



School Council Meeting

Date: Monday, September 25th, 2023
Location: In person- School Library
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Co-Chairs: Quintina Wiens, Giovanna Bowes

MINUTES

Attendance: Cory McKeown, Stefan Aust, Christina Aust, Nicole Barnes, Jessica Stubbs, Lisa Duhamel, Quintina Wiens, Giovanna Bowes, Sarah Boddy, Brianne Martin, Alison Currie, Melissa Keown, Keriann Shang, Lindsay Knight, Kristy Hachon, Jamie McKinley, Rachelle Rossignol, Karen Moffat
Regrets: Rajesh Kumar, Jen Dale, Meredith Lee

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks Cory
 Land Acknowledgment Student Representative Cory
2. Approval of May 29th, 2023, Meeting Minutes Quintina
 A. **MOTION** by Quintina Wiens, seconded by Lisa Duhamel to approve Minutes from May 29, 2023.
 CARRIED
3. Election of Council, Community, and Student Representatives Cory
 A. Discussed roles, philosophy, community working together
 B. Voting Members will be: Quintina Wiens (Co-chair), Giovanna Bowes (Co-chair), Lisa Duhamel (Treasurer), Alison Currie (Secretary), Voting members - Jen Dale, Christina Aust, Meredith Lee, Keriann Shang, Lindsay Knight, Rajesh Kumar
4. Principal's Report Cory
 A. Playground closed as of tomorrow - needs new sand tilling and more
 B. Meet the teacher - Thursday September 28, 5-6 pm; opportunity to sign up for parent teacher interviews
 a. Question re spring interviews - no formal times set up at this time; parents can set up times throughout the year whenever necessary
 C. Staffing reorganization - 7 split classes when we opened with 50ish requests for classroom changes; mostly about split classes; eliminated 2 of the split classes. moved about 30 students; did not lose any staff; have kept our 4th kindergarten; note: lost 6 staff just before school started which caused a lot of reorganization as well
 D. Crosswalk - painted over the weekend; looks great; will need ongoing upkeep as it fades
5. Teacher's Report Rachelle
 A. Terry Fox Run was a success. A big thank you to Mrs. Yahn who organized the event and the fundraising/t-shirt sales. We had a whole school assembly to kick off the run and then the K-3 students ran on school property and the 4-8 students ran off school property on a designated route. Our school goal is \$3000 and we have currently raised \$1865. Our donation page is still open and we have not yet had the money from our t-shirt sales added to this total. We purchased 111 t-shirts this year. The final total will be updated at the next council meeting.
 B. Many sports are in full swing.

- a. Intermediate Flag football tryouts are done and the team is practicing 3 times a week
- b. Intermediate Girls Basketball tryouts have begun
- c. Intermediate Boys Volleyball sign-ups happened today. Tryouts will begin soon
- d. Junior Girls Volleyball sign up was today, tryouts start tomorrow
- e. Cross Country - Approximately 70 students have been practicing in the mornings. We are allowed to bring 10 students per grade. As we get closer to the meet date, coaches will have a run off to secure the top 10 students to bring.
- C. 2 new clubs have been introduced
 - a. ARES Choir - who have been practicing during lunches to get ready to sing at our up and coming Colt's Night
 - b. The Primary Running Club - Which is targeting grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 students. Focus is on learning long distance running and playing some running games
- D. Our Meet the Teacher Night is this Thursday from 5-6pm. Classes will be open and like last year, parents can sign up for their conference times.
- E. Lunch Monitors are back up and running - Students from grades 4-8 are volunteering their time during lunch to help support our younger students in Kindergarten to grade 3.
- F. SCDSB has re-evaluated the Character Traits. Based on data and student feedback, 23 new character traits have now been introduced. Rather than focus on one attribute each month, the program has been changed to reflect that character is a fluid concept that includes a variety of attributes. We are in the process of creating lesson plans that will be shared out with staff. These lessons will introduce all 23 traits. There will be an update at the next meeting about how ARES will showcase these traits moving forward.
- G. The OPHEA Healthy Schools Certification has begun again this school year. We reached gold level last year and that is our goal again this year. We will focus on the following two goals 1) To support and enhance the health and well-being of their students and staff 2) To increase student engagement and leadership opportunities to support health and well-being at school

6. ARES A-Team Update/Barrie Colts at School/Colt Ticket Sales Karen

- A. Quite a number of students wanting to be on the A-Team
- B. Will be helping out for the Colts game event (October 19, 2023); since we have a choir we will be able to have Colts players come to the school on Tues Oct 3, 9:30-10:30; someone gets to dress up as Charlie Horse; choir will most likely wear a school sports jersey for uniformity; looking at possibly subsidizing the cost of tickets for the choir participants
- C. BINGO night - they will help with this night as well

7. Art Club Sarah

- A. Parent council initiative - going into its 4th year grade 4 students once a week after school - discussed proposal; looking forward to this initiative again this year

8. Treasurer's Report Lisa

- A. *2022/23 List of Approved Expenditures - YEAREND REPORT*
 - a. Everything was completed except painting of pride crosswalk, last item listed. Crosswalk painting only just happened, so this item will be carried over and will show up on the 2023/24 reports, and will be marked complete when invoice is paid.
 - b. **MOTION** by Lisa Duhamel, seconded by Quintina Wiens, to transfer councils portion of \$1000 from General School Needs account to School Yard Improvement account to bring account up to \$2026, from which Ann can pay expense when it comes through. CARRIED
 - c. Teacher allocation spending came in at about half of the allocated amount, which is typical year to year

- d. All other expenditures came in under approved council amounts.

B. 2022/23 Fundraising Plan Revenue Summary - YEAREND REPORT

- a. Preliminary report has been devised but will be reviewed by chairs and admin before submission to the board
- b. Approved Fundraising Plan is the basis for this report
- c. Report splits the fundraising plan into 3 sections: Council Fundraisers, School/Student Fundraisers and Charitable Donations.
- d. Pink column shows how much was raised per fundraiser
- e. Largest Fundraiser is our Lunch Box. We did better than anticipated for our first full year of Lunch Box online, \$14,546, but it is still only about half of what we used to raise by running this fundraiser ourselves.
- f. \$9645 was transferred to Athletics, of which there is currently \$1600 remaining at year end that will be carried forward as a starting balance for 2023/24
- g. Remainder of \$4901.59 was transferred to GSN instead of Playground. Further discussion on transferring a portion of this to Playground account recommended for October council meeting.
- h. Big Box of Cards fundraiser, \$1,136, was transferred to General School Needs instead of to Athletics per Fundraising Plan due to surplus balance remaining in Athletics. These funds could also be included in reallocation to Playground discussion at October council meeting.
- i. Funds and expenses for the Fun Fair and the Track & Field event were consolidated due to both events happening back to back. The Barrie Colts night funds were also applied towards Fun Fair expenses per the approved Fundraising Plan as Fun Fair is not a fundraiser for school. Overall, there is currently \$710 left in Community BBQ account, which is close to estimated profit on approved fundraising plan from track & field food sales.
- j. **MOTION** by Lisa Duhamel, seconded by Qunitina Wiens, to transfer the \$710 balance in Community BBQ account to Student Subsidy account for 2023/24 school year; CARRIED
- k. Question - what does the school get money for; Admin receives ~\$150/student to operate with; majority goes to photocopying, supplies etc.
- l. Good opportunity to advocate for school councils - to raise funds for these type of school needs

C. 2022/23 Account Balance Analysis - YEAREND REPORT

- a. As per report
- b. Funds remaining in accounts at yearend are brought forward into new school year.
- c. Athletics has \$1618 to start the year, but much more will be needed. We spent about \$8000 on athletics in 2022/23, half of which was supply teacher costs
- d. \$479 left in Graduation account. Given that over \$700 was collected from Grade 7 contributions, these funds should remain in the account to be used towards those students who are graduating this year.
- e. Library ended with a healthy balance of over \$3000 raised mostly by the November book fair, book fairs have to be included on approved fundraising plan, but council does not determine how these funds are used, that is up to Librarian and school administration.
- f. School Yard Improvement balance of \$1026 that represents funds raised from pride bracelets and candy grams will be applied to pride crosswalk painting in 2023/24 along with \$1000 from council.
- g. Yearbook has a large balance due to invoice for 2022/23 yearbooks not yet paid. Confirm with Ms. Currie that balance will cover this invoice and not leave a deficit.
- h. \$7000 remains in Playground account, council discussions at October meeting to reevaluate and decide if additional 2022/23 funds moved to General School Needs account should be transferred to playground
- i. General School Needs account:
 - i. \$5498 balance
 - ii. This should actually be closer to \$6000 as \$600 correction still to be made from yearend transfers
 - iii. Less \$1000 to be transferred to School Yard Improvement for Pride Crosswalk painting

- iv. The remaining \$5000 represents surplus funds transferred from Lunch Box and Big Box of Cards that were not needed for 2022/23 Athletics (\$1600 remained in Athletics at yearend) - item deferred to October meeting discussion about playground.
- j. Question - how it works; goals for amounts; based on experience, acknowledge that our athletics are expensive and the better our teams do, the more expensive it is. We have a good history in this area.
- k. We have a healthy financial balance at the end of the year and are ready to go ahead but there are still some bills to be paid.
- l. **MOTION** by Cory McKeown, seconded by Giovanna Bowes, to continue to provide \$50 + tax/teacher, \$100+ tax/ SERT; CARRIED

9. Fundraising Update

Giovanna/ Quintina

- A. Will be meeting to go over the fundraising plan moving forward; aiming to be more profitable, but reduce the number of fundraisers to be more efficient
 - a. Suggestion of a tab on School Cash Online that people can simply donate.
 - b. Discussion of a possible "round up option" or ability to sponsor another student option for field trip fees
 - c. Discussion about possibility of parent classroom reps - one parent/ class to share info with families - concern that information would need to be vetted beforehand
 - d. Discussion about utilizing "Frequently asked questions" on the facebook page// "Did you know?" to explain about fundraisers, school council functions and more
 - e. Fresh from the Farm (Quintina) Delivery is Nov 6-Dec 7; 40% profit from each bundle
 - f. Spirit Wear (Quintina)
 - i. Discuss possibility of having it open all year round or more frequent
 - g. Flipgive (Alison)
 - i. Alison will be leading on this fundraiser going forward - hope to add more promotions to the community
 - ii. easy passive income; have raised ~\$1000 over the last two years - \$195.21 to be awarded shortly

10. ARES Yearbook Update

Alison

- A. Sold 168 copies last year at \$30 for a 96 page book// sold out and have requests for more that missed the deadline so an offer will hopefully be going out in the next week - need 20 more orders to submit
- B. Financially broke even with the cost and sales \$5006.40
- C. Alison is on board to do the yearbook again this year/ prices of production continue to go up but it is the goal to carry itself
- D. Excited that the slide show at the front hall will be continuing this year as soon as photos are in. Students have been asking about this. May need to look at a new tv in the future.
- E. Grad photographer was excellent last year- suggestion to book now!

11. Other Matters/Questions - TABLED

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| ● Garden Club | Quintina |
| ● Bike Rack | Giovanna |
| ● Clothing Drive BFU/ Needs Closet | Giovanna |
| ● Picnic Table | Alison |

12. Date of Meetings for the 2023/2024

Council

- Monday, October 23th, 2023 (In Person)
- Monday, November 20th, 2023 (In Person)
- Monday, January 29th, 2024

- Monday, February 26th, 2024
- Monday, April 29th, 2024
- Monday, May 27th, 2024

Note: September meeting should not be on a religious holiday

13. Volunteer Plug

- A. Suggested that current attendees join the approved volunteer list by using the Community apps protocol
- B. **ACTION:** Request to put this link on the website (Rachelle)

14. **MOTION** by Quintina Wiens, seconded by Alison Currie to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by Alison Currie