



## School Council Meeting

**Date:** Monday, November 20th, 2023  
**Location:** In person- School Library  
**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
**Co-Chairs:** Quintina Wiens, Giovanna Bowes

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## MINUTES

**Attendance:** Alison Currie, Jessica Stubbs, Keriann Shang, Sarah Boddy, Jen Dale, Giovanna Bowes, Christina Aust, Melissa Keown, Meredith Lee, Nicole Barnes, Kristi Huconen, Cory McKeown, Meghan Puchoon, Karen Moffitt, Briane Martin  
**Regrets:** Lisa Duhamel, Quintina Wiens, Kumar Rajesh, Rachelle Rossignol,

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks  
     Land Acknowledgment

Cory  
 Meghan Puchoon

2. Approval of the Minutes from October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Quintina

**MOTION** by Giovanna Bowes; seconded by Cory McKeown to approve the minutes from October 23, 2023; CARRIED

3. Principal's Report

Cory

- A. Advisory on Equity and Inclusion shared regarding holidays and how it applies to the Winter Fair and December traditions. Assemblies have been taking place - Colts assembly and Remembrance Day and just recently a character recognition assembly.
- B. Morning routines for the parking lot were discussed at the last assembly - all listened well but did not follow through with behaviour. We are expecting the students to know the routines and relay that to the caregivers for pick up and drop off times.

4. Teacher's Report

Rachelle

A. Busy month regarding sports.

- a. Junior Girls volleyball played at Zones and went undefeated, which forced them to play in Crossovers and made it to Regionals. They came home from Regionals with second place.
- b. Junior boys Volleyball - played at Zones; won first 3 sets but lost last three not allowing them to qualify for Regionals
- c. Intermediate Girls Volleyball - have not played in any tournaments. They play in Zones on Wednesday.
- d. Intermediate Girls Basketball - played in a tournament at Mapleridge. The girls came out tournament champions when the game came down to 1 basket in the last seconds of the game. They brought home a banner for the school. They play at Zones on Wednesday.
- e. Intramurals are starting soon; looking at which grades and supervision; Intermediate students will have opportunities for leadership.

- f. Chess club is well underway with record numbers of attendance this year. Numbers will rise even more with the cold weather. They have their first event coming up in the new year.
- g. Caribou math has been taking place monthly. Caribou math is for students who are good in math or would like more of a math challenge. Students participate in a wide range of math concepts, including computation methods, rules and formulas. They get the opportunity to practice applying their knowledge in useful real-world scenarios. Students participating all come together in the library to write the monthly test. Students away on the test day get the opportunity to write the following day.
- B. Bullying awareness - lots of prep work by Rachelle for this week. Different messages for each grade level, including cyberbullying,
- C. Santa for Seniors - Senior residents messages are being prepared for distribution.
- D. Book Fair wrapped up today. Appears to be a good success
- E. Eco certification required by the supervisor of the school. Aiming for bronze or silver. GOOS (good on one side) paper will be their first big initiative.
- F. Mental health moments initiatives by Rachelle
- G. Art club for grade 4's 12 kids/ session and 3 out of 4 are full.

#### 5. Student report

Meghan

- A. Intermediate girls basketball Zones are Wednesday here at ARES
- B. Intermediate boys volleyball are at St Gabes on Wednesday
- C. Remembrance Day assemblies - 1 for kindergarten, one for Grade 1-6; Grade 7, 8's went to the Military Heritage Park with assignments to follow through on.

#### 6. ARES A-Team Update

Karen

- A. Karen will be buying the team SCDSB winter toques (53 leaders at this point)
- B. They will be helping out on Wednesday by doing the sign in for zones.
- C. Helping with Fresh from the Farm.
- D. Question from floor about what if Karen leaves - will A Team continue? Absolutely. Biggest component is the initial training at the beginning of the year. During the school year it is less work

#### 7. Art Club

Sarah

- A. Snow globe activity - looking for donations or may need to purchase ACTION: Ask staff if they have any supplies they can donate
- B. Card making as a shorter activity

#### 8. Treasure Report

##### A. Fundraisers:

- a. Barrie Colts night on Oct 19th:  
 \$6,288 was deposited from ticket sales  
 \$5,060 was the amount remitted to Barrie Colts  
 \$1,228 was raised by the school  
 We exceeded our fundraising plan goal of \$1,000  
 The amount raised is up just slightly from the \$1,177 we made at last years January game.

b. Fresh from Farm fundraiser:

\$1,720 was deposited

\$1,032 was remitted to Fresh from Farm

\$688 was raised by the school

Unfortunately, we did not come close to meeting our fundraising plan goal of \$2,000

The amount we raised is up very slightly from the \$677 we raised last year.

c. Raise the Dough on Oct 30th:

We do not yet know how much was raised, still waiting for funds from Domino's.

NOTED: Big Bay Point store stopped sales after 6pm

d. Fun Lunch:

Only proceeds from September have been deposited to date totalling \$321.55, this is up slightly from last September of \$273.21.

September is always a much smaller month with the start of a school year.

October proceeds are a little late to be received due to issues with School Cash vendor.

For information purposes, last years hot lunch proceeds for October totalled \$1,553.

Hopefully at January council meeting (no December meeting due to Christmas break) we will have a better idea of how our fun lunch program is doing as we should have September through December, if not January, proceeds recorded by then.

e. Terry Fox:

\$2,405 was collected and donated in its entirety.

We were just under our fundraising plan goal of \$2,500.

But we exceeded last year, where we only collected \$1,635.

f. Poppies for the Legion:

\$249 was collected, but not yet donated to the Legion (timing).

Possibility that additional funds are still to be deposited by the office.

We are currently sitting below our fundraising plan goal of \$400

Seems like we are collecting less and less each year for this.

Last year we collected \$414.

Final figure will be confirmed at the January meeting.

NOTE: some money may have been submitted directly to the website via provided link

B. Account analysis:

- a. The \$709 transferred into the Student Subsidy account that was approved at the September meeting to provide funds for the beginning of the year have almost been used. Only \$152 balance remaining. We appear to subsidize \$57 in pizza lunches every week. Whatever funds we make from October 30th Raise the Dough night, will be transferred to Student Subsidy per the fundraising plan, however, it does appear that this won't be sufficient and Council will need to discuss at January meeting where additional funds will come from to cover the rest of the year (we are subsidizing just over \$200 in pizza lunches every month).
- b. The \$1620 opening balance in Athletics has almost been fully spent with \$1087.50 paid for SCEAC fees. Additional funds will come from Fun Lunch proceeds per our fundraising plan.

- c. The School Yard Improvement account currently has a \$2026.83 balance, these funds are to be applied towards the cost of the rainbow crosswalk painting once expense comes through.
- d. Looks like we sold over \$1000 of additional yearbooks in October. Account currently sitting with a surplus \$2011 balance after the initial yearbook invoice to Edge Imaging was paid, but invoice for additional yearbook sold is still to come. We should know if any remaining yearbook funds will be left for the current year come the January council meeting.

#### 9. Fundraising Update

- A. Winter Fair Update/ Volunteer Sign Up Giovanna/Quintina
  - a. See handout
  - b. Confusion regarding silent auction donations - if you have things for other themes feel free to donate as well
  - c. NOTE to keep notes of large donations and to note these organizations in the yearbook
  - d. Cut off for donations November 29th
- B. Winter Fair Subcommittee Update Christina/Kristi

#### 10. Other Matters/Questions

- A. Grade 8 trip - letters will be going home hopefully about Kandalore
- B. Spirit wear is finished - to be delivered early December

#### 11. Adjournment

**MOTION** by Meredith Lee, seconded by Alison Currie to adjourn at 8:13 pm; CARRIED  
Next Meeting: Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 (virtual)

Respectfully submitted by Alison Currie