



Nobleton Public School (NPS) Council
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School Council Minutes

NPS Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 / 7:00 p.m. / NPS Library

Attendees:

School Administration: Pamela (Pam) McInnis (Principal)

Staff Representative(s):

Parents: Andrea Maddalena (Co-Chair), Sonia Verrilli (Co-Chair), Lynn DiDonato (Public Relations), Sarah Miller-Ferdmann, Seb Casto, Sandy Sicoli, Daniella Costa,

Regrets: Melania Parente (Secretary), Tatiana Bosnjak (Treasurer), Natasha Capretta

Call to Order:	Pam @ 7:05 p.m.
Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2023 Meeting:	
	Sarah made the motion to be approved, motion was seconded by Sonia, motion carried.
School Report:	
Co-Chair's Report (Andrea)	
	<p>An e-vote has been passed on Jan 30th giving \$500 to chess club. February fundraiser money has been spent. Our new hydroponics tower is being used and there is lots growing. Musical instruments have been purchased and are in. \$1,500 has been approved for robotics. Robotics equipment is in the process of being ordered. A portion of the \$500 approved for chess will be used to cover chess competition fees for all participants. Library games have been purchased and are in use. Proceeds from one snack shack are being put towards the guest speaker. \$50 has been approved per teacher to cover any costs associated to arts night. \$1000 total will be divided per class to cover any costs associated to arts night i.e., paint, canvases, etc.</p> <p>Tablecloths and easels for arts night will be provided by Sandy and Sonia (borrowed from St. Michael C.S.S.).</p> <p>The Robotics competition is being held at our school. Snack shack can run and make lots of profit on that day. We will need volunteers for snack shack. The robotics tournament is taking place on April 25th. Arts Night is taking place on April 27th.</p> <p>Andrea asks what parents can help with for arts night.</p>



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	<p>Pam - parents can help do silent auction and organize baskets etc. Sell raffle tickets or silent auction.</p> <p>We can give each class a theme and create a basket. Silent auction bid or raffle option. Can make lots of money. Can organize baskets per table i.e., kindergarten auction for kindle yard. Andrea says most donations thus far have been directed to technology and clubs versus the kindergarten pen.</p> <p>Sandy - why we can't just give a lump sum from parent council funds to the kindergarten yard.</p> <p>Sarah notes, Mrs. Florio has worked so hard in presenting a plan for the kindie yard. Soccer nets are priority. Technology needs to be replaced.</p> <p>Sandy – why are pancakes not provided by parent council? Other schools do. Possibly too many options for money, might be too much for families,</p> <p>Lynn – tickets were provided to all at friendship dance, direct donation always optional.</p> <p>Andrea – we will be having a special snack shack selling cookies and hot chocolate. There will not be another snack shack on the Wednesday as it is too disruptive to student learning,</p> <p>Pam – Let's say that future snack shacks will take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. March 8th and 22nd will be the dates for March due to March Break.,</p> <p>Seb – Are we able to advertise in the weekly for parent volunteers or lunch assistants?</p> <p>Lynn –We can also advertise at the welcome BBQ and at arts night.</p>
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Treasurer's Report (Tatiana)	
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	<p>Sonia reads treasurer's report on behalf of Tatiana.</p> <p>February report is as follows: There is \$17,145 to spend. Minus arts night \$1000 and minus \$1500 for grad.</p> <p>The available total to spend is \$14,645.</p> <p>Snack shack is not included as it is always revolving.</p> <p>Pancake Tuesday is not included as we don't have the numbers yet.</p> <p>School donations are not included but are \$1700 as of the last report.</p>
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	<p>Sonia asks Pam if the \$1700 is part of council money or school money. 1700 is council money but must go to the 4 items advertised to parents through the direct donation description.</p> <p>Sandy – doesn't school budget cover projectors or bulbs? Pam – not necessarily if technology is dated, may not have parts to replace with. Entire projectors need to be replaced in some cases. We are provided money per pupil, regardless of how old school is.</p> <p>Running Total on amounts being given to priority areas: \$3000 for projectors \$2000 Junior Basketball Nets (to replace both that are damaged and lower the high one) \$3000 Intermediate Soccer Posts \$6,000 kindergarten yard</p> <p>Andrea: Grad June 26th in the gym and Glen Eagle to follow: 8:30p.m. – 11:30p.m. Angel fund for kids grad fee. Grad amount increased to \$2,000, all agree.</p> <p>All members voted in favour to approve these items.</p> <p>Sarah – for arts night, we can make a thermometer with goal and have a raffle with prizes to add to the kindergarten amount.</p>
<p>Principal's Report (Pam)</p>	
	<p>School Updates:</p> <p>Guest Speaker, Tatiana McFarlane, is visiting the school March 26th. Will be speaking to kids grades 4-8. Intermediates will present to junior and junior to primary.</p> <p>Amaya James who is an author of the book Afro No, is coming to speak on March 3rd. Will give 15-20 min presentations in library and students will be called down by division. Cost is \$200.</p> <p>Bangladesh Heritage month and Sikh heritage month are coming up. Racism is currently still a problem in the school community. Many girls don't feel comfortable wearing the hijab to school.</p>



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	<p>Lynn – are parents welcome to join when the guest speakers visit? We as a council want to work with the staff, we want staff feedback communicated.</p> <p>Pam – we are working through restrictions and board policies.</p> <p>Lynn – Can we apply for the PRO grant?</p> <p>Pam – the deadline is January, online application is still open for the year, \$800 if approved and needs to be completed by June 30th. Must be equity focused.</p> <p>Sandy to look into Paul Davies, guest speaker on social media. Sonia can help Pam with Pro Grant,</p> <p>Pam displays equity focused books from library.</p> <p>Andrea – Can we add a did you know? section for the weekly to speak about the heritage month as an example.</p>
<p>Motion to Adjourn @ 8:45 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Sonia made the motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Lynn, meeting adjourned.</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. NPS Library</p>