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| Meeting minutes |
| Parent council |

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| Date: |  | Time: |  | Recorder |
| 10/3/23 |  | 6:30 pm |  | Letitia McDougall |

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| In attendance |  | Approval of minutes |
| Edward Vesel, Julie Oates, Heidi Midcalf, Diane Sardi, Federico Leyes, Jenna Gilkes, Kimberly Ramdeo, Laurel Norrish, Matt Stevens, Patrizia Eltalawy, Stacey Magill, Tiffany Piccolo, Amanda Coulombe, Vincent Allen, Letitia McDougall, Gurdial Kalla |  | The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved. |

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| CONSTITUTION and by-laws |
| A draft operational framework / constitution and by-laws was presented. There were some minor edits such as updating the school logo, adding in the vice principal as a member, and removing a community representative and remote school representative. The document was approved with these changes unanimously. |

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| treasurer report |
| The most recent budget spreadsheet was circulated and reviewed. The cost of pizza is entered as an estimate only.    Requests brought forward:   1. $5 / student for Ropes Course to be held end of November. The school will cover an additional $5 / student, leaving the cost to the parents $5 / student. Total ask for Parent Council is **$1500** – **APPROVED.** 2. Scientist in the School – 11 classes have asked to participate. Cost of **$3100** to be paid out intermittently throughout the school year – **APPROVED.** |

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| Principal’s report |
| Principal Amanda Coulombe presented her report. It included:   * An introduction of Vincent Allen as the school’s new vice principal * Teachers and staff enjoyed the Open House better without having the food trucks present. The Grade 8 Snack Shack was successful, and the students made over $300 towards their Grade 8 trip. * Starting Friday, October 13th, Grade 8 students will begin selling bags of popcorn every Friday for $2 / bag. * The Grotto in Guelph will be bringing a ropes course to the school in the end of November. The cost is $15 / student. * Booster Juice will be available again on Wednesdays this year and ordering will be through School Cash Online. There is an increase in the price by $0.25. The funds raised through sales will go to support sporting events and bussing. |

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| hot lunch update |
| PIZZA   * More than three hundred slices of pizza have been sold. * Begins this Thursday October 5th. * There will be extra parent volunteers this week as students are eating in the cafeteria again and until distribution processes can be efficiently streamlined. * The parent volunteers will look to set up two stations – one for distribution of pre-sales and a second to sell off slices. * Slices will be available to purchase for $3.   SUBWAY   * To begin shortly * Price has increased, will be $6 / sub.   BOSTON PIZZA   * An option for consideration * Approximately six different meal choices * Would be delivered from Orangeville. * There was a discussion on how this would be an effective way to trial the Lunch Box app as there is no precedent pricing. * Will pursue once pizza and sub days are well established. |

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| carnival update |
| A working group has been struck where many ideas have been brainstormed. Questions were presented to the council where the working group was informed, they are unable to rent bouncy castles and a dunk tank. Amanda went over activities she has seen in the past at other schools she has been a part of – plinko board, karaoke, fishing in kiddie pool, cake walk, etc. There was a discussion around including a BBQ and photo booth with props. The working group will consider pre-sale of food and activity tickets to manager volumes and anticipate revenue. |

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| fundraising |
| Many different fundraising ideas were discussed such as:   * Paper Shredding event – confirmed April 20th; sponsorship to be determined. * Cheese Drive at Christmas * Cultural Music Concert / Event – Gurdial will bring some ideas and cost to next meeting. * McMillan’s – Laurel and Stacey will organize for later in the fall. * Movie Night – hold off until the spring and explore an outdoor option. * Hot Chocolate drive – could combine with Paper Shredding event, holiday concert. * Pottery class * Art Exhibition * Christmas Cards – classes create card designs and art and cards are printed for sale. Ed has a contact for printing that incorporates a local charity as well. Ed will explore pricing and turnaround times prior to the next meeting. |

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| **Best buy technology grant** |
| Patrizia went over the grant application and obtained feedback and input from council members for submission this week. |

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| **School open house debrief** |
| Overall, the feelings were positive. Council members did receive some feedback in advance of the open house related to no food options being provided. The focus was on the school and on the classrooms. |
| **other events** |
| There will be a presentation for intermediate students by Dallas Squires. Dallas using games to teach about traditional indigenous practices.  The Grade 6 classes(s) will be exploring a class trip in the spring, like the Mansfield trip in the past.  There is a meeting October 4th to further discuss the destination of the Grade 8 trip. No firm destination has been determined. |

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| Next meeting |
| 7 November 2023| 6:30 pm in the School Library.  Agenda items to be included:   * EQAO results * Music Night |