

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Thursday, November 28, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Attendance:

Tim Dunn (Principal)	Jason Eygenraam (Vice Principal)	Cathy Miles* (Chair)	Kara Bilo* (Treasurer)
Karin Larkan-Hill (Secretary)*	Rafaela Abraham*	Evelyn Morgan*	Rahila Iqbal*
Julia Beykun*	Melissa Boulet (Staff)*	Cindy Persaud	Scott Kelly
Angela Lu	Denise Ho	Farid Vantankhah	

**indicates 2019-2020 voting member*

Regrets: Julie Brenner-King*

Absent: Reza Zevari*

6:30 p.m. - Meeting Called to Order

- Welcome, Distribution of Agenda, Review of Meeting Norms

Updates on Fall School Events: (Cathy Miles):

- **Fall Dance:** the fall dance was held October 31 with a DJ. The lights and glow sticks were a hit and the kids had fun. Healthy snacks were offered along with chips that were donated by No Frills (900 bags of chips), with the sale of those benefiting School Council funds. Thank you to all that volunteered and assisted with the planning.
- **Winter Gear Exchange:** This was a great initiative and worked out really well. Families were extremely appreciative. The additional items were donated to the Performance Plus schools and they were appreciative to receive those.
- **Recipes in a Jar:** Profit received from this was \$1518.21. Distribution will be Dec 18 and we will be asking for volunteers to assist.
- **Chapter's family night:** Staff readings were a hit. There was \$807 in sales and \$130 in donations to the school library and allowed families to include a personalized messages in the books. 20% of all sales benefited the school library. Online purchase for gift cards are offered until Dec 25.
- **Green Apple Grant:** the grant was submitted for up to a \$1000 that could assist the school in purchasing apples. We are waiting to hear if it will be approved this year.
- **Child care for School Council meetings:** thank you to everyone that made this happen, definitely helps additional families attend our meetings.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: "I move to approve the Meeting Minutes"

Motion made by Rafaela Abraham, seconded by Kara Bilo, all in favour.

November 2019 Treasurer's Report (Cathy Miles & Kara Bilo):

- Review of Treasurer's Report summarizing 2019 school year to date

- Healthy Hunger: keep extra pizza in the freezer, bought for the first 2 weeks, for students who purchase on the day. Moving forward the supplier is adding 2 pizzas for free each week therefore we do not need to purchase additional pizzas.
- Fall Dance treats: Glow sticks, popcorn, cookies were sold, profits were inline with last year's event; however, the purpose of the dance is for student engagement and the sale of the treats is for cost recovery and not profit generation.
- \$100 Canstruction (motion made via email)
- Balance as of November 28, 2018: **\$3,751.32** (with \$2,747.09 in cheques to be received from Healthy Hunger and Recipes in a Jar, with an expected total of \$6,255.41)

MOTION: "I move to approve the Treasurer's Report"

Motion made by Evelyn Shaw, seconded by Julia Beykun, all in favour.

Principal and Vice Principal's School Report (Tim Dunn and Jason Eygenraam):

- **Field trips:** a number of field trips have occurred with the primary students attended Fred Penner concert, Grade 7 and 8's attended a presentation at Huron Heights on arts program as well as Cold Creek for an adventure team building excursion. Grade 8's attended Newmarket high school to orient to the high school and had the opportunity to sit in class with introductions to teachers for half a day. Grade 3's have attended the Heritage Schoolhouse in Markham and explored through role-play what it was like to go to school in 1850. Scanlon Creek for a special math learning day.
- **Spirit Day:** great participation with kids and staff wearing a variety of jerseys.
- **Fall Dance:** Kids loved it, lots of smiles.
- **Report Cards:** report cards went home mid month.
- **Student Led Conferences:** new to book appointments to Edsby. If the times on Edsby do not work, please contact the teacher directly to arrange for another time.
- **Remembrance Day Ceremony:** 2 assemblies were held due to the capacity of the gym which allowed for appropriate programming for both groups. Grade 7 students did an excellent job planning the assembly that was powerful and impactful to the audiences. Grade 8 went to the Cenotaph at the cemetery and were able to present, again a very impactful experience.
- **Scientist in the Schools:** this was a big hit and offered to the primary groups.
- **Holiday Hero's:** started and currently underway.
- **Grade 1's (to?) Grade 6's:** they are creating holiday cards for the armed forces.
- **November 29:** Health and Safety visit, surveys school room by room to ensure the building is safe for children and workers with a report for things to be addressed.
- **Canstruction:** lots of cans being brought in with a healthy competition between classes. Students will create structures using the cans which will be showcased to the school and photographed by Snap'd Media on Dec. 13.
- **Austin Riley: Racing with autism presentation:** scheduled for December 10, Austin lives in Stouffville and he races cars, diagnosed with autism. Students meet and hear his story and how he has lived his life with autism.
- **White Elephant Sale:** scheduled for December 13, maximum \$5 purchases for one of a kind holiday goods.
- **PJ Day:** scheduled for December 20, currently working on in school presentation, sing a long and a band performance.
- **During the break:** the classrooms are cleaned thoroughly, building is closed.

- **Sensory Path:** Looking into the sensory path and whether or not it is currently on hold, with knowledge that durable options needed to be considered. Still researching the path.
- **Newmarket Children’s Dream Foundation:** installed large buckets (3 ft around and 3ft high) that allow children to throw balls in and they get kicked out. Kids are enjoying them.
- **Staffing:** next year staffing process has started already, we started with 637, we are now up to 653, we have grown but are still fine in our current space. English Language Learners (ELL) Students and support required and numbers are up. Numbers are submitted and then the Board reviews them.
- **Extracurricular:** many programs underway (volleyball, STEMminds, Cross country, knitting and quilting, chess club, bucket drumming, milk bag weaving, eco club, band etc. Request made to include any open or upcoming clubs on the Week Ahead in order to encourage participation at home.
- **Cost Sharing for technology requests:** Need to complete the proposal for school cost sharing that assists in purchasing new technology for the students. Need to be purchased through the board vendors. Every year this program runs, if the school raises money, then the school board will match the money. Significant changes to the total amount have been made with a reduction from \$12,000 to a combined \$5,000. In an effort to maximize this, a request is being made for additional money for technology. At this time the request is for \$6,250. In order to assist with this funding, we will split our contributions and do so in installments. This request will be revisited at the January 23 meeting to allocate additional funds to this initiative.

MOTION: “I move to allocate up to \$2500 towards the Technology Cost Sharing”

Motion made by Kara Bilo , seconded by Evelyn Shaw, all in favour.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

- **Construction:** approved \$100 (via email) towards resources – tape, construction paper etc for students to construct.
- **Popcorn:** starts December 1 again. \$1 per bag and have been able to increase our volunteers.
- **White Elephant sale:** this will occur on December 13, email to go out next week for donation requests. One of a kind items to donate the week of. All household items, dress up clothes, books and toys as well as wrapping paper. Set up will be that morning at around 8:00 am.
- **Friendship Dance:** this is scheduled for Valentines Day. \$500 deposit for the DJ. We will motion for this at the January meeting.
- **Cobs Fundraiser:** propose for February for sale of the vouchers. Lorna Coulter has volunteered to take this on.
- **Sewing/Quilting Club:** run by Naomi Babineau, a former teacher. This club has made quilts, invited to the York quilter’s guild, outreach program for Canadian veterans etc. Asking for \$750-\$900 to cover the cost for 2 machines and incidentals. Suggestions made to canvas community for donations of sewing machines but to ensure they are equipped with safety features. 12-15 students in the club and Ms. Beach class of 30 kids partake in this activity.
- **Chess Club:** requesting chess sets with timers - \$80 per board with timer. Students would like to compete and therefore would like a few professional boards, requesting

\$475 for the boards. 5 professional chess sets and a couple other boards. There are currently 100 kids in the club. Suggestions made to canvas community for donated chess sets. Send a separate email asking for donations on Chess and sewing machines.

- **Stepping Reverse Stones:** \$750 for kindergarten kids, use for balance and agility and develop gross motor skills for each class.
- **Free family skating night:** \$203 for 1 hour

MOTION: "I move to allocate up to \$1828 for Chess Club (\$475), Sewing Club (\$400), Stepping Stones (\$750) and Family Skating Night (\$203). Allocations will be granted as the anticipated funds from incoming cheques are cleared in the account."

Motion made by Evelyn Shaw, seconded by Rafaella Abrahams, all in favour.

School Council Forum and PRO Grant:

- **Pro Grant:** After much discussion, parents expressed an interest in exploring family focused events for full engagement and would like to look into surveying our school community to better understand what topics are of interest to them. It was noted that attendance has been poor at past sessions. This year's goal is to engage more families from our school. Application needs to be submitted by December 18.

MOTION: "I move to submit separate application for Stonehaven for the PRO Grant"

Motion made by Rahila Iqbal, seconded by Rafaela Abrahams, all in favour.

Sub-Committees/Soliciting Volunteers:

- There are 4 sub-committees:
 - **Volunteer:** still looking for and welcoming volunteers
 - **Fundraising:** look at chocolate bar cases for sale to fundraise for technology, to be discussed in January.
 - **Inclusivity:**
 - Family skating night: looking at a date in January or February.
 - Time Capsule for the School: lots of interest for this as the school hasn't completed one.
 - Math Engagement night: looking to hold a math engagement night in April.
 - **Food:** nothing to report

Other Business:

- Overnight grad trip for Grade 8: how is this option determined, this is decided by the superintendent and initiated by grade 8's. Suggestion made to look at grade 8 survey with parents to determine interest.

Due to time, all remaining business to be deferred to the next meeting

MOTION: "I move to motion to adjourn the meeting"

Motion made by Cathy Miles, seconded by Kara Bilo, all in favour.

- Reminder of Upcoming Meetings 2019-2020:
 - January 23
 - March 26
 - May 28

8:13 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned