

School Council Minutes

September 21st, 2022

Attendees

Meagan, Stephanie, Jody, Ximena, Lindsay, Jennifer, Carol, Julie Byers, Brent, Jen, Kim! Annie, Farrah, Emily, Trevor, Christie, Cathy, Minora, Ashley, Holly, Erin, Erinn, Stuti, Ashley

Principal's Report

We have extracurricular activities starting this year. Your participation in School Council is a wonderful thing. It's a great connection between parents, school and community. If you hear from parents in the community who may have questions or concerns, please direct them to the school to get clarity or express the concern.

Staffing / Re-Organization - Every school is staffed in May/June and we were around 460 students and now we're at around 502 students but students are still joining and registering. The class sizes need to meet ministry standards. We have a new Kindergarten class and an additional junior class. The grade 8's are at 29 and 30 students. Students get moved classes due to class sizes and re-org.

The French teacher has accepted another position at another school. Mrs. Coulson is now here full time. A French teacher has been hired but is on maternity leave. A new planning time teacher has been hired.

All staff have gone through Sexual Abuse and Trafficking and we've discussed it as a staff.

Be cautious with giving your child a phone because it's a massive distraction during work time. Please don't text your child during the day. You can call the school and leave a message.

Please let the office know if your child is going to be absent, getting picked up early etc.... If you send an email to a teacher it may not be given to the office by the time calls go out.

Students should only have phones for educational purposes under the supervision of teachers. Phones should never be seen at recess or in the hallway. Phones won't be banned by the school board and each school has their own set of rules.

Off Property Forms - Last year we had lots of problems with students who left property. The school isn't responsible once they leave. If your child leaves school property then they are to be gone for the whole 45 minutes due to staffing. It's from grades 6 - 8.

Roots of Empathy - A grade 5 class is doing this program with Tamara (CYW). A mother and newborn attend the classroom and they learn about empathy.

Students interact with everyone and older students are helpers again in various classes.

Next meeting we'll discuss changing the name from Parent Council to School Council.

Self - esteem and mental health are present in our children. Family Transition Place isn't funded anymore so the school is asking school council for \$5500 to pay for FTP.

Julie Byers - asking for money for a grade 7 and 8 trip. Jays Game, Aquarium and the Spaghetti Factory. The board has limited it to one night only. It's about \$150 per student for the day. This was last years cost. Looking for parents to help organize Stemlers Meats. It would be whatever the child sells they would make the commission. The more they sell the more comes off of their individual bill. Also asking, if 2-3 pizza day profits can go towards their commission. This trip will be in June. They're are around 110 students in grade 7 and 8. Cathy and Jody will organize Stemlers Meats for grade 7 and 8 students. November and December for fundraising.

Cathy will make bath bombs for Meet the Teacher Night and will donate the earnings.

Online Auction

MacGregor Meats

Pizza Days

Gift Basket Raffle- classes can donate themed items and students can purchase tickets. Also, have it available for Christmas concert etc...

Treasure's Report - We've sold pizzas for Meet the Teacher night.

Playground \$13 800. We need to keep a minimum of \$10 000 in this account. \$2568 in the Discretionary Fund.

Concern - Emily is concerned that the sandbox needs fixing and that it's slippery. Brent says that it needs to be inspected by the board on a yearly basis.

Greening Committee - Looking at Spencer's new natural playground and how students use it. Erinn has offered to lead this committee once it gets started again.

Pizza Day - Thursdays will be pizza day. 12:15 would be drop off. All information needs to be given to Julie. Ximena has offered to take on pizza days. We need to follow the deadlines. Pizza will be \$2.50 per slice. We would start it on October 13th and it will run until Dec. 15th. The next one would run from January 12th until March 9th. If your child is absent then the pizza slice will be donated.

Lindsay has offered to help on Mondays or Tuesdays. Quesada and Pita Pit have reached out about lunches.

Shorter deadlines for food days. We need to be FIRM with deadlines for food days.

Ximena will contact Quesada and Pita Pit for prices and will bring the info to the next meeting.

Sept. 29th - Meet the Teacher Night - Firefighters, FTP, library, OPP information and Orangeville Food Bank information. The vendors are donating a small prize. Set up will be at 5:00.

Grade 7 and 8 Trip - The deposits of \$125 will be donated to the grade 7 and 8 trip.

We need coolers. Tables will be in the hallway. We'll buy pop and water to sell.

We'll make committees so it's more organized. Movie Night, Winter Wonderland, Bingo Night etc...

Elections - Treasurer - drops off deposits to the bank, quick books files, excel, lots of communication back and forth with Julie. 2 members of council go to the bank to make deposits so there are no questions. We're changing the rules that you don't have to be a part of council last year to be on executive this year. Send an email to parent council if you want to be a part of executive. The email is mvps.parentcouncil@gmail.com

Next Meeting - October 12 at 6:30