



Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	School Council
Meeting Date/Time:	January 15, 2025, from 19:00-20:15 hours
Location:	Viola Desmond Public School library
Present:	Wendy Thompson, Sandra Ricciardi, Tonya Seltzer, Jenn Goodman, Jodie Schaffer, Jawad Tanweer, Yisha Tang, Tanya Zigomanis
Members of the public present:	Jeanny Boneng, Elina Baranova, Kathy Phou
Regrets:	Pamela Cytrynbaum, Dory Carson, Michelle Yu, Alina Mednikov

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	To be read by Jenn and Tonya	All members
Approval of previous meeting minutes		All members
Teacher report	<p>Student achievement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mathematics: PD for teachers in the area of social emotional learning skills - Looking at: Communicating, Reasoning, and Proving in order to support our students to enhance their understanding of math concepts <p>Equity, Health and Well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School survey grades 1-8 to collect data to support our goal in the area of Equity (represented, connected through a culturally responsive lens) 	Sandra Ricciardi



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PEACE - People Everywhere Actually Co-existing Equally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Matthew (presenter) will be here over 2 days presenting to our Students in grades 2-6. Next Week...His focus will be on the Well-Being and Equity initiative in our school. Focuses on using art as a means for communication, education and innovation - Athletics: Jr Volleyball coming to an end (Jan. 23/24 is the Areas); Intermediate Basketball starting up - Clubs: Spirit Squad (grades 1-8, but mostly grades 1 and 2), Board games Club 2x per week at recess, Beading Club, Robotics Club (Area Tournament for junior and intermediate team) - Annual talent show returning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jan 20 – announcement o Wk of Jan 27 - Sign-up announcements o Jan 27-28 - Sign-up o Feb 3-7 – Auditions o The form for auditions that will go out to the parents will have a paragraph of acknowledgement for parents to discuss with their kids if they are disappointed and do not make the talent show o Feb 11 - Find out who gets in o Feb 12-Mar 6 – rehearsals o March 7 - SHOW DAY <p>Grade 8 Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Popcorn and frozen yogurt sales to support grade 8 graduation 	
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	<p>School Wide Carnival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Details to follow 	
Admin Report	<p>School Grounds and Parking Lot Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caretakers have ordered “no parking” signage for bend at the top of the kiss and ride, signage may not be installed until the spring thaw - Ms. Wagner and Ms. Thompson have identified areas of the fields where a few incidents have been reported so new supervision schedule to improve supervision in these areas especially in the field - schools are not required to clear the tarmac - when wind chill is above -18 typically kids stay inside <p>School Improvement Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pillars are: Human Rights and Inclusion (HRI), Student Achievement (SA) – Math, Health and Well-Being (HWB) - low 56% in Junior Math has been consistent since the school opened - will start to engage in this work, hopefully at our March meeting Wendy will have a new student achievement goal to share 	Wendy Thompson
Co-Chair report	<p>Principal Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - every school has to do this every year, it is not a reflection of our administration but rather what we would seek for a principal in our community - was circulated in the group - feedback to be sent to cochairs by the Council members by Friday January 24 	Tonya and Jenn

Treasurer's Report	<p>Current funds in the account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - end of year balance \$9,276.00 <p>Family Donations Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$720.00 donated through school cash online - \$2,000 just got donated by an individual and this person donated to help the primary book budget that could not be met otherwise - Wendy – asked if our next budget report can include this year's spending (for example the score board etc.) 	Jawad
Fundraising Plan	<p>Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 5 - Geared toward the younger crowd - We need to check our technology to do a test run the week before - Pizza sales already on school cash online, will also sell pizza that night - We have a committee, but may need more volunteers to be present that night 	Jodie
Committees/ Proposed upcoming events	<p>Terracotta Cookies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sales from Feb 24-Mar 21 - Distribute week of April 7 <p>Carnival BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday June 11 proposed date - DJ and BBQ for sure and otherwise we have to stay within Board Guidelines with other items we offer - Aiming to have a different DJ this year - They will put together a committee ASAP to start planning this 	Jodie, Wendy

New Business Discussion		
General discussion/ Other topics		
Next meeting dates	<p>Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 19:00 hours, Viola Desmond Public School library</p> <p>Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 19:00 hours, Viola Desmond Public School library</p>	All members

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



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