

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

May 25, 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

The School Council was held in person and electronically at 6:30 p.m. on May 25th, 2023 with the following members present:

George Vellathottam (Principal)

Monika Dogra (Vice Principal)

Staff:

George Vellathottam (Principal), Monika Dogra (Vice Principal), Melissa Boulet

Voting Members:

Lindsay McLeod (Co-Chair), Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Jill Clarke (Secretary), Cathy Miles (Treasurer), Kelley Ciavatta, Laura James, Julie King, Jennifer Ley, Alex Li, Shiromy Persaud, Erin Arsenault, Rameza Hirsimaki

Members At Large:

Shameela Shakeel

Absent:

Polin Makarians (regrets sent), Liyan Ting, Rafaela Abraham, Erin Arsenault

Also in attendance: Sandy

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

1. Welcome - Jen and Lindsay

- Land Acknowledgement (Jen)
- Meeting Norms (Lindsay)
 - 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

George and Monika Thank You

2. Minutes and Financial Report – Jill and Cathy

February Meeting Minutes (Jill)

April 19th Meeting Minutes were circulated to Council members via email for review and feedback. Minutes were then circulated for electronic approval. The meeting minutes were not posted on the school website and entered into record as officially approved.

MOTION: “I move to motion to approve the Meeting Minutes”

Motion made by Jill for April 19th Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Second

All In Favour

Financial Report (Cathy)

- Lindsay presented the financial report
 - Start Balance at \$4,898.45 and end balance is \$6,812.47
 - Healthy Hunger Income is still bringing in the most for the school at \$2137.95
 - Expenses included: 25th Anniversary DJ, Grad Trip, Maple Syrup, STEM Activity, Gift Cards for Read-A-Thon, Community Fund and Snack Packs
 - End balance after expenses \$4,416.06
 - Note regarding snack packs not including snacks with animal fats in the future
 - Adjustment to be made the Graduation Line

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

Motion made by Kelley for December Financial Reports

Jen Second

All In Favour

3. Staff Report - George, Monika and Melissa

Melissa:

- Earth Day
- Autism Awareness Month
 - Read-A-Thon
 - Crochet, Knitting club still going on
 - Ekow Nimako Lego Kits
 - Zoo to You with the Kindergartens
 - Every student counts survey
 - Asia and South Asia Heritage Month
 - Andrea Nelson - Team Ontario and Parolympics
 - Spoken Word - Dwayne Morgan
 - Austin Riley - Race car driver
 - Dance and STEM
 - Class placement requests
 - EQAO
 - Intermediate Soccer Club
 - Primary's doing the B-Bots
 - Grade 5's workshops regarding racial literacy
 - Mental health books
 - Track and Field coming up
 - 25th Anniversary
 - PA Day June 2nd

George

- Professionally Learning - Assessment in Equity, Universal Design

4. Council Updates - Jen and Lindsay

Jen

- Revised constitution sent out
- Will update on the school council website

MOTION: "I move to motion to approve the Constitution Report"

Motion made by Lindsay for Constitution Report

Kelley Second

All In Favour

Lindsay & Jen

- Kindergarten Information Night
- Thank you for the Read-A-Thon and Dance organization
- Staff Appreciation Event June 15th - need food, gratitude notes, invitations, including parent volunteers
- Request for funds - \$600.00
- Cathy to reach out to parent volunteers for the Staff Appreciation event
- Sandy offered to cater (Eggsmart)

MOTION: "I move to motion to approve the Council Funds (\$600.00) for the Staff Appreciation Event"

Motion made by Jen for Council Funds

Jen Second

All In Favour

Shameela - 25th Anniversary Update

- Time Capsule exists, maybe find it and add to it (Cathy)
- Waiting on confirmation on Henna Artist
- Need volunteers for the day of the event 3:30pm for set up and take down
- Reserved parking for open ceremony guests

George

- ProGrant - Dwayne Morgan on June 8th
- Lots of student involvement

5. Any Other Business - All

- Mural Ideas were circulated
- Freezies get a table on the 25th anniversary
- Consider fundraiser for September
- Meet the teacher event in September
- Basketball repairs to the pole that was hit by the snowplow - sourcing out the right material for the backboards

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm.