

Council Meeting Minutes- October 22, 2024

The role of the Parent council is to contribute to the goal of student achievement, to inform parents about school details, to assist in raising funds, and to create a platform for positive collaboration.

Attendees- Jennifer Burt, Marylena Fridman, Julie Falconi, Katharine Vafaei, John Storie, Dawn Donaldson, Michelle Reesor, Melissa Mackovski.

Principal's report

- The school raised a lot of money at the Terry Fox event.
- Truth and Reconciliation-Orange Shirt Day the whole school went outside to watch the flag being raised.
- Parent/teacher interviews will be held on November 14/15.
- The reorganization is complete, and all students have settled into their new classrooms.
- PLC's continue to happen in school. Teachers are released during the school day to plan as a team and bring this learning into the classroom. Topics include Math, Literacy etc.
- Staff are creating student portraits- getting to know their learners to better engage them.
- Sports teams-Girl's volleyball team played the alumni. Cross country happened and we are going to regionals.
- The Remembrance Day assembly is coming up and families are invited.
- There will be a Literacy themed pumpkin contest in school.
- We got approved for the PRO Grant and it will go towards a Paul Davis presentation.
- EQAO data was released and results will be discussed in the next meeting.
- Tuck Shop runs every other Friday at morning recess.
- Glenn Marais is booked for drumming and students will be able to perform for families at the winter concert.
- Little Jammers might be making a return.

Teacher's Report

Music

- Confirmed planning for Regionals is in the initial stages with band. Regionals will take place in the late winter/spring at Canada's Wonderland. This year (as previously mentioned) there is no plan to attend Nationals this year.
- Mrs. Mitchell has switched from Cosmo to Saint John for more budgeted instruments which have used/older instruments for sale at more reasonable and cost-effective prices (EG) A new instrument could be in the thousands of dollars, whereas the ones sold through this company are in the hundreds.
- As always Mrs. Mitchell wants to thank the council for all the continued support and contributions towards the music program.
- There is the possibility for primary choir to be started soon.

Athletics/Activity Days

- Mr. Ferg has already started up Girls and Boys Volleyball, Games are continuing. Two tournaments took place last week. We placed third and fifth.
- Areas for Boys Intermediate Volleyball will take place on November 5th, For Intermediate Girls Volleyball the date is November 12th.
- Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Storie took 24 students to cross country area meets on October 15. We had four students qualify for regionals which will take place on Friday, October 25. Three girls from grade 4 and one student in grade 8.

Library

- No Library news to be shared at this time. Stay posted.

Student Council

- Spirit week will be taking place next week. Days will be announced soon
- More information regarding initiatives will be forthcoming from Student Council.
- School Tuck Shop is up and running.
- Prep for our school Remembrance Day Assembly is taking place.

Happening soon

- Grad photos will take place on November 4th
- Wolf Den is up and running during morning recess. Fall crafts, games and activities have been started and continue to run. Thank you to Mrs. Bowie, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Hoekstra
- Remembrance Day Assembly will be November 11.
- Responsibility Assembly will be taking place tomorrow thank you to Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Meyers grade ½ class.
- November 1-9 is Holocaust Education Week
- November 3-9 is Treaties Recognition Week
- Holiday lunch is planned for December 20th and will be one sitting with the whole school.

The next meetings for the year are scheduled as:

Wednesday Nov 20, Thursday Jan 30, Wednesday March 5, Thursday April 24, Wednesday May 28