

February School Council Minutes

Date: Feb 28 2023

Time: 18:35 – 20:55

Location: Library - Spencer Ave ES

Minutes taken by Kelly Strutt

Parent Attendees: Claire Gardener, Kelly Strutt, Shelly Sullivan, Kyle Adams, Jennifer Horne, Cari Mistry, Shauna McCourt and Amy Lang.

Staff Attendees: Principal – Kimberly Dempsey Jones, Vice Principal - Nia Pommier

1. Meeting started with Jen welcoming everyone at 6:35pm. Kimberly did the Land Acknowledgement.
2. Review and acceptance of agenda.
3. January minutes were discussed and approved.
4. Dance-a-thon – 80's theme
 - Positive feedback from staff
 - Volunteers needed – Shelly, Jen, Claire and Caire
 - Council to sell candy and snacks
 - Everyone participating gets a glow bracelet
 - Students to raise \$ - kindy and yard improvements
 - Prizes for primary, junior and intermediate
 - If there are no donations, will use council \$
 - \$1000 budget approved - including \$400 for the DJ
 - Envelopes to be sent out March 28
 - Top 3 will get a prize

5. Treasury update

- Yard account to be renamed from improvements to revitalization.
- Will keep the 10% holdback for repairs in Playground and remaining money in that account to be moved to yard revitalizations.
- Transactions from lunch account to be moved to appropriate account
- Spirit wear – 3 orders
- Transfer \$5700 approx from yard to fundraising

6. Admin Report

- Term one report cards were available on February 16th for parents to download from the website. A reminder that parents need to have their accurate email on file with the school to make this possible
- Incident on Feb.17th around 12pm at school was resolved – no threat to students
 - i. Front door is now locked
 - ii. Exploring with the board the possibility of a buzzer and camera system for the front door as currently parents phone the main line to access the building.
 - iii. Parent suggested a dedicated phone line for front door as there are times Ms. Emmons may be on the phone and unable to pick up.
 - iv. Buddy system should be put in place for kids coming in from portable for washroom breaks
- Grade Eights have been starting the transition to high school with the selection of their courses for grade nine.

7. Movie Night

- A reminder will be announced on daily announcements

- There will be 3 different price points for snacks and beverages
- Claire, Kelly, Kyle, Cari, Shelly and Mia will be volunteering
- Shelly to bring in coolers
- 5:30 doors will open

8. School entry – Security - Buzzer?

- Covered in admin report

9. Yard/Outdoor Space Committee

- Shelly, Kyle, Shauna, Kimberly and Amy
- Soccer to be implemented for spring? \$5, 141.50, does this include removal for one goal post?
- Tarmac painted for kindy yard
- Could ask for donations from parents for kindy yard? Ask teachers to make a list of specific needs

10. New Business

- Discussion of having an astronomy dome come to the school. Contact information was provided. Admin to look at insurance requirements and cost.

11. Next meeting date

- April 4th 6:30pm

12. Meeting adjourned at 20:55

