

Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes - Feb 21, 2023

Date: Feb 21, 2023

Meeting Called by: Greg Routenburg Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Annica Napier, Brittney Cumming , Sheena Grinwis, Laura Vanderveldt, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Greg Routenburg, Izabella K, (Logan Kennedy), Nathan Johnston, Alexandra Grosse, Jane Kraft

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

- Went around the group and introduced ourselves, welcomed new members.

Topic 2: Review of Minutes from January Meeting

- Laura brought forth a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Stacy. All in favour.

Topic 3: Principal's Report

1. Paisley Road PS had thirty-one on-time French Immersion Junior Kindergarten registrations for the 2023/2024 school year. The school's cap for French Immersion Junior Kindergarten students is twenty-nine.

2. Paisley Road PS is celebrating Black History Month in February. During morning announcements, Junior students are reading two biographies a day, specific to inspirational black men and women. Several classes are also researching famous black men and women from around the world.

3. The school board is getting an early start on its summer painting of the school. During the March Break, the gym and the stage area will be painted, making it a brighter work/play space for students and community use groups.

ACTION ITEM: Boxes in corner of stage - need to go through it and clear out by March 10th (Stacy volunteered to sort out what belongs to Council).

4. The Guelph Police Service visited the school on February 15 th , presenting to our students in grades 2 to 5. During the police visit, the Grade 2 and 3 students learned about Personal Safety while the grade 4 and 5 students were educated about Online Safety.

5. On March 2nd , our Primary classes will be visited by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario. The Dairy Farmers will teach our students about the origins of their food and to make healthy choices to fuel their bodies and minds.

6. Beginning next year, our school day will end at 3:05 pm, ten minutes earlier than our current time. This change will be made as a result of our forty-five-minute breaks, during both the

morning and afternoon, becoming forty-minute breaks. The start time of the school day and the Ministry mandated three-hundred-minute instructional day will not be impacted by this change.

- Discussion around vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot during drop off and dismissal times.
ACTION ITEM: Pylons will be placed near the dumpsters at the end of the day starting Thursday to prevent people driving into the back part of the parking lot.

Topic 4: Treasurer's Report

- Mostly focused on allocations to Teacher Request Items
- Decodable reading resources.
 - **What is a decodable reader?** As we're introducing sounds, they start with some vowels and consonants, so books target the sounds that go with the letters (as opposed to using other cuing systems that we're wanting to move away from - i.e. looking at the picture)
 - There are options for every grade level and in both languages.
 - They have purchased four sets of English readers: \$950
 - They have a quote for three French ones (gr.1-3): \$830
 - **We will allocate whatever the Native Seeds brings in and the balance of Forest of Reading**
 - FI guided reading resources: two copies of each book (200 x 2 sets) (gr.3-6) quoted over \$7000
 - **We will re-evaluate how we can help fund this**
- Drumming Workshop
 - There is money sitting in the Music Program Fund, some has been spent, about \$400 left. Topped up by Dance-a-Thon fundraiser (\$600)
- Paisley Team Jerseys
 - Look at at the end of the year when we have final allocations to do.
- Indigenous Partner (Maani Aana Cheesequay)
 - Scientists In School Allocation (\$1100) can be reallocated to this since there is no Scientists in School Program this year.
- Grad Gifts
 - We will re-evaluate after we see what Dance-a-thon brings in.
- Maker Boxes
 - \$1500 from Technology Fund will go towards this.
- School Nutrition Program
 - Food & Friends: Money raised from the Winter Clothing Sale will be allocated towards this. Laura will direct Gayle to withdraw funds.
- Question: How much money is given from the Board for these requests?
 - To fund these requests, there are no additional funds given from the Board. It would need to come out of the school budget but because of so many other expenses they can only do so much, which is why support from council is key.

Topic 5: Teacher's Report

- Detailed responses to Teacher requests noted in the Treasurer's report. See below images for summary.

Financial Requests of Council Winter/Spring 2023

| What? | Who? | How Much? | Allocated |
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| Decodable book sets / Junior readers (En/Fr) | Benefit all students (Grinwis) | Endless possibilities | Seed Fundraiser Balance from Forest of Reading ~\$2500? |
| Drumming Workshop - Drums et al Gr 1-3 - "Developmental Drumming" for groups of up to 80 students Gr 4-6 - "Drums Alive" also for groups of up to 80 Students. | Grades 1-6 (Gareau) | ~\$1000 | Music + some of arts funds covered |
| Indigenous Partner- Maani Aana Cheesequay - board support last year \$5000 (LIFT Grant) - this year just \$1000 | Many Classes (Richer) self identified youth Anishinaabemowin language support | \$1000 (10 presentations / support) - or more if it exists | \$1000 |
| Shirt Paints - K Spring Celebration - supported historically | JK/SK students provide their own shirts yearly (K Team) | Less than \$75 | As needed |
| JK Bags - supported by council historically - can include information about Mabel's Labels that may offset most of this cost - can include a blurb about council if you want to make up a handout | Incoming students (K Team) | ~\$100 | Up to \$100 |
| French Experience (Chef) | 1-6 FI and 4-6 English | \$3000 in future years - looking into alternatives for this year (cost ...) | Funds will still be available |
| Grade 6 shirts | Grade 6 (Kautz, Higgins, Richer) 38 students last year (\$760) → 54 students this year | \$1000 - \$1200 | Revisit |
| Grade 6 Trip - working on a new yearly daytrip for each spring with the Grade 6s. Would the School Council be willing to contribute to this yearly to help keep it accessible for all students? Likely "Treetop Trekking" | Grade 6 (Kautz, Higgins, Richer) Richer - 17 Higgins - 28 Kautz - 9 | trip costs ~\$25 + bussing / student ~\$300 for bus ~\$1400 for admission | Some from trip allocations |
| Science Maker/Explorer Kits - binoculars, insect nets, digital microscope, identification sheets (Arboretum), aquatic life sticker sheets and habitat boards (Acorn naturalists) | Whole School benefit (Work) | \$1000-1500 | \$1500 |
| Maintaining "green" areas - veggie gardens, sensory garden(s) | Whole School benefit (Work) | \$500 | revisit |
| Paisley Team Jerseys - needed some larger and to replace some shirts now (10). The school is paying to purchase 10 Jerseys. Council may want to consider replacing the rest of the old ones next year or slowly if some funds remain this year (20)? | Junior Teams (Higgins taking lead) | \$29/jersey \$580 (20 jerseys) | revisit |
| Indigenous art | (Richer) | \$2000 | revisit |

Topic 6: Dance-a-thon Update (presented by Alex)

- Friday March 10th is the date!
- Forms and Envelopes will be distributed early next week and cash donations will be collected. Fundraising for: Music and Language Resources
- Schedule to be created with info on class sizes
- Glow bracelets, stickers, leis will be sold at the event
- PRIZES
 - Top Prize: Lunch with Mr. Runciman
 - Class Prizes: Kindie/Primary/Junior class
 - Popcorn and movie party
- People can email the school council email (paisleyroadparentcouncil@gmail.com) if they have questions.
- Volunteer Schedule
 - Alex to create a Sign Up form, Annica will post to FB, etc.

Topic 7: Fundraising Update

- Native Seed Fundraiser
 - Ideal to do in March before the vendors busy season.
 - Stacy is going to head up this fundraiser as she is already in touch with the vendor. Others are available to help.
 - We would tell people that the fundraiser would be to support funds for Decodable Readers.
- Pizza Update by Stacy/Laura
 - This session goes to the beginning of April and there will be one more session after that.
 - To date Pizza has brought around \$10 000 at the end of this session.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm

Next Meeting **THURSDAY** Mar 23rd 6:30pm in-person in the school library

Hybrid option to join online: meet.google.com/cgc-kkjv-icq