

SSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES



#3 Monday, December 13th, 2021 / 6:30-8:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85474772953?pwd=YTJMd1JCeC92QWM4d0ZWSUhLM2p4dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 7477 2953

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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

Holly Douglass	Chair	MEETINGS <i>October 26th</i> <i>November 16th (Tues)</i> <i>December 6th (13) (Mon)</i> <i>January 10th</i> <i>February __</i> <i>No March meeting</i> <i>April __</i> <i>May __</i> <i>June __</i>
Scott Woodard	Treasurer	
Nicole Hamley	Secretary	
Ashley Arkeveld	Parent Rep	
Adrian Cammaert	Parent Rep	
Kerri Goulden	Parent Rep	
Marnie Lye	Parent Rep	
Jennie Roberts	Parent Rep	
Andrea Collins	Parent Rep	
Aaron Firth	Parent Rep	
Tara Brown	Teacher Rep	

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, Ashley, Adrian, Aaron, Mr. Barton, Mme Brown, Nicole, Kerri, Marnie, Scott

Regrets: Andrea

Agenda and Minutes

Time Allotted	Items
5 min	<p>Welcome Remarks - Holly, Leon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introductions of all present if new people are attending -Land Acknowledgement -Energizer: "One's Gotta Go" by Leon (if time we can share 1 New Year's resolution) -Reminder: Adhere to the time allotted for each section: Chair <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>Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - Holly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Motion made by Ashley, Second by Jennie, all in favour - carried
5 min	<p>Treasurer's Report and Opening Balance- Secretary (all members will keep track of this)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office Treasurer Report (link to report); Scott is in need of detailed report with transactions to reconcile account (~\$600 discrepancy) - Opening Balance is = \$2,283.41 (factors in recent Forest of Reading support)
10 min	<p>Principal's Report - Mr. Barton</p> <p><u>School Council Meeting December Administrators' Notes:</u></p> <p><u>Construction Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Finally Finished! <p><u>School Fundraising Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Council should draft a rough fundraising plan. -To support the School Improvement Plan, preliminary data gathered from staff indicates we are looking at acquiring more: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Class laptops <p><i>Total cost: Unknown until cost sharing comes out</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Recess Equipment (Classroom teacher will be surveyed for other ideas) -Kindergarten: (Kindergarten teachers will be surveyed for other ideas) *5 soft Balls per class

*5 Red Rings per class
-Grade 2-8
*3 Balls per class
*5 Skipping Ropes per class
Total Recess equipment cost: \$678.43
3. Virtual student wellness, educational presentations
Total cost: Unknown until we look into it

Winter Break

-December 17 - December 31

Rapid Antigen Testing

-Kits given to all students December 10 to voluntarily use over the Winter Break. They do not return the kit or results to school.
-In the new year, students sent home during the day with symptoms receive a kit

Principal Profile

-Please take 5 minutes in the meeting to finalize this. <https://bit.ly/3qKrSMw>

School Council PRO Grant

-Extension for the Deadline is now January 19. Up to 800.00 available
-JRL Bell is interested in partnering with SSPS. Holly may have spoken to them.
School projects will demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents and families in students' educational experiences by working with parents and families or seeking parent input on how schools can improve in at least one of the following areas:

- Addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized groups
- Creating a safe and welcoming environment
- Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system regarding decisions about their child's education
- Enhancing communication with teachers
- Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources.

IDEAS: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/videos.html>

10 min

Teacher's Report - Ms Brown

- Shared some anecdotes around Forest of Reading and students' feedback about books, sharing of books
- Student leadership team helping where they can in areas that interest them (e.g. announcements)
- Interest from staff on literacy supports - something to consider but more detail would be helpful as to how Council can support (e.g. specific readers?); would intermediate students be interested in coming to a future meeting to present re: text selection?

Week of Festivities December 13

-Our school will be celebrating the holidays this week with various activities.
Decorating classes and the halls, Stuey and Kitty, a Friday assembly and Spirit Days:

Wednesday December 15: Festive Colours Day!

Thursday December 16: Holiday Hat Day!

	<p><u>Friday December 17: My Favourite Sweater Day!</u></p> <p>Extra Curricular Sports -Ms Hutton is looking at starting some extra curricular sports in the new year such as volleyball. There are requirements to participate (vaccination and attestation).</p>
40 min	<p>New Business Items/Review of Last Action Items - Holly/All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRO Grant/Parent Network <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Up to \$15K after pooling with all local schools (some are secondary) b. Refer to shortlist below 2. Funscript Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Raised \$122 - well done given short amount of time in a small community 3. Other fundraising ideas/considerations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visuals like thermometers to show the community our progress b. School wish list; often people are more inclined to give if they know where the \$\$ is going c. Dominoe's "Raise the Dough" - Adrian has had initial dialogue with Main St franchise and they are amenable; will forward info to Holly 4. School Cash Online fundraising effort? 5. Survey to families Update (Holly and Mafalda to revisit early in the new year); Mr Barton to send a previous version of a survey; consider a student survey? 6. 100 year anniversary (2023) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mr Barton's first school anniversary but will look into what YRDSB has done in the past b. Committee required at school level - staff and students; great chance for student learning c. Nicole to connect with the Playters to start a list of local graduates/community members to engage d. Adrian to connect with Richard MacLeod at The History Hound; Councilor Bob Kwapis e. Think about ways to engage others - local newspaper ad, Facebook groups; look for potential members of future committee, old yearbooks, etc 7. School spirit wear. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms Archbold connected Holly with company we have worked with in the past; Holly to follow up because they never sent quote; b. Mr Barton has contacts to forward also. c. This can tie in nicely with 100 yr anniversary - a student-designed logo? Individually sold patches a great idea so families can add to whatever clothing they want. d. Mme Brown volunteered to share with students in grades 6 to 8
5 min	<p>Budget Items/Items to Vote On</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recess Equipment - deferred 2. Direct donation campaign. Motion by Kerri, seconded by Marnie - all in favour, carried
TBD min	<p>Community Voices - Parents/Community Members (reminder all discussion is confidential and supportive of all students)</p>
	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm</p>
	<p>Newsletter Items Needed</p>
	<p>BUDGET ITEMS APPROVED (Treasurer to Fill this in, Teacher Rep to Send to Secretary while CC'ing Leon so he can approve)</p>

PRO Grant Topics shortlist (Newmarket Parent Network)

Digital Intelligence

Positive Mental Health/Resilience

Anti-Black Racism & Allyship & Community

Addressing Anti-Black Racism & Unconscious Bias

Sustainability/Environment and Eco-Anxiety

Human/Teen Trafficking in York Region

Navigating the IEP/IPRC Process