

School Council Minutes – Tuesday Sept 24th, 2024

Welcome and Intros

- Review of positions
- Shanna only received four emails re: secretary and treasurer, co-chairs: no voting needed
 - Ash G – Secretary, Kali – Treasurer, Jennifer M and Stacey – Co-chairs
- In attendance: Shanna, Stephanie M, Erin, Kali, Jennifer M, Jennifer H, Chris, Ash G, Renata, Ashley W, Stephanie W
- Regrets: Stacey
- A focus coming out of last year and remaining for this year: to ensure that all students and families have opportunities to get involved (reduced cost/barriers)

Principal's Report

- Great start to the year so far!
- Many teachers have moved around classrooms, excited for open house on Thursday
- EA allocation will stay the same, EA Monique will be moving to Lockview, EA Sandra will be joining us for Grs 1-2
- Instructional programming and student census
 - Slideshow with basic info on census
 - Gr 7-8 completing in class
 - Gr K-6 parent completes according to student voice
 - To better understand student populations
 - Identify and eliminate barriers to student success
 - Questions include demographic information
 - Voluntary and confidential, data will be collected and analyzed to inform school initiatives and programming
 - Language Resource Teachers to assist with the survey if needed
 - School council please encourage other parents to complete census
- Big to-do: teachers super excited about year-end trips, Grs 4-8 have plans going
 - Confidential! (keeping secret from students) Gr 4–7-day trip to Toronto
 - Gr 8, can it be overnight? If it is, everyone needs to be able to access and afford
 - Fundraising already beginning for those trips (snack shack cards)
 - Different staff members have signed up to sell snacks
 - Bake sales, hot dog Tuesdays
- Hoping to buy computers with leftover money from last year fundraising
 - Gr 4/5 class without their own computers
- School Messenger communication now possible from homeroom teachers
- Website redone over summer; mistakes have been corrected
- Open House Thursday Sept 26th 4-6pm
- Scholastic Book Fair open every day this week on first break as well as Thursday
- Parent Involvement Committee, Nov 6th, Eden, 4-8:15pm – student well-being in digital age, technology addiction, dinner and childcare provided, registration will open in October
- Construction over the summer to install dimmable lights
- Working on replacing pavement in parking lot

- Parking lot procedures being followed more closely this year, keeping an eye on this as weather gets less favourable
- New Code of Conduct, available on DSBN site

Financial Update

- Around \$2600 remaining in account from last year, need to replace/replenish woodchips on playground, expected cost is \$ 1806.87
- Jen M will have proper financial update for team next month
- Beginning this year we cannot accept cash at any events, nor can we run raffles or “thons” – anything thought to resemble gambling

2024 Goals and Ideas

- Fundraising
 - Mom’s Pantry and Coffee (November order for pick up December)
 - Krispy Kreme (Ash G to reach out and determine timeline)
 - Trivia night (May with Mr. Coles!)
 - Cost for the evening plus snacks
 - Movie Nights (December and Feb)
 - Cost associated for the evening plus snacks
- Spending/Activities and Events
 - 22 Gr 8s – school council to purchase personalized hoodies and yearbooks for each, as well as cake and decorations for grad
 - Hoodies from last year were \$50 each, Sarah didn’t have great feedback on quality, this year let’s consider George Enns (around \$60 each, Shanna reaching out), or the school spirit wear provider
 - Steph W suggests asking students what they prefer style wise
 - Cheaper cake options this year (Costco?)
 - Pancake lunch on Wednesday December 18th
 - Woodchips \$1200
 - FUN DAY at end of year - freezies, and possibly hot dogs

Meeting Schedule for 2024/25

- Tues Oct 22, 2024 @ 6:30pm
 - Mom’s Pantry and Coffee fundraising plans
 - Grad hoodie plans
 - Financial update
- Tues Nov 26, 2024 @ 6:30pm
- Tues Jan 28, 2025 @ 6:30pm
- Feb 25, 2025 @ 6:30pm
- March 25, 2025 @ 6:30pm
- April 22, 2025 @ 6:30pm
- May 27, 2025 @ 6:30pm