

**School Council
Meeting Minutes
September 27th, 2023**

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Marianne Millsap.

Present:

Marianne Millsap – Principal
Ashley Hopkins– Vice Principal
Carly Ferris
Crystal
Amy Ouchterlony
Ally
Jeannette French-Community Rep
Amber Gallagher
Lindsay

Lourdes Mehlhorn
Sherie Anderson
Melissa Irwin
Kelly Dean
Courtney
Susan Hall
Adelle Barr-Klouman
Annalea Kidd

Welcome:

Marianne welcomed everyone to the meeting, and all present introduced themselves.

Marianne read the Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement <https://www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy/policy-504-equity-and-inclusive-education/>. She also mentioned that Sherie Anderson will be helping students create their own Land Acknowledgements through pictures; more information will come.

Principal's Report

The population of students is around 585. A few students being moved in the primary division were the only class rearrangements needed this year. Class numbers are high, but they are not over capacity. Boundaries in our area are being reviewed due to population and growth; changes will be coming.

The new well is holding, and we have backup support if necessary, but everything is running smoothly. The water quality at the school is good, and the RO system is in place and working well. The water test results are looking great.

There are concerns with the current septic system that Environment Canada and the Ministry of Environment are watching.

Meet the Teacher Night is happening Thursday, September 28th, from 5:30-7:30 PM. There is no parking available at the school, except for accessibility parking. A shuttle bus will run from Super Burger to Primrose every 10 minutes. Sherie Anderson and Nicole Patton will be at Super

Burger to help facilitate parking at the restaurant. Jennifer Robertson will be in the school parking lot to help ensure safety and direction.

We had a great day for the Terry Fox Run, and the fundraising results will be announced when we have the numbers in. Our intermediate boys soccer had an amazing tournament, winning all their games! Mrs. Mesesnel will lead Cross Country this year with three buses and 120 students participating in the races.

There have already been some field trips in September, with students attending the International Plowing Match, Island Lake, and hiking trips. Our kindergarten students will travel to Maple Grove Farms the first week of October.

If you want to volunteer in the school or on field trips, you need a vulnerable sector check through the OPP. Please email our Vice Principal Ashley Hopkins at ashley.hopkins@ugdsb.on.ca for a volunteer letter to have the fee waived. If you have done a vulnerable sector check, you must complete an annual declaration. Contact the office for the form.

Staff Updates

Welcome to Brittany Funston- Covering Grade 8 for Ms. Charles
Welcome, Mr. Laing- Covering Grade 7 Parental Leave for Mr. Hawkins
Welcome Lisa Cullen- Grade 1
Welcome, Kiera Zanardo- Covering Grade 7 Maternity leave for Ms. Kelk
Welcome, Samantha Rigby- Resource Teacher
Welcome, Samantha Croteau- Contract Resource Teacher Grade 8
Welcome, Lauren Ingram- F/T Grade ½
Welcome back to Sandra Wellman- Grade 5
Welcome Back to Jennifer Little-Grade 3
Bienvenue à Jennifer Robertson-Resource and French Teacher

Primrose is in desperate need of lunch supervisors. We currently have two, but we can have up to 6; the more, the better! The job consists of two 40-minute blocks, and pay is \$18.50/hr. Information will be emailed and posted at Meet the Teacher night.

Teacher's Report-Sherie Anderson for Jennifer Robertson

Intermediate Volleyball will begin this week.

The Primrose Singers travelled to the IPM to perform three songs at the closing ceremony. A huge thank you to the Township of Mulmur for covering the cost of bussing and admission for our students! They did such a wonderful job!

The intermediates just finished Spirit Week, participating in a hike and team-building activities. They will begin rotary classes this coming week, and there is a lot of excitement for shop class!

Diagnostic Assessments are happening in all classes in math and language. These assessments give staff a greater idea of where students are in these subjects. Once completed, the data will be brought to our next staff meeting, where discussions will occur about how to best help student growth.

CCAT testing is coming up. Students in grade three who measure as gifted will be given an opportunity to explore attending Spencer Avenue School in Orangeville. More information will be sent home to parents about this soon.

A huge thank you from all the staff for the new elements added to the natural playground over the summer! Students are really enjoying it!

Please remember to check your child's Google Classroom daily for announcements!

Treasurer's Report

Lourdes provided an opening summary of accounts for September.

Salad Bar-\$6,335 (Grant)

Classroom-\$0

Eco-Schools-\$559

Fundraising-\$0

Winter Clothes-\$347

General-\$541

Large Events-\$7,721

Playground Maintenance-\$2,931 (10% holdback)

Yard Improvement- After the final invoices for the playground come out, the remainder(about \$2000) will be transferred to the maintenance account.

The Natural Playground fundraising account through the Leaning Foundation will be closed.

Marianne mentioned the Farm Box fundraiser will go to a technology fund to help purchase more technology equipment for classrooms that need it.

Fundraising

Some fundraising programs were voted on to ensure they were passed in time to get started. They are passed as follows:

Pizza- to fund general programming (FTP, Forest of Reading, Bussing for field trips, etc.)

Salad Bar

Poinsettias + Coffee- Outdoor Play Items

Elections

Marianne began the election process by expressing the need for school councils, each position, and its description.

Elections were held as follows:

Position of Chair- Amber Gallagher

Nominated by Carly
2nd by Courtney

Position of Vice Chair- Kelly Dean

Nominated by Amy
2nd by Courtney

Position of Co-Chair- Susan Hall

Nominated by Adelle
2nd by Lindsay

Position of Treasurer- Lourdes Mehlhorn

Nominated by Jeannette
2nd by Annalea

Position of Secretary-Amy Ouchterlony

Nominated by Amber
2nd by Adelle

A massive welcome to our new Council!

There was a discussion about the need for a fundraising committee. All in attendance agreed, and Amber Gallagher offered to head the committee—more information to come.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Melissa Irwin

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 6:30 PM**