

School Council Meeting – Monday, December 4th 2023

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Attendance

Doug Fournier, Tricia Buell-Malcolm, Katie Elliott, Amanda Hodgkinson, Katie Woodcroft, Erica Engel, Jacqueline Yeatman, Hyla Woods, Amanda Mountain, Christine Patterson

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

- review completed document.
 - o Reviewed document and council approved.

3. Principal’s Report

1. School Initiatives

- Gotchas – re-started
- Sports – Int. boys volleyball, int. girls basketball – successful season!
- Sports – junior boys Zones – tomorrow; Junior girls zones – Thursday
- Thank you coaches!
- New classroom recess equipment – arrived!
- December – Decades Day – Dec 15th
- December – Holiday Concert (Grade 1-4/5) Dec 20th 9:45am
- Holiday sing songs last week of school

2. School Initiatives – staff development

- Math Professional Learning – December 15th
- Belonging PD & Mental Health – Grade 1-8 today
- Kindergarten PLC – starts Thursday

3. PRO Grant - Paul Davis May 3rd or

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- Discussion & decision
 - o May 3rd @ 6:30 - emailing Paul Davis to confirm

Field trips

- Waiting to hear back from the City of Barrie – swimming
 - o Barrie does not have a school swimming program, looking at city of Orillia.
 - o If confirmed it would be grades 1-2
 - o Working on ratios and dates
 - o April dates are being looked at - 4 sessions
 - o Would be more like swim to survive lessons as its only 4 weeks
 - o Cross country booked at hardwood grades 4 ,4/5, 5/6 on Feb 8th and grades 6/7, 7, 8 on Feb 8th
 - o Could do a weekly program for future , maybe for 2024/2025 year

4. Chair updates / Information

- Tricia to discuss Kiss n Ride
 - o Drivers are coming in from the exit during pick up. Parents are getting out of cars and coming to get their kids

- o Heidi will be sending out a reminder email on how Kiss and ride works with some extra reminders and expectations
- Winter fair – maybe too late this year but thoughts for the 2024-2025 year?
 - o We will have a fundraising meeting to talk more about this

5. Financial Updates

- check in on Fundscrip and hot lunches.
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6. Old Business

- Gym banners – Erika has suggested new posters, will look into this and get back to council with more information.
 - o Hasn't been able to get a hold of the person who had the signs at their school
 - o Will reach out to secretary
- Completion of Buddy Bench- 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.
 - o Has been donated back to the school stained
 - o Followup with a proper unveiling
 - o Will book an OPP office to help
- Follow-up on cabinet / TV where buddy bench was – need to confirm idea.
 - o Ordered new chairs for the front office
 - o Looked at our trophy cabinet in the intermediate hall as an idea for the front office but agreed to start with the TV and see how that works
 - o Price for cabinets were coming in high

7. Sub Committees;

a. Fundraising

- Basket fundraiser – success \$3200 success. Will try and start sooner next time.

- Chelsea Chocolates – letter sent out – orders due Dec 10th. , we will be repeating at Easter
- 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 . Any updates regarding vendors.

b. Co- curricular

- Finished girls and boys basketball just wrapped up. Having a coach that didn't have a child on the team worked really well and Hyla highly recommends it.
- Talking about ordering jerseys for each team member, then down the road as spirit wear. Hyla will look into cost and vendors
- Unsanctioned sports - soccer - looking to start that in the spring
- Primary swimming – See principals notes
- 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 (ended in November), but look into Spring offerings or Georgian College
- Will look into baseball in the Spring
- 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

8. Upcoming Council Dates:

- Monday, February 5th 2024

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