

**School Council
Meeting Minutes
April 13th, 2023**

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Karen Kennedy.

Present:

Marianne Millsap – Principal
Ashley Hopkins– Vice Principal
Karen Kennedy-Co-Chair
Melissa Irwin-Secretary
Amy Ouchterlony
Kathleen Roeper

Lourdes Mehlhorn-Treasurer
Jennifer Robertson-Teacher Rep
Annalea Kidd
Shannon Wright
Erika Williamson

Welcome:

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

The March 2nd Meeting Minutes were not passed at the meeting, they will be passed through email as not enough executive members were in attendance.

Principal's Report

The first week of May marks "Mental Health Week". Marianne spoke about a company that has been hired to come into the school on May 3rd and 4th to guide students in drumming activities for mental health. Sherie Anderson spoke in more detail about the program. The company is called "DROM" and combines the fun of drumming with meditation to help relieve stress and promote relaxation, mindfulness and self-regulation. A parent in attendance commented on how fun the program was for her child at a previous school. All students will have the chance to participate in 40-minute sessions, starting with younger students on May 3rd and older students on the 4th. For more information, check out their website [here](#).

There will be a Career Day for our older students on May 5th from 9 AM to 1:20 PM. Parent volunteers will join students in small groups to speak about their careers. The goal is to help students get ideas about different types of jobs they can consider for their future.

The intermediate basketball tournament will be held at CDDHS on May 3rd and is open to the public. A parent asked if students could attend the games that are held after school in the gym, and Marianne explained only parents and siblings are able to attend.

A note about water updates: all communication regarding the water at Primrose comes directly through the School Board. The Board has a distinct approval process for how these emails go out and Marianne only has the ability to forward them to the school community.

It was suggested that the emails with the water letters from the Board be changed from a PDF to becoming a part of the actual email. Some parents are having trouble opening the documents. Marianne will ask the Board to change it.

Marianne asked that parents and volunteers please remember to sign in at the office.

Marianne spoke about the positive atmosphere in the school and how everyone seems happy and things are going well. She also mentioned the Board has commented on how great it is to see the staff working so well together through challenges!

Grade 8 graduation will be on June 26th

Teacher's Report-Jennifer Robertson

Staff Input for School Council - April 2023

Primary Staff - would like to replenish gym supplies and outdoor play equipment please. Wishlist for in gym includes: hula hoops, tennis balls, bean bags, utility balls, elephant skin balls, pylons, etc. They are wondering if there is financial support available for this.

Kindergarten: We would like to add our thanks to the Parent Council for offering to fund our butterfly order and supporting this exciting learning opportunity for all Kindergarten students. We will be ordering this very soon and will be jumping into this adventure at the end of May in hopes we can release our beautiful butterflies in early June.

Grade 1: Math: We are completing our unit on Canadian Money; ie. the value of a dollar

😊 Next, we will be coding, unplugged coding as well as using Osmo's Coding Awbie program.

Art: We had a special guest artist (Mrs. Jack) come to each Grade One classroom and do a lesson on printmaking and stamp art. We used a variety of tools (q-tips, potato stamps, egg carton stamps, toilet paper roll stamps) to create a spring flower picture.

Health: We had another guest presenter (local firefighter: Stephanie Martin) come into our classrooms to talk to the students about fire safety.

Drama: Students will be acting out familiar stories and fairy tales with paper puppets, using their voices to convey feelings. We are also looking forward to watching the Little Red Theatre come to perform for the Primary Division.

Logo Contest - organized through the board, design contest re. Mental Health [CLICK HERE FOR SLIDESHOW](#)

FÊTE - The French celebration and learning day/event was a success and very well received by students, staff and families. Lots of great feedback. Thank you for your support!

SKILLS ONTARIO - Mike Benotto and Sherie Anderson prepared several teams of kids to participate in the skills competition in Guelph, excellent day of problem solving and teamwork, two of our teams are going to the provincial finals in Toronto

FTP - Program so far has received rave reviews from students, staff and families, thank you for supporting this program

Student-Led Talent Show PGT - (grades 4-8 performing) - Auditions on May 8, 9, 10; In-school performances (students/staff only) on June 13, 19, 20

Career Day - Friday, May 5th [CLICK HERE FOR LETTER](#)

Smoothie Sales for Grad [CLICK HERE FOR LETTER](#) - six days of sales

Treasurer's Report

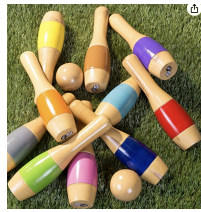
Lourdes provided some profit and payment numbers for March.

- Pizza sales \$2240 after expenses
- YTD total profit \$12,611
- Forest of Reading (\$805) and FTP (\$4,800) came out of pizza sales
- Natural Playground brought in \$182 from bottle recycling, \$400 from Mulmur Grant and \$150 donation on Movie Night
- Movie Night was a great success raising \$1,526!
- The seed fundraiser
- Primrose has been approved for a grant from TD of \$5,500, which will go towards the new "no mow" zone on the playground (trees, stepping stones, benches, planting)

Other Happenings:

There was some discussion about replenishing gym equipment. Much of the equipment was abundantly used for outdoor play during the pandemic, which was amazing, but much of it is in need of replacing. Marianne said there is a \$1,500 grant available to be used for the purchase of new equipment, although it must be approved by the Board.

Jennifer Robertson received a wishlist from teachers in each division (See below). Items can also be donated to the school. This is a great way to support our students if you are able!

| Division | Wishlist Item(s) | Details, quantity, specifics, etc. |
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| Kindergarten | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -balls (rubber bouncing) -rubber chickens -soccer and basketballs -sand and sand toys -chalk -bean bags -hula hoops -balls and scoops -plasma cars -plastic stepping stones of different sizes -bug catchers and nets -pylons -a class set of crazy carpets for winter (not intended to use at recess, but with individual classes - if admin approved) | |
| Primary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hoola Hoops (class set) - Pylons (coloured) - Yellow utility balls (class set) - Beanbags (class set +) - Tennis Balls (class set +) - Electric Pump that works - Red Elephant Skin Balls - Net Bags to hold balls - Wooden pin set (great for Pinball and target activities) - Nerf footballs - baskets for target games - Small basketballs - |  <p>Lawn Bowling Game/Skittle Ball- Indoor and Outdoor Fun for Toddlers, Kids, Adults –10 Wooden Pins, 2 Balls, and Mesh Bag Set by Hey! Play! (9.5 Inch) \$44.95 on Amazon</p> |
| Junior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More elephant skin balls (soft dodgeballs)- they are well used and the other ones are starting to come apart - Hockey nets for floor hockey? | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tennis balls - Soccer balls for DPA - Gaga balls for DPA - Volleyball Nets - Basketballs for DPA - Skipping ropes - volleyball | |
| Intermediate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaga balls - Footballs - Hockey nets - Dodgeballs - frisbees - Sand for long jump pits and have the pits re-edged - Basketballs and Soccer balls for our intermediate teams | |

Smile Cookie Day

With Amber's help, The Rotary Club of Shelburne has chosen the Primrose Natural Playground as one of the initiatives to receive a donation from proceeds of the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Day on May 6th!!

The Rotary Club has asked for 8 volunteers to do 2-hour shifts participating in the sale of the cookies between both Tim Hortons locations in Shelburne. This is a great way for volunteers to support the school outside of school hours! If you are interested, please contact the school council by email at primroseschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Eco-Schools Report- Ashley/Annalea

Things are going well for Eco-Club. The annual river clean up will take place on April 27th at 3:30 on the Boyne River near the school. Growing sprouts with JK/SK are also coming up, along with garlic and mini greenhouses. The club has secured a \$500 grant that will go towards pots and sensory plants. We are very grateful for the grant as it is only provided to schools with an eco initiative! Ashley will provide an update on our status at the next council meeting.

Other Business

Upcoming Movie Nights

Thursday, May 11

Thursday, June 8

Upcoming School Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 16th

Tuesday, June 13th

Q&A

Q: Are there any recommendations or guidelines for the amount of screen time for students?

A: We have not been told of a guideline. The amount of screen time varies per division. Intermediate students use Chromebooks for rotary subjects, including language, geography and history. The junior division uses technology less often, 1-2 times weekly. They use a math program on a projector to show open-ended problems and then work together to solve them. There are usually only 6 Chromebooks per class. Some classes do use screens during nutrition breaks to help with rotating supervision.

We are definitely in need of more lunch supervisors. The school can have up to 6 lunch supervisors and we currently have only two. These are paid positions (minimum wage) with the hours of 11:00 AM-11:40 AM and 1:20 PM-2:00 PM.

Q: Why are the kids still not allowed to play soccer at recess?

There have been quite a few challenges with making soccer at recess work, such as frost, students being too rough (broken bones), teams not being fair and a lot of concussion paperwork. Marianne is working with staff to come up with suggestions on how soccer can come back and be played safely and fairly.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Melissa Irwin

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.

Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 PM** in the Learning Commons (Library) and online (link provided before the meeting)