



Parent Council Meeting  
January 15, 2024 – 6:30pm  
Edmison Heights Library & WebEx

**Attendance:**

Jen Massie  
Mary Heenan  
Kim Docherty  
Tonya Cowle  
Noni Chowdhury  
Samantha Dennis  
Lauren Fitzsimmons  
Amy Campbell

Sarah Harvey  
Kate Dunford  
Beth Morgan  
Mary Coulas  
Katie Jones  
Jordan Lyall  
Vicky Fee  
Dominique Gregory

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**Agenda:**

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Tonya Cowle
- Approval of, and business arising from the previous minutes – Kim Docherty
- Principal's Report – Jen Massie & Mary Heenan
- Teacher's Report – Dominique Gregory
- Fundraising Report – Amy Campbell
- Student Nutrition Report – Samantha Dennis
- Treasurer's Report
- New Business
- Adjournment

**Start Time: 6:32pm**

- **Welcome** - Chairperson Kim Docherty welcomed everyone in person and online to another parent council meeting. Kim also welcomed acting Principal Jen Massie to our council meeting, she will be with us for the month of January.
- **Land Acknowledgement** (Tonya Cowle) *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 Docherty**

- Kim asked the group if there is any questions or concerns from the previous meeting that requires discussion. No additions or revisions noted. Minutes approved by Lauren Fitzsimmons and seconded by Amy Campbell.

▪ **Principal Report – Jen Massie & Mary Heenan**

- Jen Massie introduction as acting principal for January.
- Staffing being figured out for teachers leave of absence. There may be some shuffling as FI core teachers are in short supply. Communication will be open to all during the process.
- Open House & Silent Auction was a great success.
- Pizza lunches will come back in February. School Cash Online is open.
- Feb 2 – PA Day
- Bullying/Racism/Homophobia within the school and on the playground, concerns are growing with parents. School administration is aware and are actively looking for strategies and holding accountability for individuals. Suspensions and continued behaviours are being dealt with accordingly. Actively working with teachers, principals, superintendent, and BSA (Behaviour Support Assistants) as well as following processes accordingly. Open dialogue with those involved. If there are parent concerns that are heard, please direct them to speak with Mary and Jen and it will be dealt with accordingly.
- Bus bullying – there are no bus reports being completed and are hard to have the driver complete them. If anyone has bus problems or hears of others who do, please contact the school office. The bus is an extension of the school and school officials will deal with these, they will also make bus reports for the company as bullying is not acceptable on the yard or the bus.
- Administration Plan for February is unsure currently. Jenn Massie will try to do as much she can for the month. Wilf Gray left a bunch of notes from December and Jen will do the same. They are trying to lay a path and do what they can while they are here.
- English/French division – what are we doing about it? Discussion about cohesion within the two streams. The play and other school activities helps bring English & French together. This has always been an ongoing item in immersion schools.

- **Teachers Report – Dominique Gregory**
  - See attached.
  - Alice in Wonderland – Mary is hoping to sign the only venue (Peterborough Theatre Guild) this week. 3 shows in May 29,30,31, 2024.
  - There is an EDSBY group created for those that are casted. There will be more information about backstage help, stage design, painting etc. Ms. O will reach out via EDSBY.
  - Yearbook Club – still going strong for the Grade 6s.
  - Discussion about planning ahead for seasonal sports and other activities so not to interfere with each other as much as possible.
  - Visual schedule on the tv in the lobby for students to see all that is going on within the school.
  
- **Fundraising Update- Amy Campbell**
  - Basket fundraiser was great! We made around \$2000 and have heard great feedback from students and parents.
  - Ashley is looking into a cookie fundraiser for late February early March. She will bring her findings to the next meeting.
  
- **Nutrition Program – Samantha Dennis**
  - Waiting on funding from PC as well as the second part of the government funding for the remainder of the year.
  - Samantha has told council that she is feeling very stressed about the financials for the 2024-2025 school year. With the rising grocery prices, the demand in classrooms and the uncertainty of funding we will need to complete some fundraisers. An idea that was brought up included a school food drive – this may be difficult given the health guidelines that are to be followed but could be considered. Discussion for later meeting.
  - A conversation about the most cost-effective stores that are board approved to shop at to help with some of the costs was had. The principal with look into further and discuss options with Samantha.
  - The program itself is going great. The volunteers are amazing and Samantha is very happy with everything running smoothly.
  
- **Treasurer’s Report**
  - Basket fundraiser money will be added.
  
- **New Business**
  - What are the rules on playing with the snow? Rules are that the snow stays on the ground. If students are found to be throwing/kicking snow they will have to walk with a teacher on duty. The snowplow hill has also

been marked off and no students are to be on it at anytime due to safety concerns.

- What is the temperature the kids are not allowed outside? The board says that -20 degrees Celsius (with or without wind chill) means indoor recesses.
- Thank you, Mary Heenan, for being our consistent voice through the many fluctuations Edmison Heights have been experiencing.

**Next meeting is set for Monday February 26, 2024 at 6:30pm– EHPS Library & Online**

- **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Fitzsimmons 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Campbell.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:38pm.**