event eg refreshments)

-Maker Space Materials-:

Building material, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, (dollar store supplies)

Indoor Games-Educational or Creative games (Repurposing from the community) -Musical Instrument-repairs, cleaning, purchase \$2,000

-Field Trips-Sera -two ways to allocate funds - based on amount per class or student or based no need (angel fund)

-based on school need, council feels angel fund to be used for need is most appropriate

-discussion on how office, teachers observe and monitor students based on signs such as size and condition of clothing, food, some families approach or share need, parents in the community sponsor either generally or for a specific friend or peer -vote is to use angel fund model

• Technology-\$1,500 for headphones to purchase a few sets per class, they need replacement due to wear and tare, school purchased about 6 per class last year, used for listening to text, speech to text function, editing videos, slides, presentations -requests from teachers for Speakers & headphones- Replenish 2 or 3 headphones per classroom or grade class.@ approximately \$25 or less. per headphones.

(in progress)

-Coding -Library resources for students to use.

-Environment Engagement and Well Being: Playground Equipment-recess and physical education eg. Balls (solicit donations from community and family's outdoor equipment).

-Library Refresher-\$3,000-\$4,000 -Murals-words of wisdom, culture inclusive and enhance the learning environment.

Art Fair-\$50 per classroom open to change due to inflation.

-Brendt willing to make monetary donations.

-School willing to share some resources ex. Paper, basic consumables.

-Grade 8 Graduation-\$3,000.-historica amount - covered by council, students don't pay for grad at Regency

-Field Trips: \$1,000. (Angel fund)

Voting to: Support by classroom or supporting based on student need- Approved to support based on student need-Janine, Sera, Brendt, (Amyn, Megan) approved

Additional: Community involvement-Sera, Ms. Grossinger

-Welcoming community assisting others in need due to food insecurity, clothing and personal items and lending a helping hand.

Food pantry support to families.

-Appreciation to Ms. Judy, Ms. Farley and Food Pantry for packages distributed to families.

-No child gets left behind

8:25 **PRO Grant** -Rebecca shared via email before the meeting, working on finding speakers but hasn't found one that she felt met interest of council. Will add to next meeting agenda.

<u>Healthy school</u>-Rebecca shared regrets for this evening, but ideas were shared via email and communicated by Ms. Grossinger -treat bags with pencil, erasers, cookie, add sayings

-previous spending by this on council was \$300-400

-discussion occurred to keep simple due to lack of volunteer power

-can order cookie from snack center - cookies nut and egg free, cost less than \$100 per cookie

-Judy can order

-print lable with freindship, positive affirmations, quotes, sayings

-group by class and council volunteers can deliver to students for special snack on Feb. 14

-Approved: Brendt, Sera, Janine

8:30 School Update-Ms. Grossinger

-School Council Forum-15th February,2023 5:30-8:30 pm @ Richmond Hill H.S

-please let Mrs. Grossinger know if you are interested in participating in this event, anyone on council can be considered

-Theme for this year's Foroum : Within Us, Between Us and Around Us

- 3 school council attendees

-Focusing-Mental health strategies, De-streaming, Identifying, authentic parent engagement within schools.

-Ms. Grossinger following up with registration. -flyer will be attached to minutes -Extra Curricular Activities: On going

-Jr. Girls & Boys Volleyball

-Intermediate Basketball

-Dance Club

-Board games Club

-Grade 7 & 8 Choice Program continuing until February

-Recess Rangers/Helpers -kindergarten, grade 1, tarmac

-Lunch Programs-Futbolito

-EarlyOns-current program Baby & Me Yoga (small gym) Thursdays

-Report Cards electrnic distribution – 22nd February, 2023.

-P.A Days-January 20th & February 3rd, 2023.

8:53 Principal Profile-Sera

-Plans to review profile.

-Agreed that information would be sent via email to school council members to review and send feedback by January 26th ,2023.

8:58 Meeting Adjourned-Sera, Brendt.