

October 2023 School Council Minutes

Date: October 24th 2023

Time: 18:56 – 20:30

Location: Library - Spencer Ave ES

Minutes taken by Kelli Strutt

Parent Attendees: Jennifer Horne, Claire Gardener, Lisa Lankhof, Amy Lang, Kyle Adams, Sharan Kelley, Becky Miller, Angela Hudon, Veronica Smith, Sobrina Brissett, Amanda DaConceicao, Kayla Hillier, Laura Dilba, Cayla Cherry, Krista Clinch, Camille Bridge, Charlotte Rivoire, Cari Mistry and Mia Pires

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 6:35pm, began with the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Review and acceptance of agenda

3. Review and acceptance of September 2023 meeting and minutes

4. Admin Report
 - Progress reports going out mid November
 - There are lots of wonderful experiential opportunities happening for our students. We also have an opportunity to have the Headwaters Raquet Club come in to teach each of our classes from grades 2 - 8 racquet sports

during one of their gym classes in November. They have offered to come for three Wednesdays for a total cost of \$1500 (\$100 per class). We are asking council to consider supporting these so the experience will be free to students.

- One area of school improvement that all schools are working on is improving student achievement in reading. We are looking to build a library of borrowed texts that students can take home to share and practice with parents.
- Teachers are working on improving reading on our PD Days, staff meetings, divisional meetings and release days.

5. Treasury update

- reviewed financial statement that is available to anyone that wants to view it.
- Transfers need to be done so that accounts have accurate balances
- Cash flow won't balance until lunches close and fall trips are processed

6. Movie Night update

- Everything has been purchased, spent \$559.01
- Movie will be "Scoob"
- Volunteers for day of - Stephanie, Becky and Kelli

7. Winter Fest

- Stephanie is Chair and will be running the vendor market
- Shahriar will be running the bake sale again
- Kyle in charge of crafts again
- Kelli will be reaching out to businesses for silent auction items and Karen will be getting donations from our community and class baskets
- Mia will be in charge of the jolly jars again

- Jen will be managing all of the marketing
- Becky is coordinating the volunteers
- Cari – will be doing everything else including communicating with admin regarding our needs
- Potential for student market in the library?
- Would like have to spirit wear set up again the day of
- Recipes in a jar will be picked up @ Winter fest

8. New Business

- Hockey team for grade 7&8 may be put in place. Will be Mondays at 3:30 at Tony Rose – run from December to February
- Council may support players who can't afford equipment and fee
- Yard committee needed again for 2023-2024 – will be Kelli and Angela
- Question regarding spirit days? – Spencer spirit squad will be meeting Oct 25th to plan future activities

9. Next meeting will be November 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 19:52