

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

September 26, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

The School Council was held in person and electronically at 6:30 p.m. on September 26, 2024 with the following members present:

George Vellathottam (Principal)

Staff:

George Vellathottam (Principal), Melissa Boulet

Voting Members (2023/2024):

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

Voting Members (2024/2025):

Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Shiromy Persaud (Co-Chair), Rameza Hirsimaki (Treasurer), Jennifer Ley (Secretary), Erin Gooderham, Deborah Amigo, Laura James, Jill Miller, Jeaninne Cairns, Lyndsay Mokund, Daniela Pereira, Diane Manning, Inna Rapoport, Jenn Steinman, Lindsay McLeod, Julie King

Members At Large:

Cathy Miles, Geraldine Acosta, Lorna Coulter, Liyan Ting, Christine Hartnoll

Absent:

Julie King (regrets sent)

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

1. Welcome - Jen and Lindsay

- Land Acknowledgement (Lindsay)
- Sharing a description and the intents of the Parent Council (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

2. Minutes and Financial Report – Jill & Rameza

February Meeting Minutes (Jill)

May meeting minutes were sent September 26th and approved during the parent council meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the school website.

***MOTION to approve Minutes to be made by Laura
Seconded By Lindsay***

Financial Report (Rameza)

The updated Financial Report was unavailable for the meeting.

- Start balance is approximately \$1,560.71
- Financials will be circulated to the 2023/2024 council once the information has been provided to Rameza
- It is believed that the budget did cover the funding for supplies for the students and cooking class discussed at previous meeting

3. Staff Report - George and Stacy

Staff Report (Melissa)

- Technology Inventory - we are lower than expected on the technology
 - has become a disruption in the classroom for students and teachers
 - potentially have students bring their own laptop
- Cell Phone policy has been rolled out
- Fire Drill and Lockdown practices
- Play structure schedule
- Meet the Teacher BBQ
- Reorganization of Students started on September 22, 2024
- Flag raising for “Every Child Matters”
- Terry Fox October 2nd
- Cross Country Started
- Life Skills Course (\$500.00 required) hoping to have council contribute \$50 for this month toward that program

- Opportunity to work with Monster Arts - dance teacher to teach the students about Bollywood
- Looking into a spoken word artist as well
- New Floors in Library

4. Dissolving 2023/2024 Parent Council

- Nomination forms were received for 2024/2025 council
- 16 Parent Voting Members total
- Interested Members Voting Members: Jennifer Strong (Co-Chair), Shiromy Persaud (Co-Chair), Rameza Hirsimaki (Treasurer), Jennifer Ley (Secretary), Erin Gooderham, Deborah Amigo, Laura James, Jill Miller, Jeaninne Cairns, Lyndsay Mokund, Daniela Pereira, Diane Manning, Inna Rapoport, Jenn Steinman, Lindsay McLeod, Julie King
- Interested Members at Large: Cathy Miles, Geraldine Acosta, Lorna Coulter, Liyan Ting, Christine Hartnoll
- Committees - Volunteer Committee, Fundraising Committee, Inclusivity and Engagement Committee, Food Committee (Lunch and Snack Programs), Principal Profile Committee, Constitution Review Committee, Communications Committee
- Food Committee Update - BarBurrito Monday - Pizza Pizza Wednesday - East Side Marios Friday

5. Council Updates - Jen and Lindsay

- Spiritwear - 3 vendors from Board approved vendors (Lindsay) - waiting on pricing
- School Council Annual Report - to provide an overview of all the activities throughout the 2023/2024 year
- PROGrant (Parents Reaching Out Grant) - in the past we have pooled funds with other schools to offer activities that parents can participate in (we can run our own program or work with other schools)
- School Council Forum - Newmarket High School - Representatives from each parent council at local schools - networking and connecting (End of October)
- Fundraising Priorities - Technology, playground advancements, supplies for the classroom (provide to each of the divisions: kindergarten, primary, junior and intermediate - \$500 per division)
- A Motion for the financial report to be submitted to council

***MOTION to approve \$50 a Month for Lifestyles Cooking Course to be made by Rameza
Seconded By Laura***

- Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser - Ms. Wield will be registering for it September 27th

6. Any Other Business - All

- Snack program - need volunteers for shopping - got more funding for snack program
- Laura, Jen and Geraldine volunteer to be shoppers (26 classrooms) - need vulnerable sector screening
- System in place for volunteering?
- Shiromy has put together a list of possible field trips - possible in school "field trips"

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm.