

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Thursday April 1, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00pm (Virtual Meeting)

Attendance:

Tim Dunn (Principal)
Jason Eygenraam (Vice Principal)
Melissa Boulet* (Staff)
Cathy Miles* (2020-2021 Chair)
Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel* (2020-2021 Treasurer)
Jennifer Strong* (2020-2021 Secretary)
Rafaela Abraham*
Julie Brenner-King*
Karin Larkan-Hill*
Jennifer Ley*
Yuanshun (Alex) Li*
Lindsay McLeod*
Cindy Meintz*
Evelyn Morgan*

Absent: Cynthia Zheng*, Omodele Ayeni*, Kara Bilo*, Julia Beykun* (regrets sent)

**indicates 2020-2021 voting member*

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

1. Welcome – Cathy Miles and Evelyn Morgan

- Land Acknowledgement
- Meeting Norms
- Sharing Agenda

2. Minutes and Financial Report – Jennifer Strong and Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel

- February Meeting Minutes were distributed a few weeks back for review by Council members. Feedback was incorporated.
- No additional feedback was received during the meeting

MOTION: "I move to motion to approve the minutes"

Motion made by Karin Larkan, seconded by Evelyn Morgan, all in favour.

- Financial Report review as of April 1, 2021
 - Revenue from Artshine in a Box Fundraiser - \$74.91
 - Refund from Spring Market \$150.00
 - Stonehaven School Council remaining funds (as of April 1, 2021) - \$945.94

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

Motion made by Julie King, seconded by Rafaela Abraham, all in favour.

3. Principal and Staff Report - Tim Dunn, Jason Eygenraam and Melissa Boulet

- 585 projected students for 2021-2022 school year, not much change from this year
- Staffing process is on hold as provincial budget impacts are assessed which will dictate number of staff and class sizes
- Grade 8 graduations – photos on May 5th, each student will be called down to take photos, standing photos only, props and gowns will not be used. Grad wear is available for purchase. The format of the graduation is to be determined. Graduates and families will be notified once a decision is made.
- Staff professional development overview for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - September – Human Rights in Education Settings – compliance training, COVID restrictions, Staff and student health and safety, Anti-racist education, Mental health, New math curriculum
 - October – Reviewed COVID guidelines, Professionalism compliance training, Math curriculum cross learning and lessons learned, Technology and outdoor learning
 - November – Supports for students, Parent/teacher interviews during COVID
 - December – Continuation of new math curriculum learning
 - January – Staff and student mental health and resources available, COVID cleaning and PPE requirements, Continuation of new math curriculum learning
 - February – Indigenous education and equity, Disrupting oppression, Director’s annual plan, Health and safety, Continuation of new math curriculum, Staff and student mental health
 - March – Presentation on YRDSB launch of anti-black racism initiative, Responding to racism and hate in a digital learning environment
 - Upcoming April – Anti-black racism, Human trafficking awareness, Human growth and development (new Physical Education and Health curriculum – a letter will be sent out to families in advance)
- The Mental Health Initiative focuses on looking for warning signs where students are struggling with mental health. Toolkit was shared with staff.
- Safety in the classroom – look for signs, change the environment to make it easier for the student
- April Break will be proceeding as planned from April 12-16
- Preparing for the potential of virtual learning following the break and preparing technology to be ready to be deployed to families
- YRDSB is inviting input into the budget, virtual meetings will be conducted
 - The Board is inviting public input into the 2021-22 budget. Interested people can find more information on the Board website, <https://yrdsb.ca> - choose ‘Board Plans’ from the top drop-down menu, then ‘Budgets’, then ‘Budget Consultations’ from further down the page. Dates are April 7 and 26.
- Wacky sock day occurred
- World Autism Day held on April 1, 2021 – students wore blue
- Spirit Day – Canada Day (April 9, 2021) – recognizing diversity in the country
- Read-a-thon – students are participating K-8, average 20 minutes of reading a day

4. Chair's Report – Cathy Miles

- March Newsletter
 - Feedback received on proposed twin day in June – will be looking to ensure all students feel included

- Virtual Storytelling Night
 - 47 families participated
 - 9 staff readers, student presenters
 - Special thank you to Jason for putting it all together!
 - Sent personalized thank you notes to the staff and said thank you to the students in the newsletter

- Read-a-Thon
 - Underway
 - Tally from teachers received
 - Parents submitting minutes for at-home hours
 - Notice with tally will be included in the newsletter
 - Will check at end of campaign to see about potential funds raised

- Martial Arts Event
 - Was a lot of fun!
 - Thank you, Rafaela, for organizing and Jacob for demonstrating the techniques. Andrew, the owner, did an excellent job interacting with the kids and parents.
 - Thank you note to be sent to All Star Martial Arts

- Snowman Contest
 - Personalized certificates and super-absorbent polymer snow with science experiment instructions sent to participants

- Gratitude Letters for Staff
 - Request for input from families included in the newsletter with a link to a Google form
 - Team of volunteers will write the letters

- Spirit Days
 - Students voted for...Canada Day - April 9th, Backwards Day - May 7th, Twin Day - June 4th, Rainbow Day - June 18

- Plant Fundraiser
 - Underway, notice in newsletter plus email to community in mid-March
 - Plants are \$4 each and will be delivered to families' homes. Delivery date can be chosen.

- Chapter's Gift Card
 - Current Balance of \$149.09 with purchase of instant snow \$17.97 as part of the snowman contest

5. Upcoming Events and Activities – Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel, Lindsay McLeod and Cathy Miles

- April Event
 - Heritage Cookbook has offered to do a virtual cookbook – they have the platform we can leverage
 - Families to share recipes, stories and photos
 - Link to google form where they can upload their contribution
 - Determine a price point given that Heritage Cookbook will be charging \$5 per book
 - The cookbook will be paired with an engagement event on April 26, 2021 in coordination with the York Region Food Network - workshop on food, community, and diversity
 - Take and bake kit – York Region Food Network sells a focaccia bread kit for \$5, can use school cash online for purchase
 - It was decided that the cookbooks will be sold for \$12/book or 2 books for \$20
 - The use of the engagement fund was discussed to subsidize the take and bake kits.

MOTION: “I move to motion to use \$250.00 of the annual engagement fund to subsidize the take and bake kits”

Motion made by Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel, seconded by Rafaela Abraham, all in favour.

- May Event
 - Proposed a bingo and trivia event, use google meet, create custom bingo cards (one-time fee), fundraising activity to purchase cards and participate, incorporate trivia, experience prizes and virtual prizes will be considered, low cost event
 - Council members suggested a donation be used for participation
- June Event
 - Open call for talent show, students can share their talents through videos
 - Jason has offered to compile the videos

6. Sub-Committee Reports and Discussion – Sub-Committee Chairs and Cathy Miles

- Constitution approval
 - Reviewed changes
 - Revised copy will be added to the website

MOTION: “I move to motion to approve the Constitution as circulated”

Motion made by Cathy Miles, seconded by Rafaela Abraham, all in favour.

7. Other Business

- No other business

Cathy Miles motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:48 pm