

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

October 10, 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

The School Council was held in person and electronically at 6:30 p.m. on October 10th, 2023 with the following members present:

George Vellathottam (Principal)

Staff:

George Vellathottam (Principal), Melissa Boulet

Voting Members (2022/2023):

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

Voting Members (2023/2024):

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

Members At Large:

Cathy Miles, Kelley Ciavatta, Sandy Petsinis, Kerri Goulden

Absent:

Ms. Lamy/Ms. Prince (Vice Principal),

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 – Jill and Cathy

May Meeting Minutes (Jill)

May 25th Meeting Minutes were circulated to Council members via email for review and feedback. The meeting minutes were not posted on the school website and entered into record as officially approved.

No Motion made at October 10th Meeting until meeting minutes were approved by council

Edit Since the October 10th meeting the May meeting minutes were circulated to 2022/2023 council members and approved electronically by; Polin, Lindsay, Cathy, Shiromy, Rameza, Julie, Jen S, Jen L, Laura and Liyan - October 16th, 2023.

Financial Report (Cathy)

- Cathy presented the financial report
 - October financial report and year end report is incomplete due to a couple of minor transactions that went into the wrong accounts
 - Advised to work from lower estimates in the accounts when making financial allocations

No motion made during the October 10th Meeting until reports could be updated

3. Staff Report - George and Melissa

Staff Report (Melissa)

- Caring and Safe Schools Presentation
- Cross Country - 10 students going to regionals
- Grade 7's went to Sibbald's Point - Grade 2's and 4's to visit in November
- Safety Week
- Empower Reading Program has started
- Meet the Staff BBQ
- Primary Dance Club Formed
- Bike Safety Presentation for Juniors
- Steelpan drums are in the Music Room
- Aerobics Class has started for 6, 7 and 8's
- Lunch Monitors started

- Truth and Reconciliation Awareness

Staff Report Cont'd (George)

- Safe and Caring Schools - Teachers to do follow up lessons in the classroom throughout the year
- Encouragement of Equity in Council with some facilitation by George
- Raised the flag for Truth and Reconciliation

Dissolving of the 2022/2023 School Council by George

2023/2024 Election:

Co Chairs: Jen Strong & Lindsay McLeod

Treasurer: Rameza Hirsimaki

Secretary: Jill Miller

Voting Members: Shiromy Persaud, Kristina Ferorelli, Virginia Chan, Jennifer Ley, Julie King, Laura James, Liyan Ting, Inna Rapopozt, Moxi Zhang, Geraldine Acosta, Daniela Pereira, Erin Gooderham, Deborah Amigo (Community Member)

4. Council Updates - Jen and Lindsay

- Form sent around to sign up for subcommittees: Fundraising committee, Inclusivity and Engagement Committee, Food Committee and Volunteer Committee
- Seeking a Chair for Communications for the Council Instagram account
- Newsletter to be created
- Event calendar to be created and sent out
- Need volunteers for the Constitution Review and Principal Profile (Cathy and Geraldine volunteered)
- Seeking a coordinator for pizza lunch volunteers
- October 23rd School Council Fall Forum (Dennison) 5:30pm to 8:30pm - last day to register is October 17th

5. Any Other Business - All

George's Wishlist Discussed:

- Refresh paint lines on school parking lot and tarmac - approximate cost to be announced
- Chromebooks for the school - ideal ratio 1:1
- Goal to have a snack bin for each class

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm.