

School Council Meeting – Monday, November 6th 2023

6:00-7:30 pm

In attendance: Heidi Cameron-Armstrong, Angie Jarvis, Christine Patterson, Jacqueline Yeatman, Erika Engel, Amanda Mountain, Hyla Woods, Michelle Walbank, Lydie Wakeman, Katie Elliott, Tricia Buell-Malcolm, (via Zoom) Katie Woodcroft

1. Welcome

Land Acknowledgement “Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.”

2. School Council Admin. Profile

- Council to create together at meeting (council will outline priorities and goals and how we can work together to support these)
- Viewing of board strategic priorities video – discussion on what our goals are as a parent council ; connect a goal to each of the 4 SCDSB Strategic Priorities
- Council to develop a list of three leadership qualities of administrators (ideas discussed among council members): effective communication, support for students
- Plan for collaboration: Heidi to create a shared Google doc, so council can share ideas for our goals/priorities

3. Principal’s Report

1. School Initiatives

- a. Gotchas – re-starting!
- b. Sports – Int. boys volleyball, int. girls basketball, jr. boys/girls volleyball
- c. New classroom recess equipment to be purchased
- d. Classrooms – purchasing new books for each classroom (\$300 from Scholastic to each class)
- e. OLSAT (gifted) screening – this week
- f. Remembrance Day
- g. November – Anything but a backpack – Nov 24th
- h. December – Retro Decades Day – Dec 15th

2. School Initiatives – staff development

- a. Math Professional Learning – end of Nov.
- b. Acadience K-2 Literacy screener approved by Ministry of Education
- c. Literacy Facilitator K-2 – at WRB to support with Acadience screener
- d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Facilitator – Marisa Cox at WRB weekly

3. PRO Grant - Paul Davis April 29 or Mar 5, 12, 26
 - a. Discussion & decision
4. Flag pole
 - a. Policy – no flags other than Canadian flag, or flags as determined by Director of Education
 - b. Result – no 2nd flag pole for WRB
5. Field trips
 - a. Many are being booked
 - b. Waiting to hear back from the City of Barrie - swimming
 - c. Dance is returning to WRB
6. Motion
 - a. Annually council votes for funds to be distributed to teaching staff for classroom supplies
 - b. Motion – Hyla, Second – Tricia, MOVED (unanimous)
- 7. Chair Updates / information**
 - No new updates since last meeting
- 8. Financial Updates**
 - No new updates to share (will check in on Fundschrift and hot lunches for next time)
- 9. Old Business**
 - Parents' Night Out – more details to be shared soon, date is December 6th
 - Lots of upcoming field trips and programming has been booked
 - Gym banners – Erika has suggested new posters, will look into this and get back to council with more information
- 10. New Business / Questions**
 - Buddy Bench – Purpose is peer-to-peer, to support students who need a friend (a signal to another child to sit down and listen) ; Erika is proposing having it stained and moved outdoors to the yard, so that it can be used for its intended purpose. We need to introduce it to the students, so they understand how to use it – maybe bring in an OPP officer? Involve intermediate students to be leaders and show initiative

- Proposal to put a cabinet in the spot where the Buddy Bench currently is – we could use this to create displays for days of significance (e.g., Remembrance Day, Orange Shirt Day)
 - Motion to purchase and install a cabinet: Motion – Michelle ; second - Angie; MOVED (unanimous)

11. Sub Committees;

a. Fundraising

- Basket fundraiser – gift wrapping of baskets will happen on November 10th ; deadline to be extended to November 10th, to allow for a few more days of items to be brought in
- Chelsea Chocolates – Michelle is deciding which chocolates we are going with for December chocolate fundraiser. We’ve also confirmed them for Easter as well
- Fun Fair in the Spring – We want to start thinking about vendors now and planning! (Collaborative art piece from each class to be auctioned off – challenge each class to create a piece) ; Date is already set – June 6th

b. Co- curricular

- First intermediate girls basketball game was today – it is going great, and giving students a change to play that have never played before!
- Primary swimming – Hyla will reach out and get more information on pricing/availability
- Hardwood – For Junior students: Looking into cross-country skiing / snowshoeing (\$34 per student per visit + cost of bussing – includes 1 hour of lesson and the day use); they can accommodate up to 140 kids
- Will also look into Horseshoe, as they are now on the approved list
- King’s Wharf – Peter Pan (ending in November), but look into Spring offering
- Will look into baseball in the Spring
- Jerseys – deposit at start of the season, then return at the end
- Community Skate – Ask Oro Medonte township about donating ice time to have a family skate night (Christine will reach out and ask about this)

c. Yearbook

- No updates at this time

12. Upcoming Council Dates:

- **Monday, December 4th**

* All council meetings are held in the school library and on Zoom (audio only)