

# Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

February 7, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

## ATTENDEES

<b><u>Staff:</u></b>	George Vellathottam, Marisa Weinberg, Melissa Boulet
<b><u>Voting Members (2023/2024):</u></b>	Lindsay McLeod (Co-Chair), Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Rameza Hirsimaki (Treasurer), Jennifer Ley, Laura James, Liyan Ting, Inna Rapoport, Geraldine Acosta, Daniela Pereira, Deborah Amigo (Community Member)
<b><u>Guests:</u></b>	Ms. Dunn
<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Julie King (regrets sent), Erin Gooderham (regrets sent), Jill Miller (regrets sent), Shiromy Persaud (regrets sent), Kristina Ferorelli, Virginia Chan, Moxi Zhang

## AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

### 1. Welcome - Jen and Lindsay

- Land Acknowledgement
- Meeting Norms
  - 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
- Welcome to Marisa Weinberg
- Ms. Dunn shared information about the Lunar New Year Community Event scheduled for February 21
  - Information promoting the event was shared with the school community
  - Request for volunteers to put together snack packs
  - Request for \$300.00 to support Lunar New Year community event

MOTION: "I move to motion the approval of \$300.00 of school council funds to support the Lunar New Year community event"

Motion made by Jennifer Strong, seconded by Rameza Hirsimaki, all in favour.

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

### December Meeting Minutes

December meeting minutes were circulated to council members and approved electronically by 13 members. The meeting minutes will be posted on the school website.

### Financial Report

The updated Financial Report shows transactions since the last report in October. A summary is provided here:

- \$500.00 of council funds were provided to the community fund
- \$1825.80 revenue from Healthy Hunger
- \$849.62 revenue from East Side Marios

MOTION: “I move to motion the approval of the February Financial Report”  
Motion made by Lindsay McLeod, seconded by Laura James, all in favour.

## 3. Staff Report - George and Melissa

- Update from Healthy Schools staff - last year the school applied for funding for 75 students. There is a need to apply for more students next school year and will need to demonstrate how the funds will be used.
- December - Walk for Waddles, Arts Night, Jr Intramural Volleyball, Badminton club, PJ Day
- January - Intermediate. boys basketball, Primary wellness day, Junior boys and girls volleyball tournament, Junior boys volleyball won the area meet, Junior girls volleyball placed 2nd at the area meet, Virtual trips to the ROM, Caring and safe schools presentation, Robotics, Winter walk
- Kindergarten wellness - older students will lead mindfulness activities
- Kindergarten concert in spring
- Older students assisting with coaching of junior students. Encourage students when they go to high school to come back to help with the sports program
- School fundraising priorities include funds to purchase laptops and support for snack and lunch program

## 4. Update on Safe and Caring Schools - George

George shared a presentation that was delivered to students at YRDSB. Key points from the presentation and student learnings are noted below:

- Safe language, kind words, safe hands and feet
  - Respectful and inclusive language
  - Help students learn how to have healthy relationships
  - Discussion of online presence and managing reputation
  - Progressive discipline process - in depth process which may include discussions with students, review of camera footage, establishing findings, conflict resolution and restorative work, offer services of social worker, suspend when necessary and in consultation with superintendent and other partners
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- Report it function
  - Access to Kids Help Phone

Discussion on how this information will be shared with families. Excerpts of the information will be shared through the school newsletter with consideration for translating this information into multiple languages.

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

##### Fundraising and Engagement Plan Discussion

- Daniela shared a draft plan.
- School staff provided feedback on the plan (ie. add Jump Rope for Heart)
- Plan to be circulated to council members with feedback due within a week so that the plan could be approved by council members and actioned.
- Preference for family and community events
- Need to explore what has the most impact in terms of fundraising ability. Research what other school councils are doing.

##### Food and Nutrition update

- Geraldine reached out to school staff to understand where support is required. Laura will be supporting the school with applying for funding

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.**