



Parent Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Edmison Heights Public School -1111 Royal
Drive, Peterborough, ON

Attendance (In Person):

Lauren Fitzsimmons
Amberlea Polan
Marsha Serville-Tertullien
Carlise Froese
Alicia Leany
Jia-Huey Liu-Crosby
Rebecca Padgett
Mary Heenan
Ashley Graham
Amy Campbell
Mary Coulas
Samantha Dennis
Rebecca Wesley

(Online)

Beth Morgan
Matt Moloney
Sarah Harvey
Nurun (Noni) Chowdhury

(Regrets)

Lyndelee Gauci
Tonya Cowle

Agenda:

- Welcome – Lauren Fitzsimmons
- Land Acknowledgement – Lauren Fitzsimmons
- Approval of, and business arising from the previous minutes – Ashley Graham
- Chair Report – Lauren Fitzsimmons, Mary Coulas, Samantha Dennis
- Principal's Report – Rebecca Padgett
- Teacher's Report – Jia-Huey Liu-Crosby
- Fundraising Report – Mary Coulas
- Student Nutrition Report – Samantha Dennis
- Treasurer's Report – Alicia Leany (Rebecca Padgett)
- New Business – Lauren Fitzsimmons
- Adjournment – Ashley Graham

Start Time: 6:00pm

- **Welcome – Lauren Fitzsimmons:**
- **Land Acknowledgement (Lauren Fitzsimmons)** *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 – Lauren Fitzsimmons:**
 - Lauren Fitzsimmons asked the group if there are any questions or concerns from the previous meeting that requires discussion. No additions or revisions noted. Minutes approved by Ashley Graham and seconded by Alicia Leany and Marsha Serville-Tertullien – all in favour. Passed.
- **Chair Report – Lauren Fitzsimmons, Mary Coulas, Samantha Dennis**
 - **Playground** in the amount of \$43,000 has been paid in full to board.
 - **Dance-a-thon** confirmed for November 28, 2024 with Jimmy Chapman
 - Kids will come into gym in blocks
 - Donations and prizes will be collected from volunteers
 - Talks on equity for all students to value all contributions in terms of prizes
 - **Nature Nancy** has reached out expressing interest at \$375/day. Principal will contact regarding spring available dates. Council supports funding this initiative again this year.
 - **Parent Reaching Out Grant** is \$1000 per school to help reach out to parents, often a local author, police official or mental health professional. Grant to be filled out with December 2024 deadline. Easy application, looking for volunteers to take it on.
 - **Constitution Update** in order to align with board policy. Draft for next year being prepared
- **Principal's Report - Rebecca Padgett**
 - **September 27, 2024 PA Day**
 - focused on Math and Literacy, number routines, building fluency with numbers, handed out examples of in-class work being done by students
 - Read-a-louds Tier 1 and Tier 2 words and talked of Morphine - right to read reports and literacy curriculum

October 25, 2024 PA Day

- Math focus
- Learning goals and feedback
- Social emotional learning focus

Playground Inspection

- Small stool in new playground structure did not pass inspection and was removed for repair
- Report to come regarding playground/swings
- \$1000 for repairs from school

EQAO Data

- Update sent out to parents
- Math continues to be the focus

- **School Spirit**

- Jets days on Wednesdays
- Encouraging jets colours/theme not just spirit wear
- Bus safety presentations upcoming
- Hot lunch now has gluten-free/dairy-free options for students
- Volleyball is set to begin

- **Teacher Report – Jia-Huey Liu-Crosby**

- Extracurricular**

- Grade 3 soccer in gym
 - Cross county has finished for year
 - Starting volleyball skills and drills in gym, recess practices
 - Library club starting in November, sign-up sheet on info board
 - Yearbook ongoing with Mrs. Blackburn running

- **Fundraising Update- Mary Coulas**

- Fundraising Committee has been established
 - meetings to be held monthly
 - Asking Parent Council for up to \$800 for fundraising efforts (e.g., supplies for wrapping baskets; top-up additions to baskets)

Hot Lunch

- Potential for East Side Marios hot lunch

- One or two times a month depending on East Sides and volunteer interest

Scholastic Book Fair

- Week of November 25, 2024
- All funds to go back to library and not parent council
- Looking for volunteers for daytime and evening shifts

Dance-a-thon

- Taking place November 28, 2024
- \$3000 expected gross profit
- Letterhead for donation/prize collection has been prepared, will be provided to those canvassing for donations
- Asking up to \$500 from Parent Council as back-up funds in the event additional prizes are required
- A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available shortly

Winter Open House

- Caregivers will get to see what's going on in children's classrooms (holiday door decorating)
- Gift baskets will be in gym at open house for silent auction
- Each class will be given a basket theme and children will bring in one or two items each to go into basket
- Volunteers will be required to collect, wrap boxes and wrap baskets once assembled

Used Spirit Wear Sale

- To be held at Winter Open House
- Used clothing will be collected ahead of time, laundered and provided for purchase at open house
- Asking for \$50 from Parent Council for laundry/compensation for volunteers to launder
- Discussed having a tap payment option – Rebecca will look into this at board level

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- Previous cookie dough fundraiser was profitable
- Looking at a potential amalgamation with Adam Scott CVI in order to save on shipping/delivery fees

Pizza Night

- Dominos has been contacted regarding a pizza night code
- Waiting on their date availability

Mabels Labels

- Already have a standing Mabels Labels ordering code
- Checking into refreshing same and advertising on Edsby
- All info to be shared on Google Drive

▪ **Nutrition Program – Samantha Dennis**

Fresh From the Farm

- 450 lbs of food donated to Kawartha Food Share
- Approximately \$950 raised
- November 10 – December 5, 2024 delivery

President Choice Funds

- Principal contacted PC and was given a second chance to apply
- Potential for \$10-\$15,000
- Principal and Mary Coulas to attend to same

▪ **Treasurer’s Report – Alicia Leany (Rebecca Padgett)**

- 3 school accounts combined into one
- Paid board in full for playground
- Amount owing to board zeroed out
- October 21, 2024 balance at \$34,428.61 with sub category of \$1000 for any repairs for playground
- Discussed board allocated School Council Fund of \$500. These funds are on board side of budget. Principal will obtain copy of same.
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▪ **New Business**

Scholastic Book Fair

- Book fair – Sarah Harvey will co-chair with Laura Gunning
- Will require volunteers for day and evening shifts
- Book fair will be open until 6pm select evenings
- Book fair is scheduled for same day as Dance-a-thon, logistics regarding scheduling for student visits to be discussed amongst principal and teachers
- Discussion regarding primary students having the ability to visit book fair to write wish lists

Outdoor School Lighting

- Parent and staff concern for more outdoor lighting in the front of the school
- Rebecca will contact board regarding same

Regional Student Council Meeting

- Lyndele Gauci in attendance at regional meeting (virtual)

- Sent email to provide topic options for future 2024-2025 Regional meetings (Special Education, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Mental Health and Well-being, Indigenous Education, Safe and Caring Schools – ex. Code of conduct, Operations and Finance –ex. Fundraising Guidelines, Literacy and Numeracy (K-12)
- Advised to select all of the above

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn – Ashley Graham 1st, Amy Campbell 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at TIME : 7:30 pm

****Next council meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2024 at 6:00pm.****