

Council Meeting Minutes

13 November 2023 / 6:00 PM / Alexander's Library and Google Meet

Chair: Sandra Kirkland	Voting Members: Carolina Ulloa Jennifer Marson Sarah Burns Pranav Kumar Vangipurapu Amrita Tripathi Santhan Kassiedass Shaleen Kassiedass Lisa Mitches Leah Christie Tanya Laing Amila De Silva Siyamin Shan Vyas Dalal Zrobok Volunteer Representative: Craig McKay PIC representative: Shivamohan Pollicepatil (regrets)
Vice Chair: Pamela Ramnarain	
Secretary: Samantha Jackson (regrets)	
Treasurer: Shelley Krishnan	
Communications: Katie Singer (regrets)	

Call to Order Land Acknowledgement	Call to order at 6:04 PM Phil recited Land Acknowledgement Minutes carried
Chairs Update	Halloween Reflection: Sandra acknowledged that events surrounding Halloween resulted in strong emotions and some mixed messaging by the community. Sandra confirmed that discussion has occurred between the Chairs and the Principal's Office, and that more careful communication processes have been put in place moving forward to try to mitigate these matters. Council members asked what those processes are, and how we can communicate those to the community. It was acknowledged that communication with both council and the community will be earlier moving

	<p>forwards, and that council chairs will ensure accuracy and agreement with the Principal's Office about what is shared on behalf of the school - and how.</p> <p>Some discussion about the Facebook Group occurred, and it was confirmed that is not an official channel for formal council or school communication. Council should continue to encourage the community to approach the Principal's Office directly with any questions or concerns, to try to curb mob mentality</p>
Committee & Chairs Ratification	<p>Chairs for Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity & Inclusivity - Chair: Siyamin Shan Vyas - Events - Chair: Sanathan Kassiedass - Fundraising - Chairs: Katie Singer & Lisa Mitches - Academics - Chair: Pamela Ramnarain and Teressa Jackson - NEXT STEPS: Council Chairs will email committee chairs with process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create committee mandate/goals - Recruit committee members - Report back to council asap with years plan/budget requirements - PIC Co-Chairs will provide a template to submit Proposals
Super Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other chairs from schools within Burlington gathered - ALX has really high council commitment/engagement compared to other schools - Other council chairs were impressed with our fundraising efforts - Superintendent Flahat spoke about the Multi-Year Plan which focuses on five commitment - Environmental Leadership, Indigenous Perspective and Awareness, Equity & Inclusion, Learning and Achievement, Mental Health and Well-Being - Halton doesn't get as much funding as other boards - Big focus on mental health and well-being - Amy Collard will attend our events where possible to engage with council and the community.
Angel Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The educators and principals office tend to just know who needs the support, but families will also ask. - Council can help by letting staff know if they become aware of someone in need - Council could contribute a portion of our fundraising into the Angel Fund - Last year it was over \$2000 donated to Angel Fund initiatives out of school budget - NEXT STEPS: Fundraising Committee review and proposal if we will donate a portion of each fundraising initiative or perhaps a lump sum at year end.

<p>Principals Update (Danielle)</p>	<p>EQAO results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reading 80.4% of our grade 3s are at or above provincial standing - 60.9% - writing 65.2% in math are level 3 or higher - Grade 6 - reading: 90.4% at level 3 or higher up from 84%; writing: 82.7% down from 87.5%; math: 60.5% up from 58.9% - School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement - building stronger number sense foundations in primary grades and problem solving focus in junior - common problem solving language in divisions for clarity of understand for students, and increasing open-ended problem solving - Halton is most underfunded yet we perform the highest. - grade 6 - 21/22 0 exempt - this year 9% of students are exempt from the test - 22/23 - 22% excluded and 31% this year. - Primary 13% English not first language 21/22 vs 22/23 - 39.1% English not first language - English not first language are students are not exempt - PD DAY efforts unpack these results and staff strategizes how to address students that need additional support. - Mathematical processes (thinking and problem solving) are a key focal point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key considerations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need flexible thinkers to meet goals - Build strong number sense foundation - Common problem solving model in the divisions at every level; teachers consistent with approach and common language. - More access to open ended problems with multiple access point <p>Discussion: record or take pictures at events?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on whether or not anyone can record or take pictures at school events. Parents will still want to capture their kids and can the school mandate it? - Emily: separate message informing people to not capture other children or if other kids are in your video, please don't post publicly. <p>Treasurer update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$8276 + Fresh from Farm - \$8913.59 - Pro Grant is \$750 to PIC - Fundraising Plan was due at the end of October - We have to be clear about what we are fundraising before we fundraise. - Consideration for some fundraising \$\$ to be spent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field Trips for students is one area, which could benefit from the fundraising budget
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Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● If you need help on anything, everything takes time - Lisa offers to provide feedback if anyone has any questions regarding events.● 4 weeks to get something on CashOnline
Next meeting December 4, 2023 - 6:00pm	