

September 2023 School Council Minutes

Date: Sept 26th 2023

Time: 18:36 – 20:30

Location: Library - Spencer Ave ES

Minutes taken by Amy Lang

Parent Attendees: Jennifer Horne, Claire Gardener, Lisa Lankhof, Amy Lang, Kyle Adams, Sharan Kelley, Samantha Bonnell, Becky Miller, Karen Jennings, Angela Hudon, Lindsay Sadowski, Veronica Smith, Stephanie Kilday, Sabrina Brissett, Amanda DaConceicao, Kayla Hillier, Laura Dilba, Cayla Cherry, Krista Clinch, Camille Bridge, Sarah Erwin, Charlotte Rivoire, Cari Mistry, Narius Mistry, Sarah Erwin, Krista Clinch, Cayla Cherry, Laura Dilba, Teresa McMillan, Mia Pires and Chetan Sachdeva.

Staff Attendees: Principal – Kimberly Dempsey Jones , Vice Principal- Nia Pommier and Theresa McMillan (New staff rep. liaison between council/staff/students)

1. Jen started the meeting 6:36pm, began with the Land Acknowledgement.
 - Mrs.DJ reviewed “Code of Ethics” – copy of bylaws can be found on web page. Council should be a positive experience for everyone involved.

2. Review and acceptance of agenda – Move elections up in agenda – Mrs.DJ approved, second by Cari

3. 2023-2024 Election
 - Chair – Jennifer Horne
 - Vice Chair – Becky Miller
 - Secretary – Kelli Strutt

- Alternate Secretary – Sharan Kelley
- Treasurer – Cari Mistry
- Alternate Treasurer – Stephanie Kilday
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4. Review and acceptance of June 2023 meeting and minutes.

5. Admin Report

- We have 442 students this year. We welcomed 25 new JKs, 21 new FIs, 9 new gifted students and about 15 new families in other grades.
- Needed to reorganize our kindergarten classes from 3 to 2
- School improvement – Board/ province is focusing on Literacy, Math and student attendance.
- School clubs, teams and leadership opportunities are starting up.
- Last Friday we had a great Terry Fox school event.
- This week we acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation week
- Child & Youth Counsellor is in Spencer 2 days a week
- We have begun the 8 part student workshops from Family Transition Place for grades 5 to 8.
- Parent Council's 2022/23 financed - Soccer standards are in (waiting on nets), lines are painted in kindergarten yard, funnel ball is installed, mud kitchen is in, picnic tables are coming and waiting on umbrella shade as board changed suppliers, aiming for spring installation.

6. Treasury update

- reviewed commitment of expenses still needing to be paid from accounts.
- Financial statement is available to review

7. Hot Lunches – Funds raised with school lunches will be allotted to “Field Trips & Specialized Programming (including transportation)”
- Boston Pizza Presentation (Chetan Sachdeva)
 - i. Variety of options/ can change weekly (salad, pizza, burgers, chicken fingers, pasta, quesadillas)
 - ii. Made fresh daily
 - iii. Cutlery/ napkins included
 - iv. Triple check orders / each order is pre-bagged w students name and then grouped by class
 - v. Can call and order directly is missed cash online
 - vi. Can deliver for second lunch periods A & B – so hot when student receives
 - vii. Options – gluten free, vegan & everything is peanut free
 - viii. Invoice cycle – monthly, quarterly.
 - ix. 1-2 days for orders
 - Biggest profit has been Johnny’s Pizza – pricing is \$11.75/ pizza & we sell for \$2.75/slice
 - Council Voted to try Boston Pizza & keeping all previous vendors.
 - Schedule – Cari will work w/ Mrs.Emmons to get options on school cash online
 - i. Tuesday – Pita Pit
 - ii. Wednesday – Lunches Made Easy
 - iii. Thursday – Johnny’s Pizza – will get this started first for October 19/23
 - iv. Friday – Boston Pizza
 - Mrs. DJ will get nutritional forms to board
 - Lisa Lankhof & Krista Clinch -will be point of contacts for School lunches.
 - Option has been added to cash online of donating \$2, \$5 or \$10 to help pay for another students lunch. Will keep it open at all times with “would you like to pay for another student’s lunch?”

8. New Business

- FTP for 2024/2025 – Mrs. DJ, seconded by Cari
- Astro Lab – Mrs. DJ & Mrs. Pommier will be looking into
- Lisa Lankhof – would like a Student Hockey Team- Mrs. DJ will put it out to teachers to find a coach
- Winter Fair – December 2, 2023
 - i. Volunteers needed
 - ii. Council approved \$1000 for winter fest expenses – presented by Cari, seconded by Amy
 - iii. Kyle will send email to start Winter fest meetings.
 - iv. Secondary School students can get volunteer hours when helping with winter fair
 - v. Winterfest funds raised will be allocated for home reading supports for primary students
- Movie Night on October 26, 2023 - will pause for later date.
- ****amended via email*** Movie night is a go for October 26th

9. Next meetings October 24, 2023 @ 6:30pm and November 21, 2023 @6:30pm – will be added to school calendar on website.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30