

Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes - Sept 20, 2022

Date: Sept 20, 2022

Meeting Called by: Greg Routenburg

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Kirk Runciman, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Sheena Grinwis, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Greg Routenburg, Alexandra Grosse, Izabella K, Logan Kennedy, Nathan Johnston, Karie Bilger

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

Topic 2: Review of Minutes from May Meeting

- Greg brought forth a motion to approve the minutes from May. Seconded by Alexandra. All in favour.

Topic 3: Principal's Report

1. This year's enrolment at Paisley Road PS is 391 students. This is twelve fewer students than attended the school last year.
2. The UGDSB's annual reorganization of schools throughout the system resulted in Paisley Road PS having to move eight students to new classrooms. This reorganization did not result in any change of assignments for teachers.
3. Paisley Road's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the Open House, families are encouraged to visit their child's classroom, meet their teacher and see the work they have doing. Parents are reminded that this is not a time for a parent/teacher interview. If parents are interested in meeting their child's teacher more formally, they are reminded to set a time with the teacher.
4. Paisley Road welcomed four new staff members to the school. New members of the Paisley Road teaching staff include Mrs. Coutu, Mr. Rebelo, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Barker. The school also welcomes three new Educational Assistants this year, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Young and Ms. Daly.
5. Beginning September 19th, the Upper Grand District School Board will be conducting a Student Census for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. The UGDSB Counts Student Census is a confidential and voluntary survey for all parents/ legal guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, and all students in grades 9 to 12. The Ministry of Education is requiring that school boards begin collecting identity-based data on students to help identify and monitor barriers for racialized students, as well as students who are connected to the margins.

6. A reminder to the Paisley Road Public School community that Friday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”.
 - a. Logan asked about any formal plans to recognize Orange Shirt day - Mr. Runciman share that it would be discussed during morning announcements and that Ms. Richer often does something with her students that has a school-wide focus.

Topic 4: Treasurer’s Report

- Grad gifts from last year have not gone through school council account yet - Laura will follow up with Gayle.
- We have just under \$3000 in surplus that has not been accounted for/allocated.
- We could wait until the next meeting when there is a better sense of where funds are needed.
- We are still waiting on quotes for playground repairs.

Topic 5: Open House (Thursday Sept 29th 6-7pm.)

- We need people from council to be present to talk to families and hopefully recruit new members for council, volunteer roles, etc.
- Handouts? Get peoples’ emails (take a picture of the sheet at the end of the night)? Food? QR code?
- Make sure the School Council part of the website is up-to-date beforehand.
- Connect with SWIS (Settlement Worker in Schools) to help with recruiting new members. Kirk spoke with him about coming to a council meeting and explaining his role. His name is Binaya Nyaupane.

Topic 5: Mr. Johnston (liaison between staff and council, along with Aaron Sennitt)

- Shared that there is excitement that extracurriculars back (e.g. band, soccer, choir, etc)
- Mme Gareau has been spear-heading the snack program.
 - Food & Friends: Food is delivered to school and distributed daily (cheese, crackers, juice boxes.)
 - Food for Kids: Each Friday, the school receives bags of food that students can take home.
 - They are receiving money in grants through the Children’s Foundation and very grateful for that, but also need to show that as a school we are fundraising as well. Funds from the School Council would be helpful in this regard.

- Paisley Road Choir will be singing the national anthem at a Storm Game on Nov. 25th. PRPS is also able to sell tickets and get some of the money back.
- Paisley Clothing Order on its way to families
 - Info about being able to order Paisley branded items.
- Staff are hoping to get back into having guests in the classrooms and being able to take kids on trips. With rising costs, they are trying to brainstorm how to do some equitable field trips. Some help from council would be appreciated to help offset the cost of trips.
 - Laura shared that in the past the School Council has had a bank account that they could draw from, but it has been quite depleted over the last couple years as we haven't had fundraisers. If there are items we would like to support, but haven't raised the money yet, could the school help cover the cost? Kirk agreed that as long as the funds are reimbursed that should work.

Topic 6: Fundraising

- Logan talked about running a fundraiser/event where gently used winter clothing is donated and then we host a "pay what you can" event where people (all families in the community welcomed) can come peruse. Funds raised will be used by council (perhaps to support Mr. Johnston's request to assist with the Food Programs)
 - Logan will spear-head this!
- PIZZA
 - Pia and Stacy have organized this in the past and are willing to help again, but we would need more weekly volunteers to help with the division of the pizza.
 - Discussion around adding an option to "donate a slice" when families order to help other kids who might not afford it.
 - Pizza la-Ville (downie road) Small business, not a chain. Will explore halal options, gluten-free, dairy-free.
 - Stacy will begin the steps to get Pizza going.

Topic 7: October Elections

- We will have elections for the Executive Positions at next month's meeting. If you're interested in running for Secretary, Treasurer, or Chair/Co-Chair please email paisleyroadparentcouncil@gmail.com.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40pm

Next Meeting **THURSDAY** October 20th 6:30pm in-person in the school library

Hybrid option to join online: <https://meet.google.com/hwu-niuu-tak?hs=122&authuser=0>