



School Council

Regular Meeting School Council
Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30 PM
Library - Esther Starkman School
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – 6:41 pm by S. Kornago

ATTENDANCE - Amita Kohli, Georgina Ball, Shannon Kornago, Amanda Joblinski, Laura Compton, Charlene Cook, Kate Hamilton, Heather Petruk, Areej Fatima, Connie Hillman, Keri Thom, Kyril Mueller

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - S. Kornago

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by A. Kohli. Seconded by C. Cook. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the previous minutes of the September 2023 annual general meeting as presented by L. Compton. Seconded by C. Cook . Motion carried.

Principal's Report - [Attached Report](#)

K. Mueller reported on the recent events and happenings at the school.

- Good start to the year, a theme book is being used to get to know everyone with 11 new staff members and develop a team
- School & District Priorities for this year include: learning about what student excellence looks like at ESS, build an effective understanding of new curriculum, strategic risk taking and building efficacy for staff, data driven decisions to meet students where they are at in all areas
- Enrollment at ESS: 839 students
- Parent Teacher Conferences are this week, focus on reporting reading, writing, math using data from class, screeners, and the leveling work of where students are at currently, parents can continue to follow up with staff
- Division Survey: highlights are out and the results are being used to inform practice, many positive results and growth indicators, also indicates areas for growth

- Field Trips: different options such as band camps and ski trips are being reviewed and information is forthcoming
- Husky Stars: the program is under review related to division goals and Dr. Ungars '9 Things Kids Need' research to maximize the recognition of students with intention
- Aligning Events: work is being done to align school events with contractual constraints and division goals related to staff wellness, events will end prior to 6pm under this initiative
- Upcoming Dates: Schoolzone will be reporting upcoming dates such as the October 20 PD which will focus on new curriculum and pre/post assessments for students

New Business

Playground Book Library - K. Mueller has contacted infrastructure in regards to permission for a school student-built library to be installed near the playground and will follow-up at the next meeting.

School Fruit/Snack Initiative - The cost of this was approved, the minutes will need to be checked for the approval as a part of the budget creation for this year by C. Cook and H. Petruk.

Vertical Garden - One teacher has offered to set-up and run the vertical garden. Any assistance with the care of the garden is welcome.

Sports Tent - A. Kohli is still looking into this and will report back.

Next General Meeting of the School Council - Wednesday, November 15 @ 6:30 pm, school library

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm by S. Kornago.



Fundraising Association

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CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 pm by C. Cook.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - S. Kornago

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by H. Petruk. Seconded by G. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the previous minutes of the September 2023 annual general meeting as presented by A. Kohli. Seconded by L. Compton . Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

H. Petruk reported that there are approximately \$69 000 of casino funds that need to be spent by Oct. 31/2024. The yearly financial report is due to the AGLC in January and the forms should be received in November. There are approximately \$20 000 of funds in the general account with the Husky Star swag expenses from 2022-23 still outstanding. **C. Cook and H. Petruk will be putting together a budget for this year.**

Completed Fundraiser Updates

- Healthy Hunger: the system for 2 deliveries to accommodate grades 1-9 is working and there have been no concerns reported about vendors, Pizza Hut will be added to the rotation (A. Kohli will share the contact), next lunches will be posted soon with coordinating communication pieces, G. Ball reported that it is terrific to have the option of lunches on the same days for 7-9 students, funds have been sent to the school and

will be transferred by cheque to the Fundraising Association, since March of 2023, approximately \$1400 has been raised

- Heritage Confections Popcorn: C. Cook reported orders arrived today for pick-up on Thursday, October 19, \$252.50 has been raised
- Write-On Stationery: S. Kornago reported that \$1336 was raised, G Ball brought up that for the next year, the option to be delivered to homes or picked up ahead of time to label would be beneficial to add for families and teachers

Current Fundraiser Update

- Book Fair: G. Ball reported that it is going well and that it is open until 8pm on the 19th, only a couple of volunteers have failed to show with most attending, the \$20 volunteer credit has worked well and is appreciated so continuing this would be beneficial, staff is making a wish list, there is a goal of \$10 000 raised in order to purchase the wish list items, March 22 is the next book fair and the leadership groups would like to help set up, C. Cook has offered to make a balloon arch to help decorate in May

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Healthy Hunger: Opa is the next hot lunch booked and **other upcoming events will be added soon for ordering**
- Winter Plant Sale & Purdy's: information will be going out at the end of the book fair and with the delivery of items, a pick-up date of December 1 will work for both fundraisers
- Panago Pizza Nights: **this will be set up again for families to order and a percentage of sales will go to the Fundraising Association**

New Business

- Winter Concert: K. Mueller reported that the music teachers are coordinating concerts for the different grade levels, the cost of venues is prohibitive and there is a concern that having a cost for concerts is not supporting music as a curricular component. AGLC funds can be used for occasional rentals of facilities. Motion by C. Cook, seconded by L. Compton to fund \$2000 to cover the cost of renting the Terwillegar Community Church for a grades 1-3 winter concert. Motion carried. **At the next meeting, more details about other concerts will be presented for funding consideration.**
- Success Coach: The costs of the previous success coach are no longer supported by the school budget. This coach worked with students that had urgent mental health needs. K. Mueller asked the group to consider funding some of this cost. **This item has been tabled until the November meeting pending further information.**
- Fruit Initiative: Motion by C. Cook, seconded by G. Ball to provide \$250 for a trial run from October 19 to November 30 or the **healthy snacks initiative as described by S. Kornago. Motion carried. L. Compton will assist with signage and communication.**
- Teacher Appreciation: G. Ball has approximately \$200 remaining from last year to continue the program. When the funds are exhausted, it can be reconsidered.

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Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm by C. Cook.

