

School Council Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024

Hybrid meeting with in-person and online participants.

Quorum for voting members to start meeting

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Review of previous minutes
3. Welcome to online members procedure for managing hybrid meetings
4. Treasury report highlights
 - a. Fundraising sales compared to last year (Greek food) higher than last year; Pizza sales slightly down.
 - i. To Forecast costs, would be helpful to know when payments to food vendors are due and the cost. (Laura will put in touch with appropriate members running the different food days)
 - b. Invited speakers and AV equipment for school costs
 - i. AV equipment invoice has been paid and the equipment will be installed this month.
 - c. Kindergarten (Ipads) and Hawks House costs have \$500.00 remaining at this time
5. Teacher Report (Kelly)
 - a. Update school activities
 - i. school sports (Junior Volleyball)
 - ii. athletic council (intramurals for primary, junior, and intermediate)
 - iii. student leadership
 - iv. clubs
 - v. Matilda play
 - vi. Concert Band
 - b. Winter concert will be December 18, 2024
6. Principal's report
 - a. Principle Profile needs to be updated by School Council. Review the existing profile and make changes as necessary so it can be submitted by the end of the week.
 - b. Play structure needs repair. School Council is responsible for cost of repairs because it was a School Council purchased item. It should still be under warranty. School Council will review options.
 - c. Active school routes to school safety campaign. Challenges in the parking lot. Please contact Ms. Grey if you would like to volunteer to assist with Parking Drop-off/ pickup zone traffic management. Need a parking lot crew!
 - d. Good news assemblies: Three scheduled assemblies to highlight progress/improvement and successes of students. K – Gr. 4 and Gr. 5 – 8. The dates for the assemblies are Nov 29 (celebrating Responsibility and Collaboration); March 5th and June 4th
 - e. Constitution and bylaws committee. Committee will review existing and recommend updates.
 - f. Presentation: Voyager project run by Metis community member Christian Pillon. He brings a week-long Canoe building project to the school. All classes will get approx.. 2 visits of 20 mins over the course of the week and a core group of 8 intermediate students will spend the whole week working on the Canoe.

Christian provides Indigenous teachings while guiding students in building the canoe with hand tools. The program will cost approx.. \$8000.00 for the week. School Council has approved an allocation of \$4000.00 from the School Council budget to support. The remaining cost will be provided by a grant (approval pending) from the YRDSB. Ms. Gray asking for SC support with moving forward with this project.

- i. Discussion regarding other options that are more cost effective.
 - ii. Discussion regarding how many kids may be away, consensus is it's not a lot according to staff.
 - iii. Viewed a CTV segment video of Christian Pilon building a Canoe with school in Almonte
 - iv. Discussion about the project.
 - v. Vote to move forward with the allocation of \$4000 to the project: 11 voted for the motion. Motion passed. (Out of 14 voting members)
7. Fundraising update about Freshii lunches
 - a. New initiative. Feedback has been some of the portion sizes for certain dishes are on the small side. Laura and Christie have been in contact with vendor and they will make changes for this Thursday. Will monitor changes and may explore other vendor options if issues persist.
 - b. Discussion about other possible vendors should Freshii not work out
 - c. Fundraising committee posted on the facebook page asking for any volunteers for the committee and a item was included in the Wndat Weekly. No one has yet responded.
8. School Instagram account: question about who is running it.
 - a. No one has been running the Instagram account this school year so far.
 - b. Discussion on whether to continue operating the account.
 - c. Discussion around possible privacy issues with publishing posts of students to a public Instagram account
 - d. Discussion revealed though there may be privacy concerns, a number of members expressed they would appreciate an active school Instagram account
9. Grade 8 Grad
 - a. Scarlett away, unable to provide update.
 - b. Popcorn fundraiser will be running this year but has not yet begun
10. Discussion around carrying a balance in a fund for future play structure repairs
 - a. Proposal for \$10,000.00 repair fund
 - b. Discussion on whether this was necessary at this time given that the warranty period is 10 years (structure was installed in 2020)
11. Motion to adjourn
 - a. Motion Carried.

End of meeting