

November 2023 School Council Minutes

Date: November 21 2023

Time: 18:32 – 19:48

Location: Library - Spencer Ave ES

Minutes taken by Kelli Strutt

Parent Attendees: Kelli Strutt, Jennifer Horne, Amy Lang, Kyle Adams, Sobrina Brissett, Amanda DaConceicao, Krista Clinch, Charlotte Rivoire and Cari Mistry

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 6:32pm, began with the Land Acknowledgement.
2. Review and acceptance of agenda
3. Review and acceptance of October 2023 meeting and minutes
 - On hold as they were not sent out
4. Admin Report
 - Progress Reports/Initial Communications of Learning are available now for parents on the Parent Portal. The PA day on Friday is for interviews
 - there are many things that are happening and many ways for students to become involved in clubs and teams. Students can find out about these opportunities by paying attention to the daily announcements.

- Social Justice club started – includes 3 teachers and students from grade 4-8. Covers things like “how to make the school welcoming to newcomers”, “things to improve in the community”
- Thank you to the teachers who give up their own time.
- Our students in grades 4-8 have completed the WHY survey this week. A link to the parent survey was shared earlier this week
- Congratulations to our girls and boys volleyball team on reaching the semi-final of the county tournament.

5. Winter Fest update

- Wristbands are available to purchase online
- New feature this year – kids/junior vendor market and a café for parents
- Bake sale needs more items, vendor market is filling up and silent auction items needed

6. Staff appreciation

- Need to come up with something to show appreciation to school staff, food or gift of some kind? Kind card – similar to FTP cards?
- Letter for each teacher? Words of appreciation
- Maybe proceeds from an event next year by council can be allocated towards something substantial?
- Email council to start a committee for staff appreciation

7. New Business

- Zoom link for parents who miss council meetings?
- Garbage after food days – maybe ECO club can take initiative to eliminate some waste? BYO cutlery?
- Boston Pizza has been a big hit

- Feb 14-20 kindness week

8. Next meeting will be January 22, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 17:48