



School Council

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General Meeting Minutes
20 November 2024
Esther Starkman School Library

Attendance:

Georgina Ball, Stacey Staron, Cindy Lim, Daniel Diguseppe

Board: Laura Compton, Shannon Kornago, Heather Petruk

Staff: Kyril Mueller

Call to Order & Treaty Acknowledgment

L. Compton called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm, followed by a Treaty Land Acknowledgment.

Approval of Agenda & Previous Minutes

Motion by G. Ball to accept the agenda for 20 November as presented. Seconded by S. Kornago. Motion carried.

Motion by G. Ball to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 16 October as presented. Seconded by S. Staron. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

Kyril M. presented a Principal's report and update on school proceedings. For full details of the presentation, please see [Principal Report November 2024](#)

November 28 - DIV 1 Concert

November 29 - Hot Lunch (Tim Horton's)

November 29 - Term 1 Progress Reports posted for grades 1-9

November 29 - Junior Girls Volleyball tournament at Joan Carr Catholic School
December 2 - Trimester 2 begins (DIV 3 new options start)
December 2 - Math Mentors DIV 3 Math intervention begins
December 8 - Hot lunch order deadline
December 13 - Hot Lunch (Panago)
December 16 - K Field trip to Grey Nuns
December 16 - Grade 2 to Telus World of Science
December 19 - Purdys Chocolate pick up
December 20 - January 5 - Winter Break

Standing Business

Fresh Fruit Program

S. Kornago reported that she is buying only once a week, and it seems to be working well. We are below budget so far. We may have to find a different room to store the fruit, as the current storage room is too hot and it's causing the bananas to turn too quickly.

ACTION: S. Kornago will liaise with admin to find a cooler spot for storage.

ASCE Grant

L. Compton and K. Mueller confirmed that the grant can be used to pay for Math Nights (Boxcars and One-Eyed Jacks) which were funded in the October budget. Div 2 math night was on Monday night and it was very successful. Div 1 math night will be in January.

Tent Banners

A. Kohli is absent. Deferred to January meeting.

ACTION: Obtain quote and order information from A. Kohli before the January meeting

Staff Appreciation

S. Staron and F. McLellan have prepared several ideas for staff appreciation, including a massage therapy day in June, coordinating with a local massage therapy school; there is no cost to us associated with the massage day. L. Compton noted that she discussed the proposed date of Feb 18 with K. Mueller, who suggested that June 9 would work better for staff. It was also thought that this could be a good end-of-year

send-off and could be coordinated with other ideas for this, including a pancake breakfast or a potluck lunch for staff.

G. Ball reported Mr Tran has approached us about providing hot food for the December staff meeting.

ACTION: S. Staron and F. McLellan will follow-up on appreciation ideas at the January meeting. G. Ball will follow-up with Mr Tran regarding the December staff meeting.

Volunteer Appreciation

S. Staron reported on several ideas that she and F. McLellan have come up with for volunteer appreciation and encouraging participation including volunteers being entered into a draw for their child's class to win a pizza party, coffee and snacks for volunteers (ie book fair), etc.

A discussion was held about asking local businesses to donate a pizza party or other items. L. Compton suggested checking with CPK to see if they'd like to expand our relationship in that direction.

ACTION: S. Staron will start a template letter for the group to workshop. L. Compton will check with local School Council / Parent Associations to see if any other schools already have a template letter that we could adapt.

New Business

Parent and Volunteer Engagement

C. Lim suggested making our meetings available on Zoom as well as in person. L. Compton and S. Kornago noted some issues that have arisen in the past when attempting to hold hybrid meetings. G. Ball reported that Lillian Osborne High School hosts their Parent meetings on the same night as we do, which may be affecting our attendance.

S. Staron suggested a volunteer night including fundraising information night with coffee or treats for people who don't want to come to the main meetings and/or having a Zoom meeting once in a while to let people know what's coming up for volunteer opportunities. C. Lim suggested a video or power point with the same information, without the need for a meeting that could be posted to social media or SchoolZone.

ACTION: S. Staron will look into creating reels for social media.

Food Bank

S. Kornago suggests running a food bank in December. Agreed. Discussion about an incentive; students could get a ballot for each item donated to win a popcorn party for their class (one winning class per division).

ACTION: S. Kornago will chair the Food Bank and provide information to the board about how collection and ballot distribution will work. K. Mueller will follow-up with C. Hillman about grade 6 leadership volunteers for this. S. Kornago will also check with the Food Bank to confirm available pickup days. Heather P will make ballots.

Vertical Garden

S. Kornago reported that she is happy to start the garden again, provided that there is a class interested in making it their project. We will continue to run the garden for one year, and see if there is interest before deciding to move forward with it for the 25/26 year.

ACTION: Mr Mueller will reach out to teachers to see if any classes want to take on the garden this year.

Adjournment

L. Compton adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

Next Meeting

15 January 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Esther Starkman Library.