

## Summitview School Council Meeting #3 of the 2024/2025 School Year

**Date:** Thursday Feb 6th – 6pm-7:30pm

**Location:** Summitview Library

**In Person Attendees:** Staff Attendees: Jason Innes, Ms Calvert, Mr. Alfonso. Parent Attendees: Jenny Cairney, Michelle Hopley, Jacquie Paterson, Matthew Jones, Tara Acton.

### Meeting Minutes:

1. **Call to Start and Land Acknowledgement** – Jenny and Michelle
2. **Update from Jason**
  - a. **Staff Updates** – Ms. Heinrich will continue until March Break, a new teacher will be hired to finish year. Grade ½ - Ms. Bolton hired. Grade 7/8 Ms. Kakalettris. Mr. Rawlins not returning. Prep coverage -Ms. Piccione. Ms. Kazemi – LTO grade 5/6 (in for Mr. Lea who resigned).
  - b. **Projections for next year** – 33 JKs registered so far (higher than same time last year). Seven students moving to French Immersion. 46 Grade 8s graduating. Projections are 410 students for next year. Might need another portable. We continue to hold for Barbara Reid. No change in foreseeable future.
  - c. **Equity – Black History Month** – Very intentional about black history month. All teachers celebrate in some way. Focus on black excellence, Canadian representation, acknowledge everyday people (not just the stars). They don't teach enslavement or trauma, not exclusively American. Black history month video series – possible fundraisers. We will probably put aside \$500 for equity initiatives (for displays, performances, etc.).
  - d. **Student lates and absences** – Lots of students sick right now. Students late every day is becoming difficult to manage. Missing announcements (what's open/on that day, what rehearsals, etc.), instructions, lessons. It's disruptive to the class. Office is unable to complete safe arrival. Unnecessary calls home. Dangers in parking lot. Getting crowded. Maybe start open entry (so they can come in 5-10 minutes earlier), one teacher on each floor and someone at the door. Will increase instructional time, hopefully reduce lates. Many schools in the district do open entry. Thinking about it. Mr. Innes will send a note before implementing – maybe after March Break.
3. **Ms Calvert and Mr. Alfonso** - Plastic, industrial risers. Currently borrowing from Glad Park. Would like to buy 4-6. Four for \$5,000. Start fundraising. Can get some money back for returning the ones we have. This could be a longer term fundraising goal.
4. **Committees Updates**
  - a. **Newsies Play** – Have made 2 payments to 19 on the Park from Scholastic Book Fair contributions. Need assistance in paying the final balance: \$1200. (A third). Didn't pay extra for the rights to sell tickets. Need ideas for fundraising and someone on school council to run it. Coin drive – put towards musicians. Already have \$400/\$500 from high school fundraiser. Prizes – behind the scenes tour, front row seating, Q&A with cast. Raffle off front row tickets for adults. Need more ideas. More parents involved. Need to

sew the newspaper bags – need parent volunteers to sew while classes come through. A purpose for the community to come into the school. Open call for donations. Booster Juice fundraiser – all funds go to Newsies. Michelle will email the Newsies parents to see if someone can spearhead. Mr. Alfonso will lead coin drive. Ms. Calvert will give a list of what funds are going towards. Need assistance during production time – parents to help corral. Community event to go gather materials, wash it all. Teach the kids to thrift.

- b. Grad Committee – Dawn and Heather have cookie dough fundraising Mar 17-Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> delivery.
- c. School Display – Tara – Did a lovely Lunar New Year display. Ms. Calvert has a resource for displays (board specifics). Black History month – collect something from each class to put up. Future displays – maybe areas that we haven't focused on before.

5. Fundraising

- a. Big Box of Cards – 1<sup>st</sup> week of April – will need a volunteer to distribute (heather). Jenny will help.
- b. Ongoing- Mabel's Labels/Kids Kitchen/Pizza/Hero Burger
- c. Side note – curling equipment will be purchased for school after Feb. 08<sup>th</sup> Uxbridge bonspiel. No council, just parents.

6. School Events Led by Parent Council

- a. Student Movie Night – Matthew – Inside Out. Made \$149. Gr 8s helped out. Next movie night: Mar 27<sup>th</sup> – start movie at 6:30. Parent council meeting will be 5-6:15. Maybe do pre-order pizzas. Bring a food bank donation. We have the Disney license now.
- b. Spring Craft Show- Heather and Erin game to run. May 1<sup>st</sup>. Need to know what the regulations are. Mr. Innes looking into it.
- c. Staff Appreciation (Dec and Jun)
- d. Summitview Hockey Night Social – Stouffville Spirit Game on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun. Same time next year.
- e. Summer Stinger Event (June) - maybe incorporate minute to win it.

Call to close: Jenny/Michelle

Post Meeting Call to **Vote** by Jenny Cairney via Email: **\$1200 to make the final 19 on the Park payment for Newsies** (one third of the total cost, the rest has already been paid via the School's own fundraising efforts). Motion carried.