



## SSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

**#2 Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 / 6:30-8:00 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING LINK: :**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83741446857?pwd=alhqSmtmaTQrcFpoajYvTzl2V1FOU09>

Meeting ID: 837 4144 6857

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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	<b>MEETINGS</b> <i>October 26th</i> <i>November 16th (Tues)</i> <i>December 6th (Mon)</i> <i>January</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:** Mr. Barton, Holly, Scott, Marnie, Andrea, Ms. Thornton, Aaron, Jennie, Ashley, Nicole, Somayeh

**Regrets:** Adrian, Kerrie, Mme Brown, Mafalda

### 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>-Energizer: what we are looking most forward to this holiday season</li> <li>-Reminder: Adhere to the time allotted for each section: Chair</li> <li>-Land Acknowledgement</li> </ul> <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 Aaron, Second by Scott , all in favour- carried</p>
5 min	<p><b>Quick Review of Constitution Changes - Holly</b></p> <p>1) Motion made by Andrea, 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>- <a href="#">Office Treasurer Report</a> (link to report); Scott is in need of detailed report with transactions to reconcile account (~\$600 discrepancy)</li> <li>- Opening Balance is = \$2,283.41 (factors in recent Forest of Reading support)</li> <li>- Motion to approve as is made by Ashley, Second by Marnie, all in favour - carried</li> </ul>
10 min	<p><b>Principal's Report - Mr. Barton</b></p> <p><b><u>School Council Meeting November Administrators' Notes:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Construction Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We are near the end of the portion in front of the school</li> </ul> <p><b><u>School Fundraising Plan</u></b></p>

-A reminder that we will soon look at developing a fundraising plan for this year. More information will be shared in Holly's school council forum report and in the next meeting.  
-To support the School Improvement Plan, preliminary data gathered from staff indicates we are looking at acquiring more:

1. Class laptops

*Total cost: Unknown until cost sharing comes out*

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*

### **Progress Report and Interviews/November 19 PA day**

-A reminder that electronic reports are out Nov. 15. Interviews on the 18th and 19th. No school on the 19th.

### **Fire Drill**

-Our 3rd and final drill for the first half of the year is completed. 3 more will happen in the new year.

### **Principal Profile**

-Usually due in November. It is best for us to complete this by November 19. We can create a shared Google document. <https://bit.ly/3qKrSMw>

### **SIP**

-School Council Input to the School Improvement Plan will come once more staff work on it is complete. Our last staff meeting focused on the Text Selection Tool with a Board Consultant.

### **Hybrid Learning**

-Leon will share slight changes to the Hybrid model

### **Inclement Weather Procedures**

-The school has shared information to families and will be resending soon.

-Students may need to enter the front of the school if the tarmac is too dangerous

\*When the Board calls an Inclement Weather Day (for the first one only):

-All elementary and secondary schools will be closed to students.

- All student learning (elementary and secondary) will be remote and asynchronous.
- Office staff will mark all students using the attendance code of BC (Bad Weather / Bus Cancellation)
- Before and After (B&A) Care programs will not run.
- Child Care Centres may remain open at the discretion of the operator.
- Schools will remain open to school staff.

### **School Council PRO Grant**

-Due Dec. 14 / Up to 800.00 available

-JRL Bell is interested in partnering with SSPS

	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized groups</li> <li>● Creating a safe and welcoming environment</li> <li>● Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system regarding decisions about their child's education</li> <li>● Enhancing communication with teachers</li> <li>● Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources.</li> </ul>
10 min	<p><b>Teacher's Report - Ms Brown/Ms Thornton</b></p> <p><b><u>GSA Student Club</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Ms Thornton will give an overview of the GSA club (Gender &amp; Sexuality Alliance)</li> <li>- new club co-led with Mr. Tucker</li> <li>- open to all students; members can discuss issues, carry out activities in the school; student-led</li> <li>- 2017 YRDSB data - 7% students identified as 2SLGBTQ+; this community reports higher rates of bullying</li> <li>- close to 20 students from grade 7 &amp; 8 attended the first meeting; working on mission statement</li> <li>- members are currently using word of mouth but students are making decisions about how much publicity the group receives</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Grade 7 and 8 Student Leadership Council</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 meetings; open to grade 8 only; whiteboard in the library is full of ideas - planning stages</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Remembrance Day Assembly</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Report to be emailed out by Holly</li> </ul>
40 min	<p><b>New Business Items/Review of Last Action Items - Holly/All</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Newmarket Parent Network/PRO Grant- need to vote on this tonight and discuss topics (PRO Grant Application due Dec. 14.)</li> <li>2. Fundraising update (Deb's Dips, Fundscrip, Spirit Wear) and fundraising committee (Kerri, Ashley, Jennie, Marnie and Holly). School cash online poses challenges so Deb's Dips on hold for now. Everyone please help spread the word on Fundscrip</li> <li>3. Chair's report on the School Council Forum - possibility of creating an inclusivity committee; to be discussed at a future meeting. Holly will circulate meeting recording.</li> <li>4. Survey to families/outreach ideas (Holly and Mafalda) - in progress</li> <li>5. Other new business presented: (i) Inn From the Cold food drive outside the school, (ii) 100 year anniversary (<a href="#">2023</a>) planning and fundraising, (iii) large-scale fundraising such as enhancements to kindergarten yard, (iv) overview of draft map re: where to park for pick-up / drop-off (v) reminder that the goal is active transportation</li> </ol>
5 min	<p><b>Budget Items/Items to Vote On</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Newmarket Parent Network. Motion to join NPN by Ashley, Second Jennie, carried.</li> <li>2. Recess Equipment. More info to come before we vote.</li> </ol>
TBD min	<p><b>Community Voices - Parents/Community Members (reminder all discussion is confidential and supportive of all students)</b></p>
	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.</b></p>

	<b>Newsletter Items Needed</b>
	<b>BUDGET ITEMS APPROVED (Treasurer to Fill this in, Teacher Rep to Send to Secretary while CC'ing Leon so he can approve)</b>

**\*Newmarket Parent Network:**

With a potential of \$6,000+ in grants as a collective, here are the 12 Newmarket schools that are considering/planning to collaborate this year:

Alexander Muir PS  
 Bogart PS  
 Crossland PS  
 Glen Cedar PS  
 Huron Heights SS  
 Mazo de la Roche PS  
 Meadowbrook PS  
 Newmarket HS  
 Prince Charles PS  
 Rogers PS  
 Stonehaven ES  
 Stuart Scott PS

This is the list of 12 topics/speakers that seem to be of interest at this point (in no particular order and definitely open to input from Council):

1. **Human (Teen) Trafficking in York Region** by [BridgeNorth & U-R Home Awareness & Support Services](#)
2. **Social Media Use, Internet Safety & Mental Health** by [Scott Ste. Marie](#)
3. **Positive Mental Health/Resilience** by [Anthony McLean and/or Sarah Westbrook \(UPower\) and/or Pinball Clemons and/or Mark Henick](#)
4. **Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Unconscious Bias in Education** by [Alexis Dawson and/or NACCA and/or Parents of Black Children and/or ANCHOR](#)
5. **Indigenous Diversity Awareness and Education** by [Kendal Netmaker and/or Asha Frost](#)
6. **Addressing Anti-Asian Racism & Social Inclusion** by [Asian Canadian Educators' Network and/or Dr. Mary Reid](#)
7. **Digital Intelligence** by [Jennifer Casa-Todd or Chris Vollum or Paul Davis](#)
8. **Navigating the IEP/IPRC Process** by [Children's Treatment Network](#)
9. **Addictions/Substance Abuse** (drugs/alcohol/gaming) by [Canadian Mental Health Association](#)
10. **Building Empathy in our Children/Teens** by [Michele Borba](#)
11. **Financial Literacy** by [Ten Toonies Financial or Money School Canada](#)
12. **Sustainability Matters with Families in the Suburbs** by [Sarah Robertson-Barnes](#)

Our network of schools will have a Zoom meeting to discuss all of the options next week.