

School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 24th, 2022

**Opening:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Karen Kennedy.

**Present:**

Marianne Millsap – Principal  
Ashley Hopkins– Vice Principal  
Karen Kennedy-Co-Chair  
Carly Ferris-Co-Chair  
Annalea Kidd  
Jenna Hartlen  
Ashley Pullen-Non-Teaching Rep  
Amy Ouchterlony  
Kathleen Roeper

Lourdes Mehlhorn-Treasurer  
Jennifer Robertson-Teacher Rep  
Adelle Barr-Klouman  
Jeanette French-Community Rep  
Melissa Irwin-Secretary  
Alana Conter  
Bethany De Jong  
S. Rahim  
Shannon Wright

**Welcome:**

Karen welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and asked if everyone in attendance would introduce themselves.

The December 12th Meeting Minutes were passed.

**Principal's Report**

Marianne spoke about field trips for grades seven and eight. One will be cross-country skiing, and the another is possibly skating. A survey will go around the students to gauge interest and if all have the proper equipment. More to come.

Badminton has begun, and students participate during their recess and lunch breaks.

It is Literacy Week, and the whole school participates in literacy activities. There is a school-wide story being created in which each class contributes a portion, and when finished, it will be shared in each class with a copy made available in the library. Other activities include a "Book Buffet," a "Read-Aloud," a comfy clothes day for reading, Mystery books from Shelburne Public Library, and a contest to win a free DPA for the student who guesses the number of books in the Learning Commons. Any left-over books from the book buffet will go to classrooms.

Marianne shared that the school can have volunteers. Primrose has approximately 200 parents/guardians with vulnerable sector checks. If you are interested in helping in your child's

classroom, please contact your child's teacher. There will be some upcoming opportunities for volunteering in the school, and an email will come out with more information along with who to contact to get involved.

The Puma PAC will start up in February. This group will give students a voice to share their concerns, questions, and ideas with Parent Council and possibly the opportunity to attend a School Council meeting. More details to come!

We are working hard to keep communication with parents and the community a top priority through our school website, email newsletters and reminders, and slides on Google Classroom.

### **Teacher's Report-Jennifer Robertson**

#### **Teacher Input Via Email for School Council Meeting - Jan.24, 2023**

Ms. Jones and Ms. Carson Pedri are starting a new club at Primrose! The Healthy Schools Club and an after-school cooking program titled "You're the Chef" for intermediate students.

Funding has been received from Public Health to provide supplies for the cooking class, and there is more funding available next year for the Healthy School Initiative Program. They have brainstormed with intermediate students for ideas and activities to promote healthy schools. They are also looking for input from parents and families.

A few ideas include "Fruit Friday," class competitions, smoothie days, and older classes presenting to younger classes about healthy food choices.

If you have some ideas or suggestions, please contact:  
Andrea Carson-Pedri [andrea.carsonpedri@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:andrea.carsonpedri@ugdsb.on.ca)  
and Becky Jones [beckylee.jones@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:beckylee.jones@ugdsb.on.ca)

It was mentioned there is a smoothie bike available to use and Marianne will reach out to families by email for input.

Dave Parsons

In math, we are hard at work with fractions and can't wait to start our science unit on electricity.

Claire Clarke

My grade 2s are in the final stages of their Family Heirloom project, their culminating task for Social Studies. They were able to choose something to be their heirloom, design it and then create it in the LLC with all of the amazing supplies we have there. The students have been super excited and very engaged in this project :)

Thanks

Mr. Stiles

Grade 5s just finished designing and building models of energy efficient homes which tied into our Science unit on the Conservation of Energy and Resources. They created a blueprint and then built a model of the home using cardboard and scraps of paper. They included LED lights, solar panels, insulation, shower timers, wind turbines, weather stripping around windows and doors, strategic landscaping, skylights for natural lighting, and so much more! They were really engaged and loved this hands-on project. I can share pictures if you wish. - Brent Stiles

Lisa Cullen

Math - 2D and 3D shapes, naming and classifying based on attributes, such as # vertices, # edges, # faces. Can you find real-life examples of a sphere, cone, square based pyramid. What about that cereal box?

Health - Healthy habits like getting enough sleep and exercise, great lessons for adults too!

Science - Energy in the Environment, follow energy flow from the sun through plants to animals

Language - Extending our writing past one sentence!

Other News:

-Upcoming Human Trafficking Presentation for grades 7/8 on February 1st. Our CYC will be present to support if needed. The online version for parents will be available at the end of January.

-Highschool registration - the presentation was done by the high school to help advise students on course selection

-Upcoming meeting with high school staff for students with formal identification and their parents/guardians to help with the transition

-We are so thankful for all the professions within our school; Speech and Language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, ESL, computer training for students with Ministry-funded Chromebooks

-Teachers are working on writing IEP goals for term two and reports cards

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lourdes will give complete reports for January and February at the next meeting.

## **Eco-Schools Report- Ashley and Annalea**

Teachers have taken lead on eco-school initiatives, and “Eco-Leaders” in grades four and up are also helping. The WWF “Cozy Sweater Day” is on February 2nd.

Amber, Karen, Shannon and Annalea applied for a grant of \$9250 through TD Friends of the Environment for the greening portions of the playground improvements. We will find out if we are approved for the grant in April.

## **Other Business**

### **Breakfast Program**

Discussions took place about the current status of the breakfast program. Marianne and Ashley will be taking on the responsibility for the program for now. Approximately 400 students utilize the program daily for snacks and about 35-40 for packed lunches. Pre-Covid, the program was headed by a lead coordinator with a team of volunteers. The option to do this again is open but relies heavily on someone taking the lead role and assembling a group for it to run effectively.

Marianne will email families with more details and an invitation to help with the breakfast program.

### **Teacher Reimbursement**

Marianne asked the council about the ability to provide teachers with up to \$100 for reimbursement this year. This amount has been provided to teachers in past years to help cover the costs of some classroom supplies. Karen will get back to Marianne, however there are many programs that need to be paid for so it may not be possible for reimbursement this year.

### **Fundraising**

Shannon spoke about meeting with a group to discuss more fundraising for the playground. The main item she brought to Council was the idea of having a “Movie Night” in the gym. Marianne will work with Shannon to get dates figured out and what movies are available to the school through licensing from the School Board.

The goal is to have one movie a night a month till the end of the school year. The movie nights will be a ticketed event available on School Cash Online with concessions and/or a dinner option (ex. pizza). A lot of ideas were brainstormed about what it will look like such as a theme for each month, picnic style seating plus chairs for adults, students voting for the movie choices, etc.

We look forward to hearing more about this exciting event that will benefit the playground!

Shannon also spoke on a Spring Carnival to be held at the school in the Spring. A possible date for the event is May 27th. It will also be a ticketed event with games, a BBQ, and more.

Shannon also asked about the possibility of having a live outdoor concert on the school grounds featuring local talent. This would encourage the wider community to come out and support Primrose. More discussion will take place for this idea and others at the next meeting.

## **Q&A**

Q: Will there be another Dominos Pizza Night?

A: We haven't heard back from Dominos so not sure if we will do it again.

Q: Can we have an email sent out to families asking for needed volunteers?

A: Marianne will put together an email with the help of Council for all the details.

The ladies running the salad bar asked the Council could help cover their costs for the first salad bar day if not enough orders come through and to help provide to students who require lunches if they want to participate. Karen mentioned that if needed the equity account is a possibility but she is confident at this point that the expenses will get covered either way.

They also spoke about the possibility of providing a sliding scale payment for salad days such as a payment of \$5 or \$7 as well as a donation option so others can participate in salad day. More to come on this point.

Right now, they are trying to buy items wholesale but it is sometimes more cost effective to buy items at the grocery store. At this point it is trial and error but they are working towards bringing the cost down. They also asked to participate in the detailed email welcoming more volunteers to help.

Q: How do we know if our seed purchases are coming to the school or to our home?

A: Check to see if you are charged shipping on your order. If no shipping fee is there then the order will come to the school.

Reminder: seed orders are due February 5th.

Q: Has there been anything initiated by the school board in regards to population and boundary review?

A: Haven't heard anything yet, Marianne can try to follow up with the Board and encourages parents to contact and follow up with our Trustee, Lynn Topping.

Marianne reminded everyone that on snow days the school remains open to students with parents providing transportation.

Ashley Pullen, who is an ECE at the school was welcomed to School Council as the Non-Teaching Rep. Welcome aboard Ashley, we are happy to have you!!

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Melissa Irwin

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30 PM** in the Learning Commons (Library) and online (link provided before the meeting)