

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Thursday April 7, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00pm (Virtual Meeting)

Attendance:

Tim Dunn (Principal)
Monika Dogra (Vice Principal)
Melissa Boulet* (Staff)
Cathy Miles* (2021-2021 Co-Chair)
Kevin Lin* (2021-2022 Co-Chair)
Lindsay McLeod* (2021-2022 Treasurer)
Jennifer Strong* (2021-2022 Secretary)
Julie Brenner-King*
Jill Clarke*
Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel*
Jennifer Ley*
Polin Makarians

Absent: Yuanshun (Alex) Li*, Omodele Ayeni*(regrets), Laura James*(regrets), Karin Larkan-Hill*(regrets)

Guest: Members of Student Council

**indicates 2021-2022 voting member*

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

1. Welcome – Kevin

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

2. Minutes and Financial Report – Jennifer and Lindsay

- February Meeting Minutes
 - February Meeting Minutes were circulated to Council members via email for review and feedback
 - Minutes were then circulated for electronic approval. 7 committee members (Shameela, Laura, Karin, Julie, Jennifer L., Cathy and Jennifer S.) approved the minutes. The meeting minutes were posted on the school website and entered into record as officially approved.

- Financial Report:
 - Balance as of April 6, 2022 - \$3910.84
 - Revenue from Maple Syrup Fundraiser - \$2366.40
 - Revenue from Big Box Cards Fundraiser - \$543.68
 - No expenditures

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

Motion made by Jennifer Strong, seconded by Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel, all in favour.

3. Staff Report - Tim Dunn, Monika Dogra & Melissa Boulet

- Past and Current school events:
 - Volleyball in progress – hosting tournaments and kids are enjoying it. Intermediate students are coaching junior students.
 - Planning for track and field underway
 - Virtual field trips
 - Celebration of Women’s History Month
 - Bookmark contest
 - Clubs: Gender Sexual Alliance group, Grade 6-8 band, Grade 6 choir, Dungeons and Dragons
 - April Fools events
 - Grad wear on sale
 - Grade 8 Grad photos completed
 - Ramadan – some students are fasting and a room has been dedicated for students to observe the holiday
- Upcoming events:
 - EQAO traditionally administered to grades 3 and 6, coming back again this year, need to determine timing to coordinate with planned events
 - Spirit Days – May 20 – Dress the Decade Day, June TBD – Colour Day to celebrate Pride Month (each class will be assigned a colour)
 - Photo day – May 5
 - Grade 8 Graduation – June 7
 - Resumption of lunch programs
- Plan for 2022-2023 staffing is on hold – grants from Ministry have not been announced. Continue to accept student registrations and communication to families about planning for next year.

4. Student Council – Cathy and Koorosh (Student Council Representatives)

- Planning for Grade 8 Graduation – theme holiday red carpet
- Decorations will be made by students
- Cookie sales to raise money – goal to lower and/or eliminate costs for students
- Consideration for school council to financially support the graduation
- Shameela – loved that students have attended the meeting to ask for support. Traditionally supported grade 8 graduation with \$500.

MOTION: “I move to motion to contribute \$500.00 towards this year’s Grade 8 Graduation”.

Motion made by Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel and seconded by Lindsay McLeod, all in favour.

5. School Council Report – Lindsay, Cathy, Jill, Polin

- Maple Syrup Fundraiser was successful. The fundraiser ran for 2.5 weeks. 120 bottles ordered and proceeds of \$7 per bottle were raised for future school events. Consideration for next year to advertise the fundraiser for a longer period of time and that there be a contest for students to design the logo for the bottle. The ideas will be considered for 2023.
- Discussed distribution of Big Box Cards – depending on the quantity ordered, families can arrange to pick up their order
- End of year gift basket – idea to coordinate baskets by theme by grade and families would donate items. Feedback – school staff found it difficult to collect items. Fundraiser committee will take this back and determine logistics.
- School Council newsletter – March/April newsletter has been drafted and will be sent to the school community soon.
- Artshine virtual event – positive feedback received
- Scavenger hunt – idea to have more engagement with students and families. Restrictions for outdoor events have lifted.
- All Star Martial Events – family friendly event
- Lunch programs – Pizza, Subway and Lunch Lady. School council receive proceeds from orders.
- Plantables – can arrange for an April/May fundraiser
- Proposal for a talent show – will postpone. Mr. Reznick is planning a music show and students will have an opportunity to showcase their talents during this forum.
- Postpone virtual storytime to the fall 2022 in order to plan for an in-person event at Chapters.

6. Pro Grant Update – read by Cathy on Shameela's behalf

- 4 events completed already – 30-40 participants at each event
- Events have been excellent and received positive feedback
- Continue to send reminders to the school community
- School Council still has \$500 available for use. Funds can carry forward to future years.
- Explore using funds to obtain permit (if needed) to support scavenger event

7. PEAC Update – Cathy

- Virtual regional symposium – May 4 – keynote speaker and breakout sessions. Up to 10 attendees for every school can participate.

8. Any Other Business - All

- Fundraiser idea - Toonie drive for Ukraine. Schools are permitting this. Can students bring in money or does this need to go through school cash online? Cash is permitted. Tim to take this back to staff to determine logistics and how to support students with these conversations. Need to determine how the funds will be provided to relevant charities/agencies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.