



Parent Council Meeting
November 14, 2022 – 6:30pm
Edmison Heights Library

Attendance

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Kim Docherty
Lyndele Gauci
Tonya Cowle
Annette Nadeau
Samantha Dennis
Becky Mills
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Jordan Lyall

Tricia deRooij
Beth Morgan
Kristina Schartzmann
Catherine Munro
Mary Coulas
Chris Johnston
Ashley Graham
Amy Campbell
Melanie Wood

Agenda:

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Kim Docherty
- Approval of & Business Arising from the Previous Minutes– Kim Docherty
- Principals Report – Lorena Haley-Twiss
- Teachers Report – Tricia deRooij
- Hot Lunch Discussion – Becky Mills
- Fundraising Plan Update – Kim Docherty
- New Business
 - Book Fair Volunteers
 - Nature Nancy & Jimmy Decision
- Adjournment

Start Time: 6:30pm

Chairperson Kim Docherty welcomed everyone in person and online to another school council meeting. Another great turnout which is always welcoming to see.

Land Acknowledgement – *We would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the First Nations of this territory, for their care*

for, and teachings about, the land, the water, and all our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our Treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way. We acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of all Indigenous people across Turtle Island, current and throughout history.

Previous Minutes - Kim asked the group if there is any questions or concerns from the previous meeting that requires discussion. No one had anything to add or discuss. Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting – Amy Campbell approved & Annette Nadeau seconded the motion – PASSED.

Principals Report by Lorena Haley-Twiss (see attachment).

-Additional discussions throughout the report included:

*Jimmy Chapman's Remembrance Day presentation. This was to be presented on November 4th, 2022 but was cancelled due to the CUPE strike. Since then, the school board has asked to not have Jimmy's presentation in the school until a further investigation can be taken due to a parent complaint about some of the items on display.

Teacher's Report by Tricia deRoos (see attachment).

- Additional discussions throughout the report included:

* Winter Open House the same day as the Grade 6 yard sale (December 13th). Is there a possibility to do a fundraiser? Maybe a bake sale? Lorena to see if we are allowed to have a bake sale after regular school hours. Refreshments to be provided by Lorena

*Choirs are all going well (everyone misses Melissa Hope) but all the kids and teachers are having fun! Rock choir is taping for the CBC contest on Friday November 18th, 2022.

*Will there be any groups/clubs for the primary grades? Grade 3's are feeling left out. Tricia asked for ideas – ideas brought up include: Dance Club, Board Games, Yoga (Lyndele Gauci to discuss yoga with Lorena).

Hot Lunch – Handout provided with options of hot lunch for December from Becky Mills

- Subway, Booster Juice & Dominos Pizza options for December.
- See breakdown below

Subway			
Cost to school	Cost to students	Set Choices:	
\$4.25	\$5.25	Whole Wheat/Lettuce/Tom/Mayo	
		Choice of Sandwich:	
		Turkey/Ham/Veggie/Turkey & Ham/Roast Beef	

Booster Juice			
Cost to School	Cost to Students	Choices	
\$3.75	\$4.75	240ml Smoothies	Berry, Mango &
\$4.50		355ml Smoothies	Strawberry
\$4.75		Wrap	
\$3.25	\$3.50	Veggies & Hummus	

Dominos Pizza			
Cost to School	Cost to Students	Choices	
\$8.00/\$1.00		LG Pizza – 8 Slices	White or Whole Wheat Cheese & Pepperoni
\$8.00/\$1.00		LG Pizza – 6 Slices	Extra Cheese

- Discussion in regards to gluten free bread from Subway & gluten free crust for pizza. This is to be looked into and provided as an option if possible.
- Discussion on smoothie sizes. Consensus around the tables was that the smaller size is more doable than the larger size, especially with the kindergarteners.
- Costs to students is normally a \$1 more then the cost to school. Council agreed that we will keep it that way to start this round of hot lunches.
- Discussion about handling and timing of hot lunches, due to the varying nutrition breaks. Morning for the younger grades is preferred.
- Discussions about handling and dividing of pizza slices. We will require more volunteers. May be too difficult to do in December. Pizza for hot lunch will be tabled until the new year.
- Dates determined for hot lunch in December:
 - * December 8th – Booster Juice
 - * December 15th – Subway
 - * December 22nd – Booster Juice
- Volunteers required for help. Edsby message to go out.

Fundraising Plan Update – A fundraiser list with projected revenue was handed out. This list includes; No Fundraiser, Fundraiser, Dominos Pizza Night, Purdy's Chocolate, Dance-a-thon & Fun Fair. Coffee & Hot Lunch added manually.

Kim says that there is approximately \$3,100 from the "No Fundraiser Fundraiser" so far. Brief discussion about how some of the school community thought this was clever and some were a bit thrown off by it.

There is a Dominos Pizza Night coming up on December 14, 2022. Flyer sample shown. This can be ordered online with a specific code or over the phone. One night only - \$5.00 of each special order comes back to the school. Coloured flyers will be coming and sent out with students as well as Edsby message.

Coffee/Hot Chocolate fundraiser ends on Monday – reminder post on Edsby will go out. Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser will be around Easter time.

Dance-a-thon in the late winter/early spring.

Fun Fair – May/June – discussion about having a separate planning committee in the new year formed for this with lots of volunteers required.

New Business

Book Fair – November 29 (9am – 6pm), November 30 (9am – 6pm), December 1 (9am – 1pm). Laura Gunning is running the book fair again this year and is still looking for volunteers. Especially with recess times and after school hours. Edsby post looking for volunteers will be sent out.

Nature Nancy & Jimmy Chapman – approximately \$7,000 for both of these. Nature Nancy & Jimmy have dates filling up but they have been holding us spots as we book them every year. Mel motioned that council will pay for both to attend. Amy seconded the motion. Motion moved forward and will be booked accordingly.

Questions brought up about the habitat improvement. If they were looking for any more donations. No one seemed to have heard anything further on the habitat project.

Discussion on whether material donations can be accepted by the school for the playground or habitat as some council members have connections. Lorena will look into this with the board before we accept or arrange anything.

Kim asked the group if there is anymore business. Nothing brought forward.

Jordan motioned to have the meeting end. Annette seconded the motion.

Meeting Ended at 8:04pm.

*Next Meeting on December 5, 2022 – Possibly at Boston Pizza North.

School Council Principal and Teacher Report

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and EVENTS

- Character Trait of the Month was Courage/Bravery is one of Seven Grandfather Teachings – daily announcements highlight – December is Responsibility
- Spirit Wear Sales earned us \$2 000 that was provided to Sick Kids in honour of Sophie Foley (2 Buddy Benches purchased from Principal's discretion)
- Peterborough Petes gave us 107 more free tickets for Oct. 21 that students put names in for
- Class reviews last week in October for all grades 1 – 6 teachers – allowed SERT team to review allocations of support
- Remembrance Day ceremony (slide show) provided to teachers to do in class (also shared on Edsby for families) – long term use of projector fries it out – a second was already ordered as a back up in Sept., so we look forward to its arrival
- Photo Retakes Nov. 14
- "Colour Blind" workshops for students and staff Nov. 15
- Bus evacuations Nov. 16
- Progress Reports go home Nov. 18 – teachers invite for interviews (Nov. 22/23 evenings with Brikena and Lorena available)
- New Literacy Coach assigned to school – Julie Anne Pellerin, experienced French teacher
- Math and Literacy Professional Development continues at the board level for teachers

EQAO Results for Edmison Heights

Grade 3	Reading	Writing	Math
Province	73%	65%	59%
Edmison Heights	72% (-1)	56% (-9)	50% (-9)
Grade 6			
Province	85%	84%	47%
Edmison Heights	98% (+13)	96% (+12)	69% (+22)

STUDENT WELLNESS & SAFETY

- Camp Kawartha with Potter, Nov. 21; grade 1s, Nov. 24, 25
- Last Fire Drill this week – must do 3 this term
- Health and Safety Inspection meant a review of our Violence Risk Assessment for the school – our risk is very low – also this past month the library back room, the "skinny closet," the custodian's office and portable 8 were thoroughly purged, staff room continues to be cleaned out – Rm 15 upstairs is used as a calming room this year and has been cleaned out - according to Facilities dept., carpet in library might be replaced in two years...
- Lockdown Dec. 7
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training offered for all support staff and administration – ongoing

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Ukulele groups continue Thursdays and Fridays in the library
 - Rock Choir – R. Smith, B. Plante and S. Young
 - Kindergarten Choir – J. Mercer and T. deRooij
 - Primary Choir – S. Young and J. Poliquin
 - Science Club – S. Potter
 - Remembrance Day showcase – J. Poliquin
 - Volleyball grades 4 - 6 – K. Lavery takes competitive team to Strath Nov. 24
 - Hallowe'en "Come as you are" day was successful – costumes, black and orange or whatever you like!
 - Book Fair Nov. 29 – 1 in the library
 - Looking for volunteers to read with students
- Coming up:
- Door Decorating Dec 5 – 9
 - Dec. 5 – 16 Food Share Drive – L. Smith
 - Grade 6 Garage Sale Dec. 13 with family night to follow (see doors, refreshments – Council help requested)