

**School Council
Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2023**

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Carly Ferris.

Present:

Marianne Millsap – Principal

Ashley Hopkins– Vice Principal

Karen Kennedy-Co-Chair

Melissa Irwin-Secretary

Amy Ouchterlony

Jeannette French-Community Rep

Alana Mercury-Conter

Lourdes Mehlhorn-Treasurer

Jennifer Robertson-Teacher Rep

Carly Ferris-Co-Chair

Shannon Wright

Erika Williamson

Adelle Barr-Klouman

Welcome:

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

The April 13th Meeting Minutes were passed.

Principal's Report

Marianne advised Council to get all receipts to Tricia as soon as possible to avoid a build-up at the end of the school year.

The Primrose Singers have been selected to submit to Provincials.

The Chess Club participated in a tournament at Credit Meadows in Orangeville. About 200 students attended. It was a great day for students; they even learned some new game rules.

EQAO testing begins tomorrow for the grade sixes. We have filled all the scribe positions and are clear of any tech issues. We are looking to add more Chromebooks next year. The goal is to have enough for all intermediate students. Money has been set aside for this initiative.

The playground inspector will be in the area on Thursday and may come to the school to inspect our playground. The new slides have not come in yet, so we are trying to delay the inspection until they do. We will have the inspector back once the slides come in.

Jump Rope for Heart is on May 19th. We have already hit our goal of raising \$1000!!

JK Orientation will be held on June 2nd, a PD Day. Melissa Irwin will speak to parents introducing Council and how it works. Next year the orientation will be held in the evening so Kindergarten teachers can participate fully in Professional Development Day.

The DROM Program was a great success during mental health week! All students loved it, and we look forward to doing it again—huge thanks to Sherie Anderson for organizing the program for students.

Ultimate Frisbee tryouts begin this week. The tournament will be held May 30th at CHES from 4-7 PM. Also, the 1500m meet will be held at ODSS on May 31st.

We have completed our safety drills except for one bomb threat drill to come soon. They went well. The tornado drill was successful as we ensured all students and staff could fit inside the school.

Pride shirts and hoodies have been added to school spirit wear. A reminder the school receives a quarterly commission from sales of spirit wear through Town Tees in Shelburne. This is a great way to help support school initiatives!

There are a lot of trips coming up for May and June. To secure bussing, which is challenging due to pricing and driver shortages, we had all teachers submit their trips in April.

The well was hooked back to the school and underwent the first testing. We haven't seen the results yet, but there needs to be a second test done before the water can be used for cooking, drinking, etc. Karen assured us that hot dog day and salad bar day does not use the school water. They use bottled water and/or a separate facility for preparation.

Graduation preparations are underway. Smoothie sales have raised a lot toward helping support our graduates. The theme for grad night is "Under the Sea." If you have any ideas or props that will support the theme, please contact Mrs. Williamson. Grad hoodies went out and are already starting to come in. A yearbook is in the works, and a photo booth has been secured for the evening. The school will hold a ceremony, followed by a dance and dinner/snacks. CDDHS has offered us to borrow 250 chairs for the evening. Pick up of the chairs is on June 23rd, and needs to be returned on the 27th. If you can help transport the chairs, please get in touch.

New night custodians started on Monday, and the rooms are looking good. Overall the school feels good, and things feel back to normal!

Teacher's Report-Jennifer Robertson

Staff Input for School Council - May 2023

CHESS TEAM UPDATE: The Primrose chess team had an excellent experience at the chess tournament at Credit Meadows PS in Orangeville last week. A team of 14 keen chess players from Grades 2-8 spent the day each playing five games against other students from other schools. They honed their chess skills and learned some new techniques as well. They showed great gamesmanship and represented Primrose well. Well done Puma chess players!

Kindergarten Bax/Duern Message: We thought you might be able to share our learning with parent council this week. We loved this experience! Thanks to Annalea and Eco School team for helping us get set up. Heather and Denise
(Slideshow shared with Council)

Kindergarten Stevenson/DeLuca: Feel free to share this with Parent Council... we just finished with the Sprouts program in KD and thought they might like to see how it went.
:) Sammie
(Slideshow shared with Council)

Williamson Science - Grade 7s are making 3D playgrounds for the Form and Function unit. Grade 8s completed a Cell Inquiry project of topics of choice, including designer babies, genetic cloning, genetic modification, mRNA vaccines, immortality, etc.

Williamson Language - Learning to write an argumentative essay with a focus on the essential question "Do you control technology, or does it control you?"

Williamson's Grade 7/8 Class Trip - going to Island Lake to learn about INDIGENOUS GAMES. Students will explore what Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee did and continue to do for fun! Students will learn about the history and culture of the Haudenosaunee through several traditional games, including bone & toggle, mini-double ball, peach pit and lacrosse.

Ultimate Frisbee Team Update - Grade 7/8 Ultimate Frisbee Tryouts are underway. Tournament is **May 30, 2023 at CHES from 4-7pm.**

Track and Field Updates (from Erika Williamson):

1500 m race is May 31, 2023 from 6-7pm. Classroom teachers or intermediate teachers will run students who are interested in trying out.

There will be a Standards day for Grades 1-4 on June 13. There will be NO MITE (grade 1&2) DIVISION at the County Track Field Meet this year. Tykes (Grade 3 and 4) who come 1st or 2nd in an event have the opportunity to attend the Dufferin County Meet.

There will be a Standards day for Grades 5-8 Jun 1, 2023 . Students who come 1st or 2nd in an event have the opportunity to attend the Dufferin County Meet.

The Dufferin County Cross Country meet will be held on Wednesday, Jun 21, 2023 at ODSS. There have been changes to the event this year due to time constraints (bus issues). There will be no MITE division this year. There will be NO BALL THROW for the Tyke division, and NO TRIPLE JUMP for the Atom and Bantam divisions. Students attending the Dufferin County Meet may participate in a maximum of 2 track events OR 2 field events. Relay and the 1500m race are not included in these events.

Ukuleles - The class set of instruments we were given by the RCUE in Guelph is being put to great use in classes, with kids learning the basics of ukulele and playing and singing.

DROM - Workshop for exercise and meditation and energizing and relaxing with music for positive mental health was a huge hit. Thanks to Ms. Anderson for organizing!

Primrose's Got Talent - Auditions went great, student leaders are organized and inclusive. Looking forward to the three performances.

Basketball - great seasons for boys' and girls' teams, girls made it to semi-finals (wahoo!)

Primrose Singers - chosen to represent the Guelph Kiwanis Festival in the provincial finals festival, made a video recording to submit, recognized by the board as valuable "student voice" and invited to perform at the board, chosen by Orangeville and District Music Festival to represent choirs with a video at their Gala Event

Career Day - 34 presenters, grade 5-8 participated, good feedback from students, staff and presenters, thanks to school for treating our presenters to lunch

DPA/Phys.Ed. Equipment - A big thank you to School Council for the equipment given to classes. It's appreciated

Jenn also mentioned there would be no mite division (grades 1 and 2) held at the track and field day on June 13th. This is due to bussing and students' capacity at the event. The cheapest bus costs \$250, and seating rules changed recently. Primary students can sit three to a seat, but Juniors and Intermediates can only sit two to a seat, creating the need for more busses. Also, unfortunately, there would not be enough time for all the events with the inclusion of the mites division.

FTP is wrapping up. There has been much positive feedback, and we all value the program!

It was mentioned there is still some money available for DPA equipment. Teachers can still request equipment if needed with a deadline of Tuesday. Marianne will also be topping up equipment using the \$1300 grant from the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Lourdes provided some profits for April and May.

- Pizza sales for April- \$2400 (expenses to come off still)
- Pizza sales for May- \$820 (expenses to come off still)
- Pizza account sitting at \$14,300
- YTD total profit \$39,300 (missing some deposits)
- Movie Night- \$1,484 (expenses to come off still)
- Hot Dog Day- \$1,224 (expenses to come off still approx \$350)
- Bottle Returns- approx \$400 so far

Overall sitting in good shape financially. Council plans to fulfil and support the needs we have committed to until the end of the year, then transfer the remaining funds to the playground account to secure the purchase order for work to be done on the playground over summer break.

Eco-Schools Report- Ashley/Annalea

We have reached 120 points towards reaching our goal of a Platinum status Eco School. The points required is 101. Once we have input our final numbers, we will confirm our status. We want to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the Eco-Schools initiatives throughout the school year!!

Sensory plants are coming soon, and Eco groups will be helping to spruce up the front gardens with mulching, weeding, and planting!

Other Business

Adelle spoke about a fundraising opportunity called “Fresh from the Farm.” The fundraiser features the sale of Ontario fruits and Vegetables to Ontario schools. They provide 40% of the proceeds back to the school. In order to have this fundraiser, we must sign up by September 22, 2023 however, they do fill up quickly with schools and close sign-up after a certain amount of schools is reached. We are hoping to sign up as soon as possible before the fundraiser is full.

Families can purchase bundles that include an 8lb bundle of apples for \$24 and a vegetable bundle that includes 5 lbs potatoes, 3 lbs sweet potatoes, 3 lbs carrots, and 3 lbs onions for \$22. The deadline to order will be October 12, and delivery will be in November or December.

There was some discussion about supporting more local farms instead or together with this fundraiser. Marianne will look into how to get local farms on the Board’s vendor list, and voting for the “Fresh from the Farm” fundraiser will take place electronically through Council.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Melissa Irwin

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.

Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 PM** in the Learning Commons (Library) and online (link provided before the meeting)