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| Meeting minutes |
| Parent council |

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| Date: |  | Time: |  | Recorder |
| 11/28/23 |  | 6:30 pm |  | Letitia McDougall |

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| In attendance |  | Approval of minutes |
| Edward Vesel, Julie Oates, Diane Sardi, Jenna Gilkes, Kimberly Ramdeo, Laurel Norrish, Matt Stevens, Patrizia Eltalawy, Stacey Magill, Tiffany Piccolo, Tara Regota, Vincent Allen, Letitia McDougall, Gurdial Kalla, Steph Townsend |  | The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved. |

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| treasurer report |
| The most recent budget spreadsheet was circulated and reviewed.    Requests brought forward:   1. Mrs. MacDonald requesting 2 x monster volleyballs as well as $300 for three different sized nets. Previous request(s) already approved at earlier meeting – **APPROVED.** 2. EA requesting to be included in classroom fund. There are twenty-two classrooms in total. Each classroom to receive $100 (total cost = $2200) – **APPROVED.** |

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| Principal’s report |
| Interim Principal Tara Regota and Vice Principal Vincent Allan presented their report. It included:   * Remembrance Day assembly this week   + Parents can attend if they would like.   + 11:30am * Progress Reports – November 16th   + Via link   + Interview schedule link included.   + November 23 / 24 dates for interviews   + Can be done over the phone as well – reach out to the teacher if you need flexibility.     - Prefer in person. * Library space re-imagined.   + Survey link to be shared at the end of the meeting.   + Head librarian from the Board has come in and made some suggestions.   + Nonfiction update is a mandate.   + Promoting online resources and tools   + Will develop over time (2-3 years) * Annual Ontario Skills Challenge Experience is coming up in the Spring.   + Design events   + Construction events using low tech (wood)   + Robotics   + Solve problems and compete against other schools.   + Would love as many students as possible to experience those technologies.   + Would like to engage school council and how they can benefit students.     - For example, purchasing a VEC robot (single kit is $650)       * To be acquired over several years * Intermediate assembly – reminders around grade 7 and 8s around cell phones to stay in their lockers; stricter rules to enforce these rules; unfortunately, some pictures and videos are being taken and then posted on social media. * Upper grand school board is looking for a trustee for the Orangeville area. * New poster can be found in the office / lobby area reinforcing positive interactions with community members; posters reminding the community no abusive or cursing language – posters from the board; posted at the entrances to the schools. |

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| hot lunch update |
| * November / December heavy for funds with pizza, subs, booster juice, fundraising, rock climbing, etc. * Also heavy on requiring volunteers. * Could try Lunch Box for something there is no precedent set for * ? should we send a communication outlining the draft dates for hot lunch dates. * Parent Council could send a monthly update – Tiffany and Patrizia could coordinate the update. * Move Boston Pizza to January * Only include meals for one month to minimize the amount parents are paying. * Could do Cookies for the month of January – gluten / vegan options as well. * Popcorn days are going well – 25 – 30 bags per Friday |

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| fundraising |
| * Currently have thirty-four orders of holiday cards * Matt to share with the Chamber of Commerce * Multiple versions of the poster floating around – Tiffany will send a communication clarifying. * May be able to push the selling of the cards if we knew whose cards were included. * Printer will print on demand, costing us $5.50 to print leaving $14+ profit. * Will develop a list of winners or a poster of the cards. * Will be ready on the 22nd for pick up on the 23rd. * Reminders going out this week for the card fundraiser. * Holtom’s – no update currently * Clarifying question re: what is frozen vs. what is not.   + Only frozen is pies and pizza crust. * Volunteers on the 23rd – include drop off for Bazaar items as well.   Cheese Fundraiser   * From Mildmay Cheese Haus * Baskets available for purchase * Pick up would happen 10 days after the fundraiser closes – need two weeks for funds to clear through School Cash Online   + Could have it up by this Friday. * No minimum order * 35% back * Free delivery * Needs to be refrigerated – could use the Ag Society for fridge space. * Need volunteers for pick up and distribution. * Potential dates November 20 – 30th * Delivery December 15th: pick up depends on when it was delivered. |

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| **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** |
| Erin Public School is now a member of the Chamber of Commerce   * Approved through the chair of the Parent Council * A member of the EPS Council has paid fee. * Need to let the Board know and understand implications |

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| **holiday music night** |
| Gurdial shared with the group her family could attend and perform at a holiday concert if there was a desire. There was agreement from the council this would be a wonderful addition. |
| **other events** |
| Freezer   * Work order has been completed to remove broken freezer. * Parent Council has agreed to purchase a new upright freezer for the space.   Winter Item Donations   * Several students at the school who will not have appropriate winter gear. * Will need a place to store it. * Easier to purchase clothing racks where you can see the sizes. * Ability to store in empty classrooms. * Could each classroom have a bin with hats and mitts? * Drop off on the 23rd.   Breakfast Club   * There was a general discussion regarding any increased demand for breakfast club items. * Ms. Lebon shared there was enough. * Increase in use of breakfast club has been seen across the Education Board * Asked Ms. Lebon to reach out to parent council if any additional support was needed |

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| Next meeting |
| 5 December 2023| 6:30 pm in the School Library.  Agenda items to be included:   * EQAO results |