



**William Armstrong School Council Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2023**

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	Li Ling Chen, Frances Mantonakis, Michelle Gerrard Liptok, Roya Ali-Khanbegi, Patricia Luk, Mansoor Fatollahi, Kelly Sigalas <b>Administrative Members:</b> Shelley Jones <b>Staff members:</b> Lisa Parish
<b>Council Members Absent:</b>	Erik Missio Melissa Grimwood Chloe Lee
<b>Others Present:</b>	Maha Al-Juboori

Agenda Item	Decisions/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order 6:30pm</li> <li>• Land acknowledgment</li> <li>• Welcome and introduction</li> </ul>	Shelley Jones; Kelly Sigalas
<b>School Council Policy Reflection - Review Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review School Council Policy and questionnaires</li> <li>• Discussed ways for the School Council to effectively present family and community, such as fundraising or Curriculum nights (BBQ).</li> <li>• Last year, the School Council engaged in activities to support student learning, such as used book sale, purchase of classroom games, scavenger hunt, etc.</li> <li>• Principal to look at ways to include further Parent Council in students' academic achievement:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ideas around having presenters, book talks, etc.</li> <li>○ The School Council supported students' achievement last year with funds for musical instrument.</li> <li>○ Council and principal to explore other areas to support student achievement.</li> <li>○ The principal to look at ways to provide information to the school council concerning student privacy and confidentiality and use the school council as an advisor to the principal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council to continue encouraging community in school activities through various methods, such as FB, IG, X (formerly known as Twitter), Principal with weekly emails to parents.</li> <li>• Discussion around how to break barriers for equitable access and participation in the school council:</li> </ul>	Shelley Jones and the Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ possible meet and greet with principal and council for people who cannot attend meetings in the evening.</li> <li>○ The hybrid option discussed.</li> <li>○ Translation to ease the language barrier</li> </ul>	
<b>School Council Policy video - Review Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Video was shown at the last meeting</li> </ul>	Shelley Jones
<b>Principal Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EQAO school results 2022-2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 3 achievement result : Math 79%; reading 90%; and writing 72%</li> <li>○ Grade 6 achievement results: math 65%; reading 83%, writing 87%.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Student Achievement Improvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Principal exploring Funds from Transition Fund to provide an afterschool program for grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paid position</li> <li>○ Requires 14 students.</li> <li>○ Will be done after the progress report.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Exploring Writing Workshops</li> <li>● Interactive book sale; read a thon; Organize parents who can come to read to students</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Active School Travel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board initiative to get more students to walk to school</li> <li>● Students walk, bike, roll, bus, and use car for transportation</li> <li>● The principal and school EA will attend a workshop on healthy school activities on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The principal extended invitation to the council member to join the workshop and be a School Wellness Champion, encouraging healthy habits such as walking to students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Progress report cards in November</li> <li>● Parent teacher interviews in November</li> <li>● healthy school champion</li> <li>● Remembrance Day assembly Nov 10<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>● Term one arts performance (music and plays; opportunity for council to engage with supporting performance or sales for the event)</li> <li>● Elective program (ski trip) in planning stages</li> <li>● swim to survive (not selected this year)</li> <li>● Stop Now and Plan Program</li> </ul>	Shelley Jones

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conducted by one of the school EA</li> <li>○ a way to teach student how to deal with emotions</li> <li>○ Ms. Doyle and Ms. Epps class</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hallway wall painting (start this week during the day) – message went to parents via weekly emails last week.</li> <li>● Caring and safe school data (6 weeks) data (perhaps a healthy school champion can assist in promoting safety)</li> </ul>	
<b>Classroom Happenings- Lisa Parish</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● French News: Mme McGraw applying for a grant to recreate carnival de Quebec</li> <li>● Grade 8's: visiting high School on Nov 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>● Grade 8<sup>th</sup> graduation has been scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>● MUSIC</li> <li>● Grade 7<sup>th</sup> and 8's: starting instruments</li> <li>● Grade 5 and 6's: starting Ukulele</li> <li>● Volleyball: intermediate volleyball off to good start!; games and areas haven scheduled , Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Girls Areas</li> <li>● Teaching learning about phonics and phonological awareness through UFLI – University of Florida Literacy Institute – to support new language curriculum.</li> </ul>	Lisa Parish
<b>Treasurer's Report (fundraising report)</b>	<p>School council fundraising balance: \$ 11, 003.42</p> <p>Classroom enhancement fund – 10 classrooms (-2000)</p> <p>Total available fund: \$ 9 003.42</p>	Shelley Jones
<b>Spending Plan and Fundraising plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council voted for spending for Saidat - School live presentation and Feb video 1700; and Robotics club 1000.</li> <li>● Council to further discuss Gym projector and screen for library approx. \$ 5,000 due to the currently low-quality projector in the gym</li> <li>● Principal to discuss with teachers the priority for projector or Chrome's book and update council.</li> </ul> <p>Fundraising plan discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fundraising for grade 8 graduation to support trip, dinner, etc.</li> <li>● Classroom projectors each cost about 5000</li> <li>● Painting the tarmac</li> <li>● Basketball nets</li> <li>● Query volleyball net however not feasible due to practicality</li> <li>● Obtain teachers and student feedback on improvement around the school</li> <li>● Foursquare for primary area</li> <li>● Lower basketball nets for kids on the gym wall</li> </ul>	Shelley Jones and the Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hopscotch for primary</li> <li>• Move a thon campaign for fundraising for technology such as chromes books and projectors.</li> <li>• Ideas discussed such as a scavenger hunt, paint ceiling tiles (principal to inquire)</li> <li>• Principal to create Fundraising Plan for 2023-2024 for November meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Council Business</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned 8:45</b></p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>November 14, 2023</b></p>	