

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes



Date: Dec 5, 2023

Attendees: Lisa, Sorrelle Stinson, Adrienne Coughlin, Melissa Money, Brintha Chanthirakumar, Vanessa Morgan, Aliya Philip, Avinash (Navin) Singh, Mara Clarke, Intisar Adnan, Anushka Walgama, Stephanie Randolph, Gina Cockfield, Nivetha, Jennifer Thompson, Trishna

Regrets:

Meeting Chair: Anushka Walgama

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement	Read by Ryan Pittman
2. Meeting Norms and Attendance	- Ryan reviewed the format for each meeting and expectations of those in attendance - Attendance was taken
3. Public health nurse Rachel Bennet	Rachel joined our meeting to discuss the work that her team has been doing in Durham region school and in the classrooms with the students. Topics of discussions have been based on curriculum supported health, mental and physical activity, and digital. The team uses interactive activities to convey their messages. Public health has been apart of our wellness fair in school and has also done a hand washing session with the younger students. Their goal is to work with the school to promote leadership within students. If you have any questions, please pass them thru the principle.
4. Passing of the minutes	- Reviewed the minutes from October & November 2023 - October meeting minutes were first approved by Mara C and Anushka W second the motion for adopting the October SCC meeting minutes. - November meeting minutes were first approved by Anushka W and Intisar A second the motion for adopting the November SCC meeting minutes.
5. SCC Insurance	After reviewing the information that was brought forth by Ryan the SCC committee decided not to purchase SCC insurance.
6. PROGrant	ProGrant forms were submitted. Received an update December 4, 2023 asking for more details. December 7 the grant was re-evaluated and the school will hear of a decision in the new year, 2024.
7. Treasurer's Report	The SCC currently has a balance of \$8466.73 after the purchase of \$300 for snack for vaccination day.
8. Tents	- Ryan researched companies for tent purchases and found the Impact Instant Canopy company where They create the next evolution in pop up canopy frames. The CL Frame provides a perfect balance between strength and stability. The CL Frame with Roller Bag Kit sets the high standard: great for business or pleasure. The CL Instant Canopy Kit is perfect for in-door or outdoor events - The company has 5 fabric colors available. All fabric is fire retardant that meets ULCS 109, CPAI 84 & NFPA 701 fire codes. Our stock colors are white, red, blue, black, and green. - Canopy Tops are also customizable with school logo.

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	• 10'x10' Heavy Duty Strong Commercial Grade Steel Frame • 500 denier fire-retardant water-resistant polyester fabric top • Canopy top meets ULCS 109, CPAI 84 & NFPA 701 fire codes • Canopy frame leg size: 1 1/4" Square • Includes Frame, Top, Roller Bag, and Rope & Spike kit • UV treated • Buckles to secure top to frame • Pinch Proof Thumb Lock Slider for ease of operation • Nylon/fiberglass connector brackets • Heavy duty steel foot pads with spike holes • Easy set up – No Tools Required • Item Weight: 57 lbs. • Replacement Parts available to ensure long life of your investment • SCC will purchase 2 tents with decals on 2 sides – final price to be determined once the customization is finalized (approx. \$475 each prior to tax and shipping.)
9. Administrators' Report	• Intermediate vaccinations went successful (thank you for volunteering, Michelle and Nikki) • Remembrance Day assemblies – went well • Winter Concerts - Primary/Junior Concerts (December 13 & 14 at 6:30 pm) • Kindergarten Winter Celebrations (December 15 1pm & 2pm) • Student Council working on a Movie Night for students and families (January 18) – save the date – ACF Streaming service, an inexpensive add-on to the standard public performance license, that allows viewers to watch movies anywhere within the school without the requirement of a physical copy of the movie, was purchased for the school to play movies that are licenced. • Progress Reports went out to the families and Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interview night was a success. • Raffle Baskets Fundraiser – ongoing we are getting lots of items in to create big fun baskets • Food and Clothing Drive - what a success! Mounds of clothes arrived to the school – Viola Desmond is planning a Viola gives back night which gives an opportunity to school/community members to come into the school and thrift for items they need/want. Whatever items are left over the school will donate. • Extra-curricular: a. Knitting Club (with Ms. Merrick) b. Cricket c. Volleyball d. Chess Club e. Spanish Club f. Robotics, STEM Clubs • COVID TEST Kits from the DDSB were sent home - One kit will be sent to families based on the youngest student in a family or an 'only student' based on information in our student records. • Photo Retake Day - Tuesday, December 5 • Attendance Letters 15% or more absence will get a letter sent home notifying parents/guardians of the absences • Transgender Flag Raising (November 20) • Kindergarten Parking Loop – it has been moving more smoothly in the morning. Pick up routine is still an issues. • December 6 and 7: Grade 2 and 3 Positive School Climate presentations • December 8: Jen Lawrence, Child & Youth Service Worker visiting

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	• Cookie Day this Friday – Selling cookies at a reduced price of \$1! • December 22: Last day of school before the Break • January 15-18: Vision Screening, SKs only
10. Words from our teacher	• Ms Coughlin – working with government in the summer about language – training from school board – attended workshops about integrating curriculum into the schools. Learning the rules of phonics and decoding reading – exciting new learning with new activities – for Kindergarten to grade 8
11. Fundraising and Community Engagement updates	• FlipGive – current \$107 – Ryan will put it into the staff emails • Raffle baskets – items are slowly coming in. SCC will put together baskets based on items received and display them prior to the concerts. • Other fundraising and community engagement ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.
12. Library update: Mrs. Money	• Book Fair: November 2nd-16th was a super success. The school made \$7000 in sales and \$3000 in scholastic money was received to the school. Mrs. Money purchased \$1000 in books from the fair for the school library and will also be purchasing resources that the school will need • Went to book buying event – and asked teachers students what they wanted so she could pull books based on topics of interest. • Project update grade 8: they have begun working on their digital citizenship projects. They will be presenting their projects in the new year to the junior classes on a topic of choice that is related to digital citizenship. These topics will be presented using fun and engaging games, podcasts, video or presentations. • Skills Ontario update: Ontario wide competition that promotes and highlights jobs within the trades. Viola Desmond will be participating in a variety of the competitions that begin this coming winter. Robotics for grade 7 & 8 students has begun and students are well on their way to creating their robots. Construction club will be beginning this month when the materials arrive. • Microbits are being taught to grade 4 & 5 students. Cycle club to begin in the new year for grades 4-6 • Coming soon: Forest of reading will begin in the new year. There are 50 books in the program and it covers all ages. These books are written by Canadian authors and students will get the opportunity to vote for their favourite. Staff will become experts on one book and once a student reads a specific book (grade 3-8) they will connect with the teacher, that is an expert on it, and get their reading passport signed. All kindergarten-grade 3 students will have picture books to read during their library period from January to April.
13. Meeting adjourned. Next Meeting	• Meeting adjourned 1st by Mara C and 2nd by Vanessa M • Next meeting January 9, 2024 at 6:30pm
New Action Items	• OJEN Charter Challenge – date for submission passed – more for secondary students