

**School Council
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2024**

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Amber Gallagher.

Present:

Marianne Millsap – Principal
Amber Gallagher - Chair
Amy Ouchterlony - Secretary
Sherie Anderson - Teacher Rep
Shannon Wright
Annalea Kidd

Lourdes Mehlhorn-Treasurer
Susan Hall - Co-Chair
Kelly Dean - Co-Chair

Adelle Barr-Klouman
Kourtney Chappel

Online:

Carly Ferris
Jeannette French-Community Rep
Melissa Irwin

Schedule:

6:00-6:05 PM - Welcome & Introductions, Attendance

6:05-6:10 PM - Equity Statement, Review Norms

6:10-6:20 PM - Principal's Report- Marianne Millsap

6:20-6:30 PM - Teacher's Report- Jennifer Robertson

6:30-6:40 PM - Treasurer's Report- Lourdes Mehlhorn

6:40-6:50 PM - Eco-Schools Report- Annalea/Carli/Ashley

6:50-7:10 PM - Business from Executive

- Equity Money
- Response to PUMA Pac December Report (Clubs, Milk Program, etc)
- Big Box of Cards Fundraiser
- Family Wellness Night update

7:10-7:30 PM - Time for Q&A, General Discussion, and Any Other Business

7:30 PM - Set Time for Next Council Meeting

Welcome:

Meeting started 6:10pm

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

Equity Statement was read.

Norms were reviewed.

Principal's Report

Land Acknowledgements will no longer be made on a daily basis nor at our meetings so that it is not being overdone - this is a decision from the Board.

PUMA Pac - met on Monday

Not a lot of new items to bring forward, rather moving forward on ideas suggested.

Including: Feb 22 - Winter Games Day (1st block) in their house colours

Wellness bags and a quiet space in the library

Chess Club - Mr. Stiles will start

Pickleball - looking into it for students

Asked for sports that don't involve having to travel outside of school time. Marianne will bring this to the Board as an equity issue.

Badminton is Feb 8 not Feb 6

Random Acts of Kindness week Feb 12 - 16

Constable from the OPP have created an online safety program for students - Constable Amy will be coming in to deliver this program in all classes between now and June. A letter will come home about this topic.

PUMA Pac is selling popcorn in the foyer during 2nd break. \$2 per bag, cash only. They get a profit of \$1. Will start soon. Information will come. Will start with Junior and Intermediate grades.

Teacher's Report - Sherie Anderson on behalf of Jen Robertson

Announcements Slideshow - reminder to check it daily to see what is happening at Primrose, great learning to support curriculum and special events/days of recognition

Primary Intramurals (Continuing) - Students in grade 1-3 are welcome to join in for some fun and cooperative games in the gym. Details can be found each week on the morning announcement slides.

Salad Days, Pizza Days, Smoothie Days - still a big hit with students and much appreciated

Knights In The Classroom: Grade 5/6s are excited for the "Knights In The Classroom" this Friday.

LLC's Maker Space - Grade sevens are working next week on coding and robotics.

Sports are happening! - grade 7/8 basketball, badminton, junior intramurals, primary intramurals, cross country skiing trips for grades 4-8

Clubs are happening! - Pride club, Healthy Foods club, Skills Ontario, Learning Commons Crew, office helpers, kindergarten helpers, bus patrollers, Student Soccer Refs, Eco Reps, Puma P.A.C., reading buddies

School Show Update

Rehearsals for our upcoming Primrose school show, Newsies Jr. are underway, with a fabulous cast of over 100 students from grades 4-8. Cast members have access to the Newsies Jr. Google Classroom for rehearsal schedules, songs and lyrics, and are working hard to prepare their singing, dancing and acting skills. T-shirts by Town Tees are now available for purchase through our school website spiritwear link or by clicking [HERE](#) and look under Musical Gear. Over the next couple of months, other students and family members will have the opportunity to help create and collect props, costumes and sets for the production, which takes place in May. Stay tuned for ways to get involved. As they say in the show, "The things we do today will be tomorrow's news!"

Forest of Reading

THANK YOU for your support!

Students in grades 4-8 have started their reading programs. They are coming to the Learning Commons once a week at the end of the day to discuss their books, learn about authors, and dig deeper into topics of interest. Blue Spruce will begin soon with students 1-3.

Amber explained that Council Executive voted since the last meeting to support Forest of Reading

Treasurer's Report

Boston Pizza fundraiser has made sales of \$1,270.50 as of January 30th 2024. Profits for February 6th has made \$32.50.

\$337.31 of winter clothing account was used to purchase hats and mittens for the office/children that need it. The difference of \$10.15 has been moved to the general account.

The general account of \$5,785.58 was used to pay for Forest of Reading program which cost \$1,070.97.

There was a donation of bottle return money of \$13.10 and \$3,158 pizza profits from December and January was moved into the general account.

\$442.83 Cheque was also deposited into the general account which came from spirit wear commissions and \$700 from Maple Grove farms (to be pulled from the Learning Foundation fund). The General Account money will be used to pay for family transition programming of \$5,040 along with covering the cost of scientists in the school, \$3,735.

We continue to have steady pizza sales which will help fund student programming until the end of the year.

Pizza balance as of the 30th of January is sitting at \$6,230.50 which after paying invoices should leave us with about \$2,230.50.

Up until now, School Council has used Pizza profits to cover Pizza for 23 kids in the equity program. This has amounted to about \$ 744.48 to date. This breaks down to 44 slices per week. Moving forward, money donated to "Pay it Forward" / Equity will cover the cost of pizza for these kids and due to a change in student numbers in need the dollar amount will be reduced by \$12.04, making it \$50 per week.

Yard Improvement account has been increased slightly by a \$40 cash donation, \$26 Mochaberry cash sale and \$68 in poinsettia cash sales closing the account at \$4,032.98. \$2,251.28 will be used by the end of this year for outdoor things such as sand toys Etc.

Question about what amount we would like to see in the account at the end of the year to start the next school year?

- Fundraising is meant to be used in that school year unless it is working toward a large effort (ie. natural playground)
- Good to have a start at raising funds for the FTP that is due in February each year.
- To be discussed at future meetings

If we are considering running a Milk Program, we will need a new fridge. Milk Fridge was full in the past and the fridge in the Council Room Kitchen is not cold enough.

- The purchase of a new fridge will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Susan will look into the details and will report at the next meeting.

Eco-Schools Report- Ashley

Winter Walk Day Feb 7th

On track and working towards Platinum status

Needs to be communicated to students that the newly planted trees in the naturalized playground are not to be pulled out of the ground. Let's take care of them and respect them through the winter.

Business from Executive

Equity Money - discussed by Lourdes in Treasurer Report

Response to PUMA Pac December Report (Clubs, Milk Program, etc)

MILK

- Looking into milk program. Was offered in 2018-19 from Crown Dairy for \$0.75. Now some other schools are charging \$1.00 since the purchase price is now \$0.75, only white milk.
- Miller Dairy doesn't have small enough
- Sheldon Creek - larger containers, past experience wasn't great about separation
- Harmony Organic might be an option, they have small white and small chocolate. Price will be higher. Pickup in Orangeville may be an option. Amy will find out more about pricing and order minimum / pick-up.
- Milk program would not be a fundraiser
- Concern was raised about the fridge capacity and proper operating temperature. Let's figure out our fridge first! This may take several months.
- Does someone want to run this? Calling all helpers? Lourdes and Shannon, possibly if we run it weekly.

CHESS

If Mr Stiles needs help - Calling all Chess Boards and any parents who are interested in helping out with chess club.

DPA EQUIPMENT

- Now have list of what classes need
- Mochaberry and Poinsettia money will be used for new equipment

BIG BOX OF CARDS FUNDRAISER

- Amber submitted fundraiser idea
- Box of 35 cards for \$35 - birthday or all occasion
- Profit is over 30% (\$11 per box)
- Ran this in 2022, made approx \$800
- Would like to run Feb 21 - March 6
- Pick-up week of March 25th
- Money would go towards General for school programming

MOTION - To do big box of cards fundraiser

First - Shannon

Second - Adelle

APPROVED

Question: Is there anything being considered for spending "General" money on?

- Suggestion about an electronic sign at the roadside or a scoreboard in the gym
- Electronic sign gives a communication tool for families
- If too expensive at the roadside, then maybe at the front entrance

FAMILY WELLNESS NIGHT update - Amy & Adelle

We proposed at the December meeting to apply for funding to run a family wellness night.

Two sources of funding for efforts involving school community. PIC and PRO

When we originally discussed this, we were going to bring other ideas for PIC money to this meeting and decide if this was something we wanted to do and then apply. Marianne and Amber suggested instead we go for \$1000 PRO (Parent Reaching Out) grant.

The application has been submitted on behalf of School Council and we will find out by mid-February if we will receive the money.

We are going ahead with the planning and will be sending out a survey to the community to gauge interest and find out what topics people are most interested in.

Tentative date set for the last week of March.

Anyone interested in helping out – please contact Amy or Adelle.

So, we can still entertain other ideas for the \$500 PIC money - does anyone have any ideas?

- Possibly a new fridge?

Other Business

Movie Night - tentatively March 7th at High School

- Discussion as to whether to charge or not
- Would be a School Council event
- Marianne will confirm School Council insurance policy number

Kindness / Friendship Gram

- Has happened in the past, organized by student council
- There can be hurt feelings, to consider
- Ashley and Marianne will be giving each student a rocket with a note on it so everyone will get something.
- Sherie and Lourdes will look into it as a school house activity

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Amy Ouchterlony

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.

Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday April 10th, 6pm**