

# SSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES



**#6 April 4, 2022 / 6:30-8:00 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82461202904?pwd=dWdIS2VIdlk0UHRGa0V3M21zL0xBQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6120 2904

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**\*Meetings will be on Mondays or Tuesdays. 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Mission Statement:** To work collaboratively with the school to create and build an inclusive and equitable environment where every family, child and staff member feels connected and valued. The council will support and promote holistic community engagement in a socially responsible way.

**2021-22 School Council Members (10 voting members)**

Holly Douglass (Present)	Chair	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETINGS</b></p> <p><i>October 26th</i></p> <p><i>November 16th (Tues)</i></p> <p><i>December 6th (13) (Mon)</i></p> <p><i>January 10th</i></p> <p><i>February 15th</i></p> <p><i>No March meeting</i></p> <p><i>April 4</i></p> <p><i>May 10</i></p> <p><i>June ____</i></p>
Scott Woodard (Present)	Treasurer	
Nicole Hamley (Present)	Secretary	
Ashley Arkeveld (Present)	Parent Rep	
Adrian Cammaert (Absent)	Parent Rep	
Kerri Goulden (Present)	Parent Rep	
Marnie Lye (Present)	Parent Rep	
Jennie Roberts (Present)	Parent Rep	
Andrea Collins (Absent)	Parent Rep	
Aaron Firth (Present)	Parent Rep	
Tara Brown (Present)	Teacher Rep - non voting	

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NORMS**

**Working Norms - During our meetings we are committed to:**

- Promoting a Spirit of Inquiry: “Tell me more...”
- Pausing: “thinking...waiting...”
- Paraphrasing: “You’re wondering, the intention seems to be...”
- Probing for specificity: “I’m curious about, I would like to hear more...”
- Putting Ideas on the Table: “One idea I have, another consideration is...”
- Paying attention to self & others: “How am I reacting to what is being said?”
- Presuming positive intentions: I know we are trying to learn more about all angles so let me share...

## ATTENDEES

**Present:** Holly, Jennie, Scott, Ashley, Sarah Nagy, Kerri, Shahla, Mr. Barton, Marnie, Mme Brown, Nicole, Aaron

**Regrets:** *Adrian, Andrea*

## Agenda and Minutes

Time Allotted	Items
5 min	<p><b>Welcome Remarks - Holly, Leon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Introductions of all present if new people are attending</li><li>-Land Acknowledgement</li><li>-Energizer: favourite foods</li><li>-Reminder from the Chair: Adhere to the time allotted for each section</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Land Acknowledgement</p> <p><i>We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partner in education.</i></p> <p><i>To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.</i></p>
1 min	<p><b>Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - Holly</b></p> <p>1) Motion made by Scott, Second by Ashley, all in favour, carried</p>
5 min	<p><b>Treasurer's Report and Opening Balance- Secretary (all members will keep track of this)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Office Treasurer Report - Scott. Balance is \$1580 after support for Forest of Reading.</li><li>- Waiting on cheque from Fundscrip</li></ul>
10 min	<p><b>Principal's Report - Mr. Barton</b></p> <p><b><u>Virtual School 2022-23</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-All parents were emailed information that included a deadline for application by April 7</li><li>- <b>Grades 1-8 students</b> will have a minimum of 225 minutes out of a 300-minute day of real-time, live (synchronous) learning with a teacher. Any remaining time will be asynchronous (not live) learning.</li><li>-More can be found here <a href="https://bit.ly/3NUVX5t">https://bit.ly/3NUVX5t</a></li></ul> <p><b><u>PEAC Symposium</u></b></p> <p>PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters! Date: May 4, 2022 Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm Location: virtual <a href="https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils/peac-regional-symposium">https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils/peac-regional-symposium</a></p>

**Autism Awareness Month**

- April 1 - Everyone had a chance to wear blue to kick off autism awareness month
- Autism Awareness Month (activities to be planned)

**Staff Indigenous Learning**

-Staff recently engaged in Indigenous Curriculum Learning to better educate students through a YRDSB consultant. Valuable resources shared; insight into how to best support all Indigenous peoples in future initiatives/school events

**Kindergarten Recess Equipment Update**

-Items purchased were not applicable for Kindergarten so Inquiry Blocks below is now ordered:



-Mr. Barton will be also looking for the school to purchase more equipment like trucks and inquiry equipment such as pots and pans.

**Recess Equipment Wishlist form School Council**

-Grade 2-6: Soft Balls (Covid acceptable). \$93.00 for set of 12



**Grade 4-8 Mental Health Assemblies**

-Grade 6-8 students will be virtually engaging in stories of hope and resilience with youth speakers from youthspeak.ca on April 5 and all grade 4-8 will engage in student empowerment assembly on May 17. <https://youthspeak.ca/>

**Early Entry Feedback**

-Mr. Barton will ask the Council about Pros and Cons related to the early entry procedure for students

- Like staggered entry; provides buffer for arrival, likely helps with traffic
- Option to play outside prior to 8:30am is nice; peer interaction with other grades
- Comment about possibility of donating pots, pans, etc for kindies - upcycle; not there yet
- Comment about adding some replacement skipping ropes, soccer balls to recess equipment as well

10 min

**Teacher's Report - Mme Brown**

- Last month of Forest of Reading - voting soon; meeting this Wed for Red Maple (gr 7&8); Eric Walters visited for free 30 minutes. Still need to find time to meet with gr 5&6

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gauss math - University of Waterloo. Grade 7&amp;8. Grade 6 too. Upcoming meeting to ask questions, study. 1 hour test - get a certificate.</li> <li>- Item to Vote on: Books for Ms U-Ming/Aujla class \$120.00 -</li> <li>- Student Council update - Spirit Days. Grand plans squashed by COVID but keeping positive with new ideas - food drive posters and announcements</li> <li>- Grade 8 Graduation update. In-Person! Town Hall - kids will get a chance to walk through and check out the space for inspiration; looking at hoodies for kids to sign. After-party at Town Hall too.</li> </ul>
<b>40 min</b>	<p><b>New Business Items/Review of Last Action Items - Holly/All</b></p> <p><b>Last Action Items Review:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PRO Grant/Parent Network - update and remaining events (this Wednesday Human Trafficking <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/human-trafficking-in-york-region-tickets-303286035697">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/human-trafficking-in-york-region-tickets-303286035697</a>) Remaining Events: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JX7p_PqtJ8eWyyv2FKHX4I-7D3sKpbArh/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JX7p_PqtJ8eWyyv2FKHX4I-7D3sKpbArh/view?usp=sharing</a></li> <li>2. 100 year anniversary (2023)       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Need to establish lead on sub-committee; Holly to send separate email</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. School spirit wear update - Fundraising Committee       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All quotes are in; local organisation 'Sew Perfect'. Holly showed mock up; needs to connect with Maureen to set up School Cash Online.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Toys for the Kindie pen - balls, trucks, chalk. Want to minimize cheques written to parents so catalogue ordering is best. Dialogue transitioned into broader discussion re: recess equipment</li> <li>5. Recess Equipment. Discussion about re-visiting call to all teachers for needed gear/equipment, like a registry. Mr. Barton requested more time to look into large-scale donations. Focus on kindie equipment right now, as discussed above.</li> <li>6. Question about possibility of a fun fair - Mr. Barton to look into this further; planning on a year-end BBQ</li> </ol>
<b>5 min</b>	<p><b>Budget Items/Items to Vote On</b></p> <p>Item to Vote on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Books for Ms U-Ming/Aujla class \$117.60 - Motion by Ashley, seconded by Nicole - carried</li> <li>2. Balls \$93 - Motion by Ashley, seconded by Jennie - carried</li> <li>3. \$200 assorted toys, chalk, trucks - Motion by Aaron, seconded by Marnie - carried</li> </ol> <p>\$1170.24 remains</p>
<b>TBD min</b>	<p><b>Community Voices - Parents/Community Members (reminder all discussion is confidential and supportive of all students)</b></p>
	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm Next meeting on May 10th at 630 pm</b></p>
	<p><b>Newsletter Items Needed</b></p>
	<p><b>BUDGET ITEMS APPROVED (Treasurer to Fill this in, Teacher Rep to Send to Secretary while CC'ing Leon so he can approve)</b></p> <p>See above</p>