

# Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

April 19, 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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*The School Council was held in person and electronically at 6:30 p.m. on April 19th, 2023 with the following members present:*

**George Vellathottam (Principal)**

**Monika Dogra (Vice Principal)**

**Staff:**

George Vellathottam (Principal), Monika Dogra (Vice Principal), Melissa Boulet

**Voting Members:**

Lindsay McLeod (Co-Chair), Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Jill Clarke (Secretary), Kelley Ciavatta, Laura James, Julie King, Jennifer Ley, Alex Li, Shiromy Persaud, Polin Makarians, Erin Arsenault, Shameela Shakeel, Rameza Hirsimaki

**Student Council Members**

**Absent:**

Cathy Miles (regrets sent), Liyan Ting (regrets sent), Rafaela Abraham

Also in attendance: Not applicable

## AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

### 1. Welcome - Jen and Lindsay

- Land Acknowledgement (Lindsay)
- Meeting Norms (Jen & Lindsay)
  - Start each meeting at 6:30pm and end no later than 8:00pm
  - Do not name individual staff, parents or students
  - Encourage positive conversations
  - Create an informal atmosphere
- Sharing of the Agenda

### 2. Minutes and Financial Report – Jill and Lindsay

#### February Meeting Minutes (Jill)

February 9th Meeting Minutes were circulated to Council members via email for review and feedback. Minutes were then circulated for electronic approval. 2 members approved the minutes via email (Lindsay and Cathy). The meeting minutes were not posted on the school website and entered into record as officially approved.

**MOTION: “I move to motion to approve the Meeting Minutes”**

***Motion made by Lindsay for February 9th Meeting Minutes***

***Jen Second***

***All In Favour***

#### Financial Report (Lindsay)

- Lindsay presented the financial report
  - Start Balance at \$8427.16 and end balance is \$4898.45
  - Healthy Hunger Income is still bringing in the most for the school at \$1827.30
  - Expenses included 2 visiting artists, hockey nets, Forest of Reading, community fund, popcorn supplies, maple syrup and anniversary dance
  - End balance after expenses \$3714.45

**MOTION: “I move to motion to approve the Financial Report”**

***Motion made by Kelley for December Financial Reports***

***Julie Second***

***All In Favour***

### 3. Staff Report - George, Monika and Melissa

#### Melissa:

- 5's and 7's went to Africville
- Popcorn sales started
- Jr & Intermediate Basketball
- Pink Shirt Day
- Mr. Bourg retired
- Report cards went home
- Chess club jr and intermediate
- Knitting club
- Grad Photos
- Coding Course
- Class composites went home
- Maple Syrup Label Contest
- International Women's Day - Girls Empowerment Board
- March Break
- Ramadan - prayer room - staff and student room for fasting
- Grade 6's did a science fair with hydraulics
- Volleyball (8) and Basketball Club (6-8)
- Unlearning Board\*
- Autism Acceptance Spirit Days
- 7, 2 & 4's went to Sibbald's Point
- Boys won at Basketball Tournament
- Robotics Club Started - 4 & 5's came in 5th and the 6's came in 3rd and going to regionals

#### George

- Spoken Word Dates coming up - May 8th with Dwayne Morgan
- Steelpan Artist dates need to be finalized - Some students to have during music class and some students in assembly format
- Stage One of the basketball pole repairs has started
- Applied for a Chromebook subsidy

#### Monika:

- Grade 8's got selected for an EQAO online testing for literacy, math and science (April 28th)
- Regular EQAO for 3's and 6's end of April

## **Student Council Representatives - Sadie, Leila and Ceci**

- Grade 8 theme is Starry Night
- Ceremony at NewRoads and after party at Old Townhall
- Dinner provided
- Graduation trip to Wonderland Tuesday, June 13th
- Trip is \$18 day pass is \$52
- Would like to reduce price to \$25
- Request that Council provide \$1000.00 towards the Grade 8 Graduation

## **MOTION TO APPROVE \$1000.00 FOR GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

***Motion made Laura***

***Second By Kelley***

***All In Favour***

**Current Balance: \$2,714.45**

### Julie - Popcorn Fundraising

- 165 orders through School Cash Online
- Over \$3,300.00 minus \$400.00
- Supplies will need to be purchased per month
- Machine may need to be maintained (Shameela)
- Suggestion to add Freezies and Cookies to School Cash Online

## **4. Council Updates - Jen and Lindsay**

- the review has been completed and will be sent out to the council members for review as well

### Shameela - 25th Anniversary Update

- Fun Fair idea - school lost \$6,000.00 last time they did it - depends highly on weather
- More of a community event bringing alumni and local businesses
- would like to apply for grants for the event - need to confirm
- Would like to raise \$5000 in sponsorship money
- Need lots of volunteers
- June 1st event date
- Booths to be set up
- Photobooth sponsored by Jill and Matthew Miller
- Carnival Games
- School Hashtag?

## School Dance

### Jen - Food

- Food for school dance - goldfish, rice krispies, pillsbury mini chocolate chip cookies, chips (pringles?), sour keys - No single use water or juice
- Prices for food to come
- Popcorn moved to Thursday
- Jen volunteered to do the shopping
- Snack Pack Idea (sweet and salty packs?) for school cash online

### Lindsay - Activities

- Need to confirm extra activities for kids
- Music needs to be given to DJ by May 1st
- Survey and poll for teachers for activities and music
- Art or STEM project to be built over the day - Newspaper Dome? - may need collection of newspapers - Shiromy to organize

### Polin - Read-A-Thon:

- Draw for primary, junior and intermediate
- Top minutes read
- Pledge forms being used to enter their name
- Need monetary values for the gift cards (4 - Kindergarten, Primary, Junior & Intermediate)
- Need main gift for highest achieving class
- All kids are getting a bookmark with the artwork from the Maple Syrup Fundraiser
- Need School Goal - for minutes read
- Indigo or Bookworms
- Starting April 21st - May 12th reading logs need to be submitted
- Raising for Technology for the school
- 5000 hours of reading target to be set

## **MOTION TO APPROVE \$100.00 OF GIFT CARDS FOR READ-A-THON**

***Motion made Lindsay***

***Second By Laura***

***All In Favour***

***Current Balance: \$2614.45***

## **5. Any Other Business - All**

- Kindergarten Information Night - May 17th - any signs to introduce the parent council

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm.**

