

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

April 2, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00pm

The School Council was held in person and electronically at 6:30 p.m. on April 2, 2024 with the following members present:

Attendance:

Staff Members:

George Vellathottam (principal)

Melissa Boulet

Voting Members (2024/2025): Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Shiromy Persaud (Co-Chair), Rameza Hirsimaki (Treasurer), Jennifer Ley (Secretary), Deborah Amigo, Laura James, Lyndsay Mokund, Inna Rapoport, Julie King, Lindsay McLeod, Jenn Steinman

Members At Large (in attendance): Katherine Bourgeois, Nisa Chaudhry

Absent: Diane Manning, Daniela Pereira (regrets sent), Jeaninne Cairns, Erin Gooderham,

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

Welcome- Jen & George

- Land Acknowledgement (Jen S) and George shared treaty agreement history
- Sharing a description and the intents of the Parent Council (Jen S)
- Meeting Norms (Jen S)
 - 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 (Shiromy)

Minutes and Financial Report- Jen S & Rameza

January Meeting Minutes (Jen S)

-Meeting minutes were circulated at the meeting for review

MOTION to approve Minutes to be made by Laura and seconded by Rameza

Financial Report (Rameza)

-Balance in January was \$4801.93, current balance \$7940.52, raised this period \$3139, expenses \$96.54

-looking into money from Terracotta cookie dough fundraiser (\$788)

MOTION to approve November Financial Report made by Lindsay and seconded by Laura

Staff Report: Melissa and George

January

- junior boys volleyball tournament
- badminton dop-in
- intermediate girls and boys basketball
- hearts for heroes
- spirit wear order

February

- celebration game (boys vs girls volleyball)
- Lunar New Year celebration
- report cards home
- library open 2days/week at recess
- intermediate boys area tournament
- pink shirt day
- popcorn sales

March

- Sibbald point for grades 2&4
- grade 8's snow tubing at The ROC
- junior girls and boys basketball
- march break
- grad pictures
- Spring holiday celebration
- intermediate girls badminton
- Scientists in the school (gr. 2/4 classes)
- active safe school campaign
- grad cookies
- book swap

April (looking forward)

- neurodiversity acceptance month
- Mr. Carlin (retired principal) with us until the end of May
- final Bollywood dance workshop
- jump rope for heart
- kindergarten concert

2024/2025 School Council Report Back to Community

what to highlight back to the community and how to spend the funds generated

- different and more Healthy Hunger venders, cookie dough fundraiser
- snack bins in classroom (pilot in 4-5 classes)
- division funds
- new school logo
- yearbook
- meet the staff BBQ
- brainstormed ideas for how to spend the funds generated throughout the year (technology, sports uniforms, grade 8 grad, yearbook subsidy, dance/movie night costs)

Council Updates

Inclusivity/Engagement

- yearbook in full swimming, few missing pieces
- movie nights April 23rd and 30th
- dance Friday May 9th, dance team and intermediate students interested in being involved/volunteer, alternate activities (mini olympics) for those students not interested participating in the dance, snacks packs and glow sticks for sale as pre-purchase, school to provide the additional options for those not interested in the dance

Fundraising

- spirit wear (waiting for delivery of orders)
- awesome grant for school uniforms (Jenn L to look into applying for this for new uniforms for athletics)
- big box cards -start Friday April 11, 2025 (run for 3 weeks, delivery 1-2 weeks later, done through school cash online)

Volunteer

- if volunteers are needed let Dani or Katherine know

Food

- survey towards end of the year and student leadership team for Healthy Hunger to start in September

Grade 8 Graduation Update (Julie, Nisa)

- video of grads asking for money to support grad
- fundraising as happened
- \$1000 requested for decorations and food

MOTION put forward by Jen S to provide \$1000 of school council fund to graduation and seconded by Lindsay, approved by council

Student Leadership Update

- Neurodiversity acceptance month promote understanding and acceptance with a different spirit day each week (memo was sent to families)

Staff/Volunteer Appreciation

- Lyndsay and Nisa to take the lead on this

Meet the Staff BBQ – September/October 2025

- Two dates secured for end of September and early October
- working to secure pricing and how to potentially offset costs to families
- consider running 'Mum flower' fundraiser and 'spirit wear' sale during this event

Meeting Adjourned

