

# Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

April 17, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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*The School Council was held in person and electronically at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2024 with the following members present:*

## **George Vellathottam (Principal)**

### **Staff:**

George Vellathottam (Principal), Stacy Tidman

### **Voting Members (2023/2024):**

Lindsay McLeod (Co-Chair), Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Jill Clarke (Secretary), Rameza Hirsimaki (Treasurer), Shiromy Persaud, Kristina Ferorelli, Jennifer Ley, Julie King, Liyan Ting, Inna Rapoport, Moxi Zhang, Geraldine Acosta, Daniela Pereira, Erin Gooderham, Deborah Amigo (Community Member)

### **Members At Large:**

Cathy Miles, Polin Makarians, Shameela Shakeel

### **Absent:**

Moxi Zhang, Virginia Chan, Julie King, Liyan Ting

## **AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES**

### **1. Welcome - Jen and Lindsay**

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

### **2. Minutes and Financial Report – Jen & Rameza**

#### **February Meeting Minutes (Jen)**

December meeting minutes were circulated to council members and approved electronically by 8 members. The meeting minutes will be posted on the school website.

#### **Financial Report (Rameza)**

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

- Start balance: \$5450.43
- End balance: \$2804.31
- \$1187.80 revenue from Healthy Hunger
- \$3833.92 expenses from February to April for Lunar New Year Celebration and Technology Purchase

Questions for Treasurer:

- Any funds raised by the Lunar New Year?
- Any funds update regarding the technology drive?

***MOTION to approve Financial Report to be made by Lindsay  
Seconded By Jen***

### **3. Staff Report - George and Stacy**

#### **Staff Report (Stacy)**

- Kindergarten Wellness Day
- Lunar New Year Snacks
- Grade 8 Grad Cookie Sales
- Badminton Club
- Primary Choir
- Boys Basketball
- Report Cards that went home
- Primary Dance Club

- Pink Shirt Day
- Junior/Senior Choir
- Charlene 2 sessions of dance in each class
- Grade 8 Grad Photos
- Ramadan - fasting and prayer room
- Play training grades 4-8 to help with the kindergarten's
- Eclipse and Eclipse learning
- Kindergarten Concert
- Junior Girls Basketball tournament
- Grade 8 Grade upcoming
- Jump Rope for Heart Day
- Earth Day
- Community Clean Up including Garden bed cleanup
- Teachers requesting some funding: gardening club (Tidman/Sun) having recruits to help distribute plants to sell for grade 8 grad - requesting funding for red solo cups and soil \$105.00 - ready to sell in 4 weeks

***MOTION to fund \$105.00 for Gardening Club made by Lindsay  
Seconded By Geraldine***

- You're the Chef Course (teaches cooking skills: breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack, sharing/kitchen skills) - 5 week program that runs once a week for students (20 spots for students - 1 grade) - 1 volunteer for each group - requesting funding for cooking tools (5 kits)
  - needs to be an adult volunteer
  - after school program hoping to transition to during school
  - Shameela suggested 6 kits
  - Cost for kits \$200.00 (6)
  - Cost per session is \$250.00 for food (\$1,250.00 total)
  - Request \$450.00 for first session and kits
  - Shameela suggested requesting a grant for the program

***MOTION to fund \$450.00 for You're the Chef made by Lindsay  
Seconded By Geraldine***

Staff Report Cont'd - Equity (George)

- Video from Grade 8 Grads

***MOTION to fund \$1,000.00 for Grade 8 Grad made by Lindsay  
Seconded By Geraldine***

- Presented video "Blacked Out History"
- Most of the racism experienced in the school is "anti-black"
- Anti-Oppressive Agreements: Humility, Acceptance, Dissonance
- Encouraging racial literacy in the curriculum to discuss equity
- Teaching staff how to communicate with students regarding racism

- Dismantling anti black racism strategy
- DABRS - Traffic Light Tool (Stop-Reflect-Act)

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

- Principal Profile - sub committee looked at it and some feedback has been submitted that will be circulated
- Constitution Review - sub committee looked at it and some feedback has been submitted that will be circulated
- Fundraising & Engagement Plans - Maple Syrup Fundraiser (?) need some more fundraising ideas
- Food & Nutrition Update - grants available have shut down applications - waitlist for the grants now - waiting to hear back
- Discover - Kindergarten Night - May 15th - 2 volunteers required - same night as the council meeting may need to change the room or night
- ProGrant Upcoming Dates: Shameela submitted the grant
- Staff Appreciation Ideas - no staff appreciation event this year
  - need low cost ideas for the staff
  - can't use funds for the teachers
  - Shameela volunteered to be part of the committee and form the committee

#### **5. Any Other Business - All**

- Fundraising Ideas?

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm.**