

## **Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes - Mar 23, 2023**

Date: Mar 23, 2023

Meeting Called by: Logan Kennedy Note Taker: Stacy Roberts-Munn

Attendees:

Sheena Grinwis, Kirk Runciman, Laura Vanderveldt, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Izabella K, Logan Kennedy, Aaron Senitt, Alexandra Grosse, Heather Mayo, Dara Semedo.

### **Agenda Topics**

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

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

Topic 2: Review of Minutes from February Meeting

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

Topic 3: Principal's Report

1. As part of the UGDSB's inclusive and accessibility initiative, the school has been granted access to the Wheelchair Basketball Program. For a period of one-week, the school will have access to a class set of wheelchairs. The purpose of this program is to have fun and gain an understanding that all games can be modified to make them inclusive.
2. As noted in the February Principal's Report, the school planned to change both recess/nutrition breaks to forty minutes from the current forty-five minutes, resulting in an end of day bell time of 3:05 p.m. This potential change would make scheduling duty times easier for teachers as they supervise break times for a maximum of eighty minutes per five-day cycle. As a result of the bussing schedule at the end of the day, a time change to a 3:05 p.m. would be the same as John McCrae PS's, the school with whom we share bussing. A time change would not provide sufficient time for pickup at both schools by 3:20 p.m. which would be in violation of the 15-minute supervision window in the teachers' collective agreement.
  - discussion about coverage for teachers after they've completed their duty hours when buses are late. Sheena & Kirk take over in these cases since they're not unionized.

Topic 4: Teacher's Report

- Mabel's Labels info for Kindie Orientation bags. Small fundraiser, when Paisley families buy-20% of sales. Nathan Johnston is admin for Paisley, per Logan. Enough flyers for entire school.

- Drummers March 31 grades 1-6
- STEM for juniors 20 & 21st of April
- Wheelchair sports around the week of March 29

#### Topic 5: Treasurer's Report

- Dance a thon: \$7425 raised. Record money raised for this fundraiser. There are still expenses to be reimbursed, approx \$360 (this number might be wrong, maybe \$630?).
  - \$1000 of the funds allocated to decodable readers.
  - More teachers need to use the classroom fund. Making a deadline—April 30th. Logan will speak to teachers individually to remind them about the fund.
  - We will allocate more dance a thon funds at next meeting.
  - Make plan for any excess school council funds at end of year. Plan for carry over into next school year.

#### Topic 6: Fundraising Updates

##### a. Dance-A-Thon

- Alex says it went well, areas for improvement (scheduling, playlists, more leis)
- lots of items to carry over into next year (glow products, lights)
- prize draw for movie & popcorn parties: Kindie party -Thompson/Botter, Primary party-Gennings, Junior party-Christensen
- prize organizing/coordinating with classroom teachers needs to happen

##### b. Seed Fundraiser

- Fundraising kits went home Monday and Tuesday this week.
- Due April 6th
- Will need volunteers to help tally orders and count \$\$ once the fundraiser concludes.

#### Topic 7: Staff Appreciation Breakfast

- start planning and determine a good date.
- Contact owner of Benjamin's Bodega to ask if they would like to participate/provide food items, they're a Paisley family.
- In May during Teacher Appreciation week. Second week of May.

## Topic 8: End of Year Event

- start thinking about planning.
- reptile tent, climbing wall
- possible dates June 8 or 22. Aiming for 8th.
- keeping the evening low cost for families.
- throwing around ideas for activities for the evening.
- attracting volunteers to help plan/help day of.

## Topic 9: Other Business

- concern about crossing guards not being present on snow days for buses. City should be contacted with questions since neighbourhood kids still walk to school.
- concerns around ice and shovelling the walkways around the kindie side. Kirk says there is a contractor for plowing and some shovelling. Custodian does some and so do Kirk and Sheena when they can get out.
- Heather is a library volunteer and wanted to mention a future need for books. Laura says there is \$2000 allocated for library books. Let Leslie Work know.
- Pylons in parking lot working. No parents have been parking in the back lot during dismissal time. Yay safety!
- Parent resources in library, not widely known. Just inside the library doors by the checkout area.
- potential to create printing fund so parent council can print items to send home for families.
- Suggestion for School Council bulletin board. There is space in the front hallway.
- Question about using SchoolCashOnline for fundraisers

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm

Next Meeting **TUESDAY** April 18th 6:30pm in-person in the school library

Hybrid option to join online: [meet.google.com/ywi-fhxx-qwk](https://meet.google.com/ywi-fhxx-qwk)