

## School Council Meeting

Minutes – April 8, 2025

6:30 p.m. School Library

Call to order – By Lauren at 6:30pm

### Attendance

Board: Lauren Canniff (Chair), Jason Li (Vice Chair), Connie Sim (Secretary)

Parents: Brandy McCooeye, Syed Faizi, Katrina Meidinger, Tarra Schmid, Tash Sandhu, Kira Groves, Patti McCleary, Raheem Suleman, David Smelquist, Yuan, Joanne Copez, Sue Davies, Nermeen A

Staff: Colleen Marshall, Christy Prowse

### 1. Review of the Agenda

### 2. Approval of the Minutes, as presented for March 11, 2025

Motion: Patti McCleary moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Tash Sandhu, passed with no objection.

### 3. School Presentation – Ms. Marshall, Ms. Prowse

- Celebrations
  - Enrolment- 893 students
  - Last Term- End Strong
  - Back to Normal- Club, Sports, Hot Lunch, Special Days
- Support for Students
  - Teacher Counsellor
  - Literacy Specialist
  - Additional Support Teacher
  - Class sizes range from 22-31
  - Regular Program – 9 EAs
  - Interactions- 6 EAs
- Staff Update
  - Murray Rust: Grade 5- added another class
  - Sarah Feehan: Junior High Science- covering a maternity leave
  - Annie Moughel- added additional EA for kindergarten
  - Helana Crowley- small groups Gr. 3, Gr. 4 & junior high
  - Colleen Peters- moving to HR role downtown
  - Mirna Reichle- AA E April 7-Jun 26
  - Esther Gamester- AA G April 8-30
  - Hiring for Mrs. Peter's job end of this week. Hopefully the successful candidate starts end of April.

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- Supervision
  - 9 teachers during recess: 2 teachers- North, 2 teachers- Playground, 1 teacher- Basketball, 1 teacher- NE, 1 teacher- SE, 1 teacher- South, 1 teacher- Tarmac
  - Drive Through
    - Joey Moss's drive-through feature- handy for parents in a hurry and great for students' independence.
    - Staff morning: 1 teacher- crosswalk, 1 admin, 1 teacher, 3 EAs
    - 4 staff out- 1 at each door
    - Staff afterschool: 2 admin out front, 1 teacher out back, 1 admin monitoring hallways and sport teams
    - Rules are created to keep parking and drive through safe and efficient for everyone:
      - Parents must stay in their vehicle. Children must exit from the passenger side, so car seats should be arranged accordingly. There are volunteers to help open the door and unbuckle car seats if needed.
      - Daily parent volunteers are appreciated.
- Proposed School Hours
  - Biggest change: Early dismissal 2:01 p.m.
  - Elementary Timetable: Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fri- 8:30 a.m. to 3:29 p.m. and Thurs 8:30 a.m. to 2:01 p.m.
  - Interactions Timetable: Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fri- 8:20 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. and Thurs 8:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
  - Junior High Timetable: Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fri- 8:20 a.m. to 3:18 p.m. and Thurs 8:20 a.m. to 2:01 p.m.
- Projections 2025-2026
  - 5 Kindergarten classes (Total number projected: 104, 20 students per class)
  - 4 Grade 1 classes (Total number projected: 108, 27 students per class)
  - 4 Grade 2 classes (Total number projected: 91, 22 students per class)
  - 5 Grade 3 classes (Total number projected: 133, 26 students per class)
  - 4 Grade 4 classes (Total number projected: 97, 24 students per class)
  - 3 Grade 5 classes (Total number projected: 90, 30 students per class)
  - 4 Grade 6 classes (Total number projected: 102, 25 students per class)
  - 3 Grade 7 classes (Total number projected: 76, 25 students per class)
  - 3 Grade 8 classes (Total number projected: 87, 19 students per class)
  - 2 Grade 9 classes (Total number projected: 57, 28 students per class)
  - Budgeting for 970 students
  - Portables are 100%, modular classrooms do not have washrooms
  - Additional Support
    - Literacy/ Library: Emma (.755 FTE Mon-Thurs)

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- Teacher Counsellor/ Library: Jess (.536 FTE Tues- Thurs)
  - Music/Library: New Hire (.413 FTE Thurs & Fri)
  - Music: Miranda (1.0 FTE)
  - Admin
    - Principal: Colleen Marshall
    - AP K-6: Christy Prowse
    - AP 7-9: Melissa Bruins
  - Tech Purchases
    - 3 carts, 108 Chromebooks- \$41 000
      - Division will provide more based on our number of students.
  - YES Day- April 16
    - Grade level teams create a list
    - Charge \$1 - \$2 per items
    - Lists posted on SchoolZone
4. School Council Activities Report- Lauren
- Dates for Next Year
    - Parent Orientation: Thursday, September 4
    - Culture Day: May 22
    - Summer Send Off: June 19
  - Staff Appreciation
    - Pitch: The school IS the people! Our kids deserve the best!
    - Approved: \$1000 early this year
    - Proposal: Staff Lunch, June 23
      - Amore Pasta for \$20 per person (62 people)
  - Summer Send Off- June 20
    - Proposal: Glow Dance & Face Painters
      - \$1300
      - 2 hours
      - Interactive DJ
      - Glow limbo, glow hopscotch, glow conga line
      - Glow products for sale

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- 2 Face painters for 2 hours) Larger designs for more kids
- Food trucks

### 5. Next Meeting

- The next School Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

### 6. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm by Brandy and seconded by Raheem.