

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Thursday February 10, 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)
Omodele Ayeni*
Julie Brenner-King*
Jill Clarke*
Shameela Hoosen-Shakeel*
Laura James*
Karin Larkan-Hill*
Jennifer Ley*

Absent: Yuanshun (Alex) Li*

Guest: Pauline Jones, Director of NACCA

**indicates 2021-2022 voting member*

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

1. Welcome – Cathy and 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

- December Meeting Minutes
 - December Meeting Minutes were circulated to Council members via email for review and feedback
 - Minutes were then circulated for electronic approval. 7 committee members (Shameela, Lindsay, Cathy, Jennifer, Jen, Laura, Kevin) approved the minutes. The meeting minutes were posted on the school website and entered into the record as officially approved on January 11, 2022.

- Financial Report:
 - Balance as of February 7, 2022 - \$1000.76
 - \$70.00 was added since the last report due to contributions to the technology fund

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

Motion made by Jennifer Strong, seconded by Omodele Ayeni, all in favour.

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

- Past Events:
 - Food Drive took place in December 2021 – thank you to Council for picking up the food and delivering to the food bank
 - Festive activities took place in the library
 - Students participated in snowshoeing throughout January
 - Bookmark contest – students voted on the best design
 - Student council has commenced with Mr. Rutherford as the lead. Created a google classroom platform to brainstorm ideas. The committee will be meeting in-person this week.
 - Family literacy day
 - Colouring club for grade 2 and 3 students
 - Olympic cheer happening across the school with February 11th as Olympics Day
 - Celebration of Lunar New Year and integration of black history month
- Report cards in progress – report cards will be distributed electronically between February 23-25
- Registration is open for French immersion
- Projection for next year is 621 students (slightly down from 637 for the 2021-2022 school year). The projections take into consideration impacts of students transferring to French immersion or gifted program, grade 8 graduations and new kindergarten registrations.
- Upcoming events
 - February 21 – Family Day
 - Grade 8 graduation photos rescheduled to March 4
 - Regular school photos rescheduled to May 5
 - Grade 8 graduation is tentatively scheduled for June 22

4. Presentation – Pauline Jones

- History of Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association
 - Emerging association in Newmarket area established in 2018
 - Volunteer Board of Directors
 - Rely on volunteers to lead events, give back to community and build capacity
 - Mandate to connect and build communication, support and strengthen Black families and businesses and empower Black youth
 - Mission: a group of like-minded individuals who are committed to sharing and celebrating our stories
 - Vision: to be a community that is strong and connected
- Goals: create limitless pathways for black youth leadership, empowerment and advancement, strengthen the black family unit, build community through progressive

- alliances, networks and intercultural exchanges
- Operates within an anti-oppression and anti-black racism paradigm
- Activities: advocacy support, annual black history month event, facilitate seminars, financial literacy workshop, anti-black racism workshop, food security, summer programs, participation at community tables, mental health and wellness, annual scholarships, arts program activities
- Exploring establishing a library and partnership with local libraries
- NACCA Community Centre – 494 Eagle Street 905-781-6222
- www.naccacommunity.ca

5. Chair and Committee Report/School Council Update – Cathy and Kevin

- First virtual movie night engagement event occurred in December
- Gift of giving fundraising took place in December
- Virtual bingo and trivia engagement night occurred in January
- Upcoming events
 - Launched Family Ambassador Program – 6 families registered to date, next step to connect families. Inform new families to the schools about the program.
 - Lunch program will start soon
 - Virtual art event
 - Maple syrup fundraiser – orders to be placed through school cash online. Personalized bottle with school logo.
- Pro-Grant Update (Shameela)
 - Speakers, topics and dates selected. Waiting on school board approval.
 - Topics include: Navigating the IEP/IPRC process, human and teen trafficking, sustainability/environment, positive mental health, resilience, addressing anti-black racism and unconscious bias, social media and internet safety, raising digital leaders
 - 10 events will be offered
 - Events will be advertised
 - Cathy offered to advertise in school council newsletter and asked Shameela to provide a jpeg of the flyer or an email with the event details, if she would like the information in the newsletter.

6. Open Discussion

- No questions

MOTION: “I move to motion to adjourn the meeting”
 Motion made by Cathy Miles, all in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.