

SSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES



#7 May 10, 2022 / 6:30-8:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting

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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	MEETINGS October 26th November 16th (Tues) December 6th (13) (Mon) January 10th February 15th No March meeting April 4 May 10 June ____
Scott Woodard (absent)	Treasurer	
Nicole Hamley (present)	Secretary	
Ashley Arkeveld (present)	Parent Rep	
Adrian Cammaert (present)	Parent Rep	
Kerri Goulden (absent)	Parent Rep	
Marnie Lye (absent)	Parent Rep	
Jennie Roberts (absent)	Parent Rep	
Andrea Collins (absent)	Parent Rep	
Aaron Firth (absent)	Parent Rep	
Tara Brown	Teacher Rep - non voting	
Sarah Nagy (present)	Parent 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:

Regrets:

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: -Reminder from the Chair: Adhere to the time allotted for each section <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> <p>1) Motion made by Ashley, Second by Adrian, all in favour, carried</p>																																																												
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 - Scott. Balance is \$1580 after support for Forest of Reading. - Waiting on cheque from Fundscrip - Holly to submit receipts for kindergarten purchases - what a great gratitude card! <table border="1" data-bbox="380 1472 1471 1772"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="6">TRANSACTION LOG & ACCOUNT BALANCE (CONSOLIDATED)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>DATE</th> <th>DESCRIPTION</th> <th>WITHDRAWLS</th> <th>DEPOSITS</th> <th>Tax Paid</th> <th>BALANCE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>09/21/2021</td> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td></td> <td>\$2,556.46</td> <td></td> <td>\$2,556.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/21/2021</td> <td><i>Frost from previous year</i></td> <td>\$500.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$2,056.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/1/2021</td> <td>Forest of Reading</td> <td>\$439.74</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$1,616.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/1/2022</td> <td>Fund Scrip?</td> <td></td> <td>\$122.00</td> <td></td> <td>\$1,738.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/15/2022</td> <td>Recess Balls Donation</td> <td>\$157.88</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$1,580.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/4/2022</td> <td>Indigeous Books for Ms Uming</td> <td>\$117.60</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$1,463.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/4/2022</td> <td>Barton Balls for Grade 2</td> <td>\$93.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$1,370.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/4/2022</td> <td>Kindy Pen Supplies</td> <td>\$200.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$1,170.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TRANSACTION LOG & ACCOUNT BALANCE (CONSOLIDATED)						DATE	DESCRIPTION	WITHDRAWLS	DEPOSITS	Tax Paid	BALANCE	09/21/2021	Opening Balance		\$2,556.46		\$2,556.46	09/21/2021	<i>Frost from previous year</i>	\$500.00			\$2,056.46	11/1/2021	Forest of Reading	\$439.74			\$1,616.72	1/1/2022	Fund Scrip?		\$122.00		\$1,738.72	2/15/2022	Recess Balls Donation	\$157.88			\$1,580.84	4/4/2022	Indigeous Books for Ms Uming	\$117.60			\$1,463.24	4/4/2022	Barton Balls for Grade 2	\$93.00			\$1,370.24	4/4/2022	Kindy Pen Supplies	\$200.00			\$1,170.24
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YRDSB - Dismantling Anti-Black Racism

-The Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Team is launching the **Centre for Black Student Excellence**, a new **central hub of information on the Board website**. This hub will give families easy access to information about Board programs, Board and community resources, the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, our Celebrating Black Excellence campaign, the SHINE podcast and more.

Class Placements

-School planning for next year has begun. The class placement process will begin this month and will continue throughout the year
-Tentative classes for next year will be shared in a Stuart Scott Buzz but we are waiting on any changes from the Board.

Tentative School Organization 2022-23

K12A, 12A, 23A, 45A, 56A, 6A, 7A, 8A

Discover Kindergarten (WTK)

-May 26. 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
-In Person presentation and children's classroom visit
-Holly speaking at the event to represent Council

EOAA (Head Secretary)

-Ms Marsiglio's temporary position has finished and we will be with a casual secretary Ms. Wang until Ms Bonfield returns at the beginning of June.

Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony

-June 21.
-Ceremony and Dinner/Dance at the Old Towne Hall
-Dance theme: " traditional and elegant / Blacklight and Neon"
-Parent Committee busy planning
- letter coming to Gr 8 families this week

Council questions:

- Grade 8 field trip? Not likely
- Approved 2022/23 school year calendar and December break? Mr. Barton confirmed - Dec 26th to Jan 6th. Sept 7th is first day back.
- School organization. No grade 3 and 4 split? Shaking down as identified above. Can a student have the same teacher for 3 consecutive years? Very well could be - have to meet requirements of each school year.
- Overall enrollment. Stuart Scott is steadily creeping below 200 students. What is the long-term outlook? Bigger start than normal in terms of # of registrations. Change in age demographics; housing affordability driving some apartment-dwellers out of the area. Outlook sounds positive.
- Advice for council to maintain resources as enrolment decreases? Narrow down what specific resources we are talking about. Council's efforts and advocacy needs to continue. Perhaps invite specific YRDSB staff to our meetings - planning department staff would be ideal - perhaps consider re-drawing boundary lines. What about school accessibility? Why would YRDSB build it up if it's not accessible? Why can't it be made accessible?

10 min

Teacher's Report - Mme Brown

- Mme Brown absent so Mr. Barton spoke to this section

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff meeting wish list items - orders for this year? Deadline is May 17th. Otherwise, items will be available for the 2022/23 school year. - Track and Field! Either half- or full day. - Big kindie blocks, some balls arrived - Jump Rope for Heart - in-person assembly this month with Ms Wilson's skipping club; notice coming to families to achieve small fundraising goal
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 - update and remaining events Remaining Events: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UMdla7OnGEaHrUcVHbz2XCrS-kigVCyT/view?usp=sharing 2. Sex Trafficking Presentation - May 19th, 10am https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gzDhmmCMYqVYr3WQYq_Wnaev208uF_S4nt8hW_EBbRvE/viewform?edit_requested=true 3. 100 year anniversary (2023) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sub-Committee Members and Chair Adrian - congrats Adrian! 4. School spirit wear update - Fundraising Committee. Deadline extended. ~\$1600 in sales to date. Also an option to simply donate \$\$ to the council. Sell again next year - new families. What about making it accessible to families who no longer have children at the school? Broader community? Perhaps School Cash Online can be set up, especially for this case. 5. Fun Fair. Is some version still possible? Good discussion about a potential BBQ Welcome in the fall. Need to consider alignment with the centennial celebration. Reminiscent of pizza kick-offs in previous years - could we ramp that up for a great 'fresh start'? Not looking good for this spring :-) 6. Walking Wednesday. Mr. Barton in support - will email staff. Used to happen at 1st bell; students would drop backpacks and walk track. Some parents would also participate. Grade 8 volunteers could take the lead. 8:15am start would be good.
5 min	<p>Budget Items/Items to Vote On</p> <p>Item to Vote on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing to vote on.
TBD min	<p>Community Voices - Parents/Community Members (reminder all discussion is confidential and supportive of all students)</p>
	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm. Next meeting on Wed, June 8th at 5:30 pm in-person somewhere on Main Street...</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> <p>See above</p>