



Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	School Council
Meeting Date/Time:	November 6, 2024, from 19:00-20:20 hours
Location:	Viola Desmond Public School library
Present:	Wendy Thompson, Pamela Cytrynbaum, Tonya Seltzer, Jenn Goodman, Jawad Tanweer, Tanya Zigomanis, Michelle Yu, Yisha Tang, Alina Mednikov, Dory Carson
Members of the public present:	Jeanny Cheema, Kathy Phau, Laura Fridhandler, Wenjie Lu
Regrets:	Jodie Schaffer, Sandra Ricciardi

Meeting Objective(s):

Planning speakers/events/fundraising plans for the school year of 2024-2025

Agenda Item	Key Discussion Point Summary	Parties participating in the topics
Land acknowledgement	YRDSB ASL version presented	
Approval of previous meeting minutes	Approved	All members
Teacher report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oct. 31st was an overall success, have to tweak the art for juniors next year - Holocaust Education Week - Treaties Recognition Week - students will engage in activities that foster a greater understanding of Treaties - Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 11 @11 am, some presentations and our new choir will perform, families in the community welcome to join, will be short 	Dory Carson

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Admin Report	<p>EQAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary assessment represents learning up to grade 3 and junior version learning up to 6 - Math focus required - Possible next steps teachers to discuss math games with families - possible math night/club - Staff professional learning in Math - a couple of years back changed to online tests – done by computer not on paper anymore, could have impacted scores - An EQAO info session might be good for parents who have questions 	Wendy Thompson Pamela Cytrynbaum

	<p>School council forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 13, opportunity to liaise with the trustee, workshops, network, nurture relationships - at Westmount Collegiate, dinner served at 5:30pm, Jodie attending, spot for one more Council member, let Wendy know if anyone wants to attend <p>Communication events to families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In response to recent Hold and Secure, school receives limited information from Police - other organizations shared a lot of detail - Police working on the case so the exact information changes - Principal works with her superintendent and communications department to discuss what communications to send to families and then communicates when we receive it from the Board - YRP would have accurate information about instances not the school 	
Co-Chair report	<p>Hot lunch survey recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approx. 50% participating in Kids Kitchen or Astoria - parents are most satisfied with pizza and Swiss Chalet - Mealbets is part of the survey, an Asian inspired cuisine 	Jenn Goodman Tonya Seltzer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LunchBox – you can order and pick from vendors that will work with LunchBox, varies by region - consistent concerns was Pizza can be cold and different sizes - call Pizza Nova to see if they can slice the pizza more evenly - Papa Johns is a possibility to change to, also part of LunchBox program - eliminate Kids Kitchen, try Lunch Box and try MealBets - give new companies a try - Motion to change the following below: <p>1) Monday will be Meal Bets 2) Tuesday will be LunchBox: Mr. Sub 3) Wednesday stays Pizza Nova 4) Thursday stays Swiss Chalet 5) Friday will be LunchBox –Nonna’s Kitchen (or Italian/pasta alternative – to be discussed with LunchBox)</p> <p>Update constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add 3 more members to 11 voting members, will be updated on the website for everyone - Motion passed for next year 	
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Last year’s finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - started the school year with \$5,910.29 <p>This year’s finances</p>	Jawad Tanweer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$8,610.09 is what we have right now after Krispy Kreme and Big Box Cards - Net income KK: \$917 - Net income Big Box Cards: \$1641.75 - Overview of Operating Expenditures and net income provided - Request for budget sharing with community - Council budget will be shared 	
Fundraising Plan	<p>Staff wish list and allocation of funds from fundraising initiatives</p> <p>Krispy Kreme and Big Box recap</p> <p>Upcoming fundraising promotional strategies and plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - based on the last two fundraising events we haven't had as many families participate - feedback is that parents will be more inclined to participate if parents receive the list of needs for fundraising initiatives - we have pizza money that is also being carried over, about \$7,500 that is coming from last year's pizza and we will generate money this year - need to project how much a Bingo and Movie night will raise <p>Terracotta cookies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - move it to April? - Passover starts April 13 	<p>Jenn and Tonya</p> <p>Michelle</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new dates - run it February 24 to March 21 for sales and receive the cookies the week of April 7 <p>Family Donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Cash Online has an area to describe how you can just contribute to the school with cash - ask families to donate if they are interested - Parents interested in seeing how we are working towards a goal (for example score board in the gym), once money is raised, parents want to see it put towards an item on the Fundraising Plan/Needs List <p>***Need to add projected donations to the Fundraising Plan</p>	
Committees/Proposed upcoming events	<p>Movie night – primary kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we have already bought the Movie license - need volunteers, 8-10 at least - charge admission? NO - charge for pizza, snacks/popcorn, waters - high school students can volunteer especially if they need volunteer hours for graduation <p>***Wednesday February 5 will be movie night</p> <p>Bingo night</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fold this into Math Night - Jeanny said she can assist - date to be finalized in January 	
New Business Discussion	School council e-mail: viola.desmond.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca	
General discussion/ Other topics	Tots for Toys, Holiday Toy Drive Ms. Carson will look into it and let us know	
Next meeting dates	Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 19:00 hours, Viola Desmond Public School library Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 19:00 hours, Viola Desmond Public School library Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 19:00 hours, Viola Desmond Public School library	All members

TZ to send notes from all meetings to Wendy, Pamela, Jenn and Tonya



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