

# École F.A.H. School Council

**November 16, 2023**

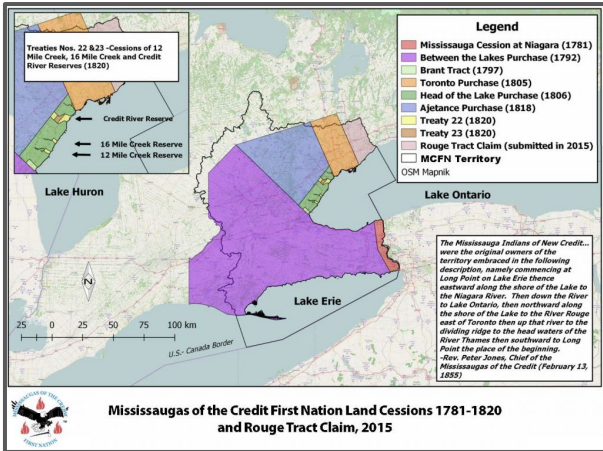
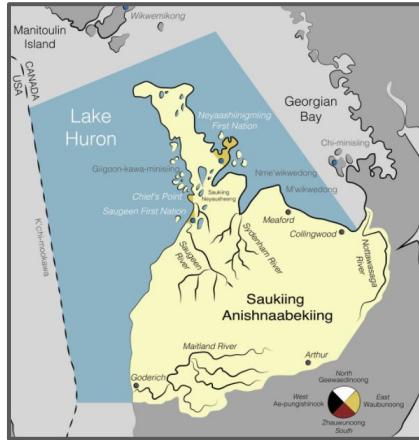
# Agenda

November 16, 2023

Present: Liz Martineau, Ryan Gibb, Emilia McCormarck, Catrina Watson, Cathryn Spence, Christine Labelle, Tanya Woodward, Tammy Yakabuskie

## Agenda

1. Welcome, review agenda, approve minutes
2. Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement
3. Principal's Update
4. Financial Update
5. Big Box Fundraising update
6. Soiree d'hiver
7. Year End Event
8. Adjourn Meeting
  - Next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



The UGDSB is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the **Michi Saagig of the Credit** and the **Saugeen Ojibway Nation**. This land also includes a specified tract of land granted to the **Six Nations of the Grand River**. These Nations hold legal and specific rights in their respective territories. This area has been and continues to be home for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

As an educational community we have a responsibility to identify and describe racism and oppression and then work to dismantle it. The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to disrupting systemic racism and oppression in all of its forms. We will implement ongoing mandatory anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all staff, review our protocols and policies, including our hiring practices, and be fully transparent and accountable to all Upper Grand students, staff, families, and stakeholders in an ongoing manner.



# Principal's Update

## **Fall Dance**

We danced together on October 31st. Thank you Mme Woodward for creating and posting a video of the dance. If you have not yet seen it, please visit your student's Google Classroom.

## **Fresh from the Farm**

Thank you to families and staff for supporting the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser. Our school raised \$800 for our dancED residency in May. Fresh from the Farm orders can be picked up November 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m., November 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and November 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **Forest of Reading**

Our Prix Peuplier, Blue Spruce, Silver Birch, and Prix Mélèze Forest of Reading books have been ordered. We look forward to reading these excellent books written and illustrated by Canadian authors and illustrators and published during the last two years. Thank you School Council for your generous support of this Canadian reading program.

## **Focus on Nature**

On October 26 and October 31, Mme McIntyre and Mme Mui's classes participated in Focus on Nature.

## **Lidz on Kidz Presentations**

On November 3rd, Grade 1-3 students participated in a brain safety/concussion awareness workshop in the school library with volunteers from Lidz on Kidz, through the Brain Injury Association of Waterloo Wellington.

# Principal's Update

## **Treaties Recognition Week**

November 6-10 was Treaties Recognition Week. This week honours the importance of treaties and helps Ontario students and residents understand the significance of treaty rights, treaty relationships and their relevance today.

## **Food For Life**

Kindergarten students have begun a four week learning opportunity with Grace, facilitator for the Food For Life program. From the Food for Life blog page: The frequency of eating disorders is rising amongst Canadian youth. Parents, teachers and children are sometimes bombarded with contradicting and confusing messages regarding healthy eating. Giving children positive messages about food counteracts this and promotes healthy living, both physically and psychologically. This program uniquely addresses not only nutrition but also how to live in a world with an abundance of wonderful foods.

## **Remembrance Day**

Merci M. Devenny's and his Grade 4 students for organizing our Remembrance Day assembly. It was a quiet, solemn and touching ceremony. What wonderful leadership from students in Grades 4 and 5.

## **CCVI Dance Inc Performance**

On October 14, students in Mme Mansfield, M. Devenny, Mme Mui and Mme McIntyre's classes joined other schools in the Centennial CVI auditorium for the annual Dance Inc. performance. This year's theme was "A Century of Dance".

# Principal's Update

## **Progress Reports/Initial Communications of Learning**

Student report cards are available on the Parent Portal today. An email was sent to families earlier this week with information as well as a letter with the “tear off” response strip. This information can also be found on our school website under the “Newsletters” tab. The interview sign up portal opened today. Interviews will take place the evening of Thursday, November 23 and during the professional activity day on Friday, November 24. Families are welcome to reach out to their student’s educators in order to schedule alternate meeting times.

## **Coming Soon:**

- Scholastic Book Fair - November 20-24 in the library
- Progress Reports/Initial Communication of Learning interviews
- Big Box of cards delivery
- CCAT results to Grade 3 families
- La vie secrète des écureuils theme week

# Principal's Update - EQAO

## Grade 3 Students, Spring 2023

Students completed the Language portion in English and the Math portion in French. Our students completed the writing section on paper which was uploaded to the online system. All other sections were completed using the online system.

### Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Mathematics  
**52%**

Reading  
**85%**

Writing  
**67%**



# Principal's Update - EQAO

## Grade 6 Students, Spring 2023

Students completed the Language and Math portions in English. All sections were completed using the online system.

### Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Mathematics

**58%**

Reading

**100%**

Writing

**100%**

# Financial Update

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Financial Summary Date: NOV 18th 2023

RBC Acc't Name	Opening Balance	Debit	Credit	Balance
SC-Fundraising General	\$1,919.82	\$156..20	\$2,104.61	\$3,868.23
SC- Playground Maintenance	\$2,350.00			\$2,350.00
TOTAL BALANCE	\$4,269.82			\$6,215.23

## NOTABLE TRANSFERS of FUNDS

SC- Fundraising General spent \$151.20 for insurance

SC-Fundraising General received \$2,104.61 from the Big Box Fundraiser

# Big Box Fundraising Summary

Big Box Fundraising Event closed yesterday on school cash.

In total we sold 284 boxes of cards. 200 birthday and 84 Holiday, blanks and thanks

We are waiting for approx 19 to still be returned.

We have qualified for the top selling class to get a pizza lunch.

We have qualified for 4 x \$25 gift cards which will be awarded by draw (draw- every 3 boxes sold = name in once)

Provided that all the boxes are returned (and we don't have to cover costs of those) total funds expected is \$3,408 (\$12 x 284)

# Big Box Fundraising Update

We will finish tallying all numbers and hopefully get final delivery of cards by Nov 22, 2023 so we can have them ready for families to pick them up during teacher interviews.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the families that contributed to this fundraising initiative.

Another HUGE THANK YOU to school staff and teachers who helped immensely getting this event organized and contributed to it running smoothly.

# Big Box Fundraising Update

How to allocate funds?

Playground repairs

Forest of reading

DancEd

Wait for estimates for playground repairs, and then decide? Yes.

Does anything need to be paid right now? \$1000 for Forest of Reading

# Soiree d'Hiver

Scheduled for Tuesday December 19th, 2023 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Decide on food/activities/fundraising we will have at the event.

Some previous things include

- Crafts

Usually 3 winter themed crafts for all ages

No white glue or glitter please

- Cookie decorating

Sugar cookies (used vegan recipe last year) -made approx 200 last year

Various candy decorations, purchased icing (approx 10)

Had separate table with gluten free cookies and own icing

- Snack Table\

Chips? Cookies? Bubby? Juice boxes? Water bottles? Need to purchase snacks ahead of time, Float

- Pizza

Order online ahead. Don't have any to sell at the event?

# Soiree d'Hiver

- Hot Chocolate/coffee  
Ask people to bring their own mugs? (add that to flyer)
- Dance floor?
- Games (ring toss, bean bag toss, etc)
- Winter Market  
Donations of gently used or new items to be sold for small amounts (most were \$1-\$3 last year)  
Wrapped by eco team  
Grade 6 volunteers to help younger children select and wrap gifts?  
»Call for donations, call for volunteers

# Soiree d'Hiver

Other ideas?

- Photo wall/Backgrounds by art club?
- Decorations; snowflakes from coffee filters, etc.

Volunteers needed to plan/organize/head different activities BEFORE the event

Volunteers needed the night of the event to set up, oversee different activities/areas, clean up after event

- Brittany
  - Costco run for hot chocolate, marshmallows, snacks, etc.
  - Add a reminders to the flyer to bring own mug
- Emilia - craft table (will liaise with Mme Yakabuskie for eco-craft ideas)
- Catrina - Holiday Market
- Liz - cookies
- Cathryn - candy jars
- Mary - photo wall/music playlist?
- Others sign up on Google forms



# Soiree d'Hiver

Link for volunteer schedule for planning before the event, and for the night of the event

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SMhfgwdEP9pJ9zY2ofg6m85Ba61uCJ1cq4lexsNUDqo/edit#gid=0>

# End of Year Celebration

Please save the date!

Wednesday June 12, 2024. 5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Thank You!**

**Next Meeting: January 18, 2024**

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