

**Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes -
April 16, 2024 in Paisley Road Public School Library**

Date: April 16, 2024

Meeting Called by: Logan Kennedy Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Greg Routenburg, Laura Vanderveldt, Logan Kennedy, Annica Napier, Sara King,
Nathan Johnston, Carla Anderson, Kara-Lynn Bowers, Lisa Hulley, Heather Mayo

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

Topic 2: Review and Acceptance of February's Minutes

- Sara made a motion to approve. Seconded by Laura.

Topic 3: Update Since Last Meeting

- We as the Executive decided that a March meeting wasn't necessary since we didn't need to discuss Fundraisers at this time.
- Logan reached out about the possible Maple Syrup fundraiser and there wasn't any development in that area, which was fine.
- March Updates were sent out with summary notes and Financial Updates.
- We have still met our minimum number of meetings as per the rules around School Council.

Topic 4: Principal's Report

- 1. Bell Time change for the 2024-2025 School Year:** Bell Time Change for 2024-2025 School Year: Beginning next year, school will start at 8:55 am and end at 3:15 pm, allowing for 20 minutes of outdoor time and a 20-minute nutritional break in both the morning and afternoon.
- 2. Lost and Found Rack:** The Lost and Found clothing rack has been a success, though it's now quite full. Classes will soon be asked to review items, with remaining items going to charity.
- 3. Dance-A-Thon:** The recent Dance-A-Thon was a tremendous success, well-organized, and enjoyed by all students. It raised a significant amount of funds. Lunch with our "Fundraiser Extraordinaire" from Kindergarten was delightful, and another lunch is planned with another exceptional fundraiser soon
- 4. Special Olympics Registration:** Several of our students will participate in the Special Olympics event hosted by the board, thanks to your support for the registration.

5. **Knowledge Hook:** Math Facilitator Corin Mercey provided an InService on the engaging Knowledge Hook program, which offers interactive math practice for students of all grades, tracks progress, and includes an assessment component.
6. **Wishing Mme Botter well:** Mme Botter is currently on leave, and we've interviewed for an Early Childhood Educator to fill her role during her absence.
7. **River Run Trip:** On February 21st, Ms.White, Ms. Richer, M Higgins, Mme Kautz and Mr. Martin's classes enjoyed a trip to the River Run to see Guy Davis.
8. **Director and Superintendent Visit:** We were honored to host our Director and Superintendent on February 22nd for a tour of our classrooms.
9. **GCVI Band:** Students from GCVI performed for the school on February 23rd, showcasing their musical talents.
10. **Pink Shirt Day: Stand Up for Bullying (February 28th):** Teachers were equipped with materials to facilitate discussions on bullying awareness, kindly provided by our Child and Youth Counsellor.
11. **Junior Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament:** Congratulations to our Junior Girls and Boys for their participation in a basketball tournament, displaying outstanding sportsmanship.
12. **Sock-stacle Course:** Students created a fun sock-stacle course to celebrate the success of the recent Sock Drive, open for all students to enjoy.
13. **Grade 3 PD:** Teachers participated in sessions focusing on "Essentials for Success," providing ready-to-use resources for Literacy and Math, with additional materials supplied.
14. **Skills Ontario Competition:** Several junior students showcased their skills at the Skills Competition, demonstrating their learning in a competitive arena.
15. **Floor Hockey Tournament:** Our students participated in a floor hockey tournament at Willow Road Public School, showcasing their sportsmanship and skills.
16. **Custodial & Maintenance Appreciation Day:** We expressed gratitude for the dedication and care our Custodians provide to our school and students daily.
17. **PA Day:** The Professional Development day centered on Math and Mental Health with a focus on Trauma-Informed Practices.
18. **Creative Playground:** Our creative playground is open during supervised recess breaks for student enjoyment.
19. **Farewell to Mr. Gillette:** We bid farewell to Mr. Gillette, who will be greatly missed.
20. **EQAO Priorities:** Grade 3 students are well-prepared for upcoming assessments with Chromebooks and necessary materials. Plans are in place to enhance Grade 2 students access to Chromebooks to develop technological readiness skills.
21. **International Day of Pink: Anti-Bullying and Anti Homophobia.** Students showed their support for Anti-Bullying and Anti-Homophobia by wearing pink, highlighting our school's commitment to these important causes.

Topic 5: Teacher's Report (Nathan Johnston)

- Thank you!
 - Pizza Days
 - Winter Craft Sale
 - Dance-a-thon

- We are spending the allocated money with gratitude!
 - K Funds - some new SK pinnies, 2 new bikes
 - Experiences funds / Teacher amounts
 - EDI - drumming experience booked (Drums et al.) (P/J)
 - Arts - bringing in something dramatic/musical (still working on this)
 - Arts - \$50 Kiwanis
 - Outdoor - work to fix up gardens, working to fix up the Moses Beaver Gratitude
 - Circle (Spring or Fall)
 - Music - 10 new records have been purchased
 - Library/Maker Funds being spent fast - new 3D printer running non-stop (thanks)

- Track and Field - can ribbons (1st-6th for the events) be funded by Council? Less than \$200

- Clubs - Eco Team - Earth Week, Choir, Kiwanis, Play Leaders, Ultimate Frisbee
 - upcoming, Karaoke Club (1-6) upcoming, so much else running all the time!
 - Next week the sewing club will begin to work on hand sewing the reconciliation quilt that was started during Truth and Reconciliation Week. This will be twice per week for 3 weeks. It is made of 400 squares and each student in the school wrote or drew a heart on one square during Truth and reconciliation week activities. They all love working on it and often ask if they can sew.
 - The hope is to have a completed blanket to show next year at the flag raising.
 - **If there are parents/caregivers willing to help I would love to train them and have their support by having kids from other classes coming to the library to sew between 11:10-11:50 when Evan is there to supervise. Please have them email if they want to help julie.richer@ugdsb.on.ca.** No sewing experience necessary. Maani Aana (Indigenous Community Partner/Elder) will be invited in to have a chat with volunteers so they have some ideas on how to engage with the topic with the kids while sewing. Police Check must be on file with the office.
 - This project has been in collaboration with Maani Aana Cheesquay Anishinaabe Partner and Community Advocate and funded through the Experiential Learning Grant through the Board.

- Students from the whole school community and staff met voluntarily together in late February to discuss how to improve land acknowledgements in our school.
 - This feedback will help guide our next steps for next year.
- **Looking for Community Volunteers who may want to help prepare foods or support our in-house food program (preparing fresh foods, etc.) on Monday mornings.**
 - **Contact: jennifer.gareauduncan@ugdsb.on.ca**
- **Kindie Orientation:** The invite has been put together but not sent out yet: Thursday June 6th, 3:30pm. **We will need some council volunteers.**

Topic 6: Treasurer's Report (Laura Vanderveldt)

- End of Year gift for the Gr. 6s is within budget. (T-shirt, locks, bag)
- Future year allocations:
 - If we want to support the Gr. 6s bigger end of year trip, we need to plan for that earlier in the year.
 - Last year they were working with UoG to do a Tree-top Trekking and it was too expensive, so they ended up making a fun day at Exhibition Park.
 - Also talk about the potential of a policy that caps the amount a family would pay per year in Field Trips etc.
- We adjusted our goal for the pizza fundraising to \$7000. This is in line with what we expect to see by the end of the year.
- Removed Goal for Spring Fundraiser from our list (not necessary)
- Dance-a-thon Revenue \$6428.35 - well above the goal of \$3000!
- For the School Nutrition Goal, we didn't raise as much as we thought with Clothing Drive, so it has been balanced out with other fundraisers.
- We had initially allocated \$2000 for English programming, but then we realized they were included in Chef À L'École, so we can reallocate those funds.
- Based on current numbers, we should be able to allocate money toward Track and Field ribbons.
- Everything is in line and we are confident we will reach our goals for this year.

Topic 7: Dance-a-thon Feedback

- Maybe with Kindies and small primaries, more activity-based things (Freeze Dance?) with the dancing and a tailored playlist. Looking for other volunteers who could prepare these things for the various age-levels. We don't want it to fall on one person.

- Middle Primary seems really into it - limbo, dance-offs, etc.
- Gr. 6s came around, but good to start off with an activity and curate the songs accordingly.
- We added a Grand Prize winner for not just the highest Fundraiser, but also for the student who put in the most effort (most number of donations). This is more equitable and a good way to reflect the hard work and not just the dollar value.
- Movie and Popcorn parties have happened and went well (Greg even fixed the Popcorn maker!)
- Big thanks to Alex!!!

Topic 8: Pizza Update (Logan Kennedy with info from Stacy Roberts-Munn)

- Going much better this cycle! Lots of notice and time for ordering.
- Only a few asked about late orders and we stayed firm about not accepting late orders.
- Next year, we'll likely do 4 cycles so it's less cost upfront at one time. Also probably offer Donate-A-Slice in first cycle and make sure we refine the system for distributing those donated slices (connect with teachers to identify student, confirm with families, etc).
- Overall Pizza going really well and we're happy about

Topic 9: Pro-Grant Event (Name TBD) May 15th 6-9pm (Greg Routenburg)

- Things are coming together well.
- The vision: recruiting families who are new to the school or new to Canadian schooling with help from the SWIS and ESL teacher. We will send invites and request RSVP. It will be held in the gym (needs to be booked through Council for insurance purposes- Logan is looking into this). There will be a short presentation but mostly it will be stations around the gym for families to interact with and learn about various topics and elements of the school's community.
- One of the Goals: Find some language ambassadors in the school that speak some of the key languages to help with simple translations. They would receive an honorarium. It helps the Council to communicate and reach more families.
- Have been in touch with the MPP office and they may send someone to talk about Education and Government.
- Our School Trustee is coming as well and will offer some insight and get to know.
- Ms. Anderson will make sure we are following all formal processes involved in inviting members of parliament.
- **We need volunteers!!...to be at the tables and available to talk about: School Cash Online, Winter Clothing, Packing Lunches**
 - **There will be resources/script for volunteers to refer to and work through with the families.**

Topic 10: Family Fun Night Thursday June 20th!

- Need to book the gym.
- Water Wagon has been confirmed.
- Greg will reach out to Climbing Wall and Reptile person, and in discussion with Ice-Cream vendor.
- **Greg will reach out to those who have expressed interest in volunteering, we still need more!**

Topic 11: Safe Crossing Update

- Still waiting on Traffic Study
- Wellington Crossing Study - see response below.

Topic 12 : Other Items

- Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Logan will start planning around this with another volunteer. May 16th “World Education Support Personnel Day”?

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

Next Meeting **TUESDAY** May 21st 6:30pm-7:30pm in-person in school library.

Link to join remotely: <https://meet.google.com/xcu-dexj-fjr>

Treasurer Report:

**Parent Council Financial Report
Paisley Road Public School
April 2024**

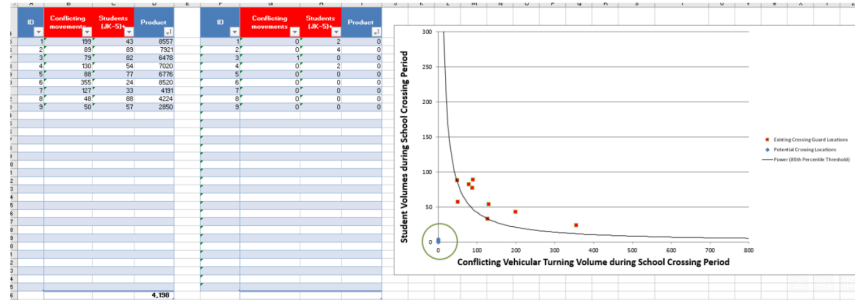
Current Year

Fundraising Event	Raises Funds for:	Allocated	Goal	Revenue	Expenses	Net
Planet Bean/ Maple Syrup			\$0.00			\$0.00
Pizza Sales	Library Books 2K, Grad Gift \$500, Eng Prog 2K, \$260 Oth	\$ 4,760.00	\$7,000.00	\$29,777.25	\$14,526.55	\$15,250.70
Holiday Craft Sale	School Nutrition Prog \$500 Kindie Prog 1K	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,873.55		\$1,873.55
Dance A Thon	Exp \$2240 School Nutri \$500 Art Prog \$400	\$ 3,140.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,428.35		\$6,428.35
Family Fun Night			\$1,000.00			\$0.00
Winter Clothing Drive			\$500.00	\$160.00		\$160.00
Mabels Labels				\$93.57		\$93.57
Total Fundraising Proceeds		\$ 9,400.00	\$13,000.00	\$38,332.72	\$14,526.55	\$23,806.17

Funding Category	Current School Year			
	Reallocation	2023/24 Goals	Spent	New Balance
Playground Maintenance			Transferred to Schools Account	
Experiences	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 751.36	\$ 5,168.64
Chef A L'Ecole	\$ 1,966.00		\$ 1,966.20	-\$ 0.20
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Prog.	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00
Kindie Programming		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Library Books	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,768.29	\$ 2,231.71
Forest of Reading	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,472.54	\$ 27.46
De-codable Reading Books	\$ -			\$ -
Arts Programming	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 3,400.00
Contingency for Family Fun Night	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Technology/ STEM/ Maker boxes	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,005.81	\$ 1,494.19
Classroom Fund	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 1,324.29	\$ 1,375.71
School Yard Beautification	\$ 3,089.00			\$ 3,089.00
New Playground				\$ -
Kindie Yard	\$ 368.20			\$ 368.20
Music Program	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Graduation Gift	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00
Staff Appreciation Breakfast	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
School Sign Replacement/ Maint	\$ 890.00		\$ 890.16	-\$ 0.16
School Wide Arts Project	\$ -			\$ -
Outdoor Resources/ Kindie Bags	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
School Nutrition Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00
Food for Kids		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Other (bank fees, babysitting, etc)	\$ 81.24	\$ 260.00	\$ 419.43	-\$ 78.19
Agenda	\$ 534.00		\$ 534.00	\$ -
Yearbook				\$ -
English Programming		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Total Projects estimated to be Funded	\$27,558.44	\$9,400.00	\$ 10,132.08	\$ 26,826.36

Response from the City about the Wellington Crossing:

Wellington at Edinburgh intersection was studied in 2022 to see if an adult crossing guard was warranted. Service request number 2002460. Please see the summary data below. We use the exposure index based on current Guelph warranted traffic signals we have an adult guard located at. It uses the 85th percentile of the current locations to note that any exposure around or over 4138 for the quantitative data analysis. We observed low conflicts with students crossing at this intersection and the exposure index was very small as per the green circle noted on the chart. We also look at qualitative data collected during the study and didn't observe any additional concerns for this particular study.



Since we have a policy in place that we do not review the same intersection with in 2 years, unless there is a change in the intersection design or a boundary change is noted by the school boards, we will refer to this study for this school year. We will however add this location our listing, so that we can capture updated data for this intersection. You may not be aware, but our program has been struggled with hiring reliable and competent guard staff for a number of years. We are moving towards full compliment of guard staff, but this is a volatile program. Our studies are reliant on staff availability since we only study during school bell time and this is also when we cover off vacancies for the program.

We have set up a new service request number that you can refer to if you connect with me on the status.

SR #2400773 – Wellington at Edinburgh – study to see if an adult guard is warranted.

Thank you,

Christine Vettor (she/her) Supervisor, ASCG Program
 Engineering and Transportation Services
Infrastructure, Development & Environment