

January 2024 School Council Minutes

Date: January 23 2024

Time: 18:31 – 19:44

Location: Library - Spencer Ave ES

Minutes taken by Kelli Strutt

Parent Attendees: Kelli Strutt, Jennifer Horne, Sobrina Brissett, Amanda DaConceicao, Krista Clinch, Kayla Hillier, Claire Gardener, Laura Dilba, Cayla Cherry and Cari Mistry

Staff Attendees: Principal – Kimberly Dempsey Jones and Theresa McMillan

1. Jen started the meeting 6:31pm, began with the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Review and acceptance of agenda

3. Review and acceptance of November 2023 meeting and minutes

4. Admin Report
 - Teachers will be working on first term report cards/communication of learning during the PD day this Friday. Reports will be available on the Parent Portal on February 15
 - We received a lot of positive feedback from parents during the event. The primary division is in the process of ordering home reading materials.
 - Kindergarten registration is now open. So far we have 15 students registered for September.
 - Today we had our first Zumba class for students in grade 4-8 and on Thursday we have the grades 1-3 dancing

- We are joining other schools across Dufferin in supporting our local food bank by having a “Coldest Night of the Year” day on February 21.
- Thank you to Mrs. McLarnon who has been working with the juniors on building their understanding of the UN Sustainability Goals and global competencies like innovation, creativity, collaboration and problem solving. They are learning about the issue of local food insecurity and are designing PSAs in support of this event
- Our Spencer Avenue Allies did an excellent job promoting No Name Calling Week last week and you will see positive statements around the school. They are meeting next week to plan their activities for February and March.
- Our EcoClub is working on a number of initiatives throughout the building to make students more aware of their carbon footprint. On February 1 they will be promoting National Sweater Day. They have asked that I request the school temperature be reduced by 2 degrees during the event to draw attention to energy conservation

5. Financial update

- Chrome books – 20 are needed = \$7, 000.00
- Field trips \$4, 000.00
- Financial reports are always available to view

6. Winter Fest Recap

- Very successful event - \$7, 240.70 profit
- Next year plan to be on the 2nd Saturday of December, The 14th of December
- Look into characters? Maybe a dance studio can perform?

7. New Business

- Big Box of Cards as a new fundraiser?
- Papa Johns would like to be introduced as a new lunch item. Not sure there is space???

- Grant available through UGDSB – PIC (Parent Involvement Committee). What could we use it for? Jen to look into.
- How do we get parents involved in family BBQ? Maybe we can include Town of Orangeville Big Box or Art Exploration? To be discussed in March
- Different vendors for swag ???
- Is Dance-a-thon a go? undecided

8. Next meeting will be February 27, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 19:44