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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
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