

Martin Street School Council Minutes

11/4/24

The regular council meeting was called to order by Vice Principal Heather Harrold at 7:05 PM

In Attendance: Jamila Jones, Jennifer Sibbit, Fiona Kahai, Arif Iqbal, Jennifer Bendle, Kirk Weatherell, Stacy Campbell-Grant, Anam Qamar, Maika Gergerau (Staff Representative), Heather Harrold (Vice Principal)
Regrets: Jackie Febers (Principal),

The minutes of the meeting held on 10/2/24 were approved with corrections.

Administrators Update:

Extracurricular Activities are in full swing, with the following activities being offered to students: Spirit Squad, Grade 5 Intramurals, Grade 7/8 Intramurals, Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball, Library Helpers, Equity Club, Free to Be Me Club, Study Hall, Open Music, Band, Choir

A provincial volleyball cup was held in the Martin Street gym on Oct 25 & 26

Report Cards will be sent home Monday, Nov 18

Student Led Conferences will be held during the week of November 25 with most of the conferences being Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29

All students in senior Kindergarten through Grade 2 have completed Early Reading Screening. Results will be communicated to families in the coming weeks. Our primary teachers will use this data to support reading instruction in the classroom.

The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test has been administered to grade 4 students. Individual results have been shared with families.

2024 individual EQAO data has been received and shared with families. School-based data is summarized below, with the percentage of students who achieved at or above provincial standard in each grade and area indicated.

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Grade 3	74%	59%	60%
Grade 6	92%	88%	67%

Two new staff members have been added to our team. Ms. D. Sharad has joined our EA team and Mme M. Boutros will be teaching our Grade 2 French Immersion students.

Starting Monday, November 4th there will be a Fall Festivities Spirit Week with opportunities for students to dress up each day of the week. There will be a move-a-thon for all grade levels on Friday, November 7th with alternative activities offered in the library.

New Business:

1. The question of how to get more families involved in the council and the school was raised. Members would like to see a stronger sense of community within the school. Suggestions were made to ask families what they would like to see and to move forward this school year with the intention of bringing families together.
2. The Council will host a Holiday Potluck. The date is to be determined (either Dec. 12 or Dec. 5). The event will be combined with a charity donation. Stacy Campbell Grant will chair the subcommittee in planning this event. Heather Harrold will confirm a date for the event after checking the school calendar.
3. The suggestion was made to have a student government. Currently, Martin Street has a Student Leadership Group of grade 7 and 8 students.
4. Several suggestions were made to support the intention of bringing families together, including parents' night (hot cocoa party, childcare provided), Chat and Chai with the principal, requesting parents to volunteer at various events, movie night, parent council table at all events
5. Motion: The School Council will financially support Grade 8 Graduation with \$20/student. Moved by J. Sibbit. Seconded by K. Weatherell **Carried**
6. The first Movie Night will be held on January 30, 2025

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Martin Street P.S. Learning Commons

Motion to adjourn J. Sibbit. Seconded A.Qamar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.