



School Council Meeting  
Monday, February 24, 2025 – 6:00 pm  
1111 Royal Drive, Peterborough, ON

**Attendance (In Person):**

Lauren Fitzsimmons  
Mary Coulas  
Samantha Dennis  
Beth Morgan  
Amy Campbell  
Mary Heenan  
Rebecca Padgett  
Liz Maxwell (teacher)  
Amberlea Nolan  
Rebecca Wesley  
Lyndele Gauci  
Marsha Serville-Tertullien  
Noni Chowdhury

**Online:** Sarah Harvey, Kate Dunford, Toyna Cowle, Carlise Froese

**Regrets:** Katie Jones, Alicia Leany, Ashley Graham

**Agenda:**

- Welcome – Lauren Fitzsimmons & Mary Coulas
- Land Acknowledgement – Mary Coulas
- Approval of, and business arising from the previous minutes – Lauren Fitzsimmons and Samantha Dennis
- Principal's Report – Rebecca Padgett
- Teacher's Report – Liz Maxwell
- Fundraising Report – Mary Coulas
- Student Nutrition Report – Samantha Dennis & Mary Coulas
- Treasurer's Report – Alicia Leany (Lauren Fitzsimmons)
- Regional Council Update – Lyndele Gauci
- New Business- Lauren Fitzsimmons
- Adjournment

**Start Time:** 6:05

- **Welcome – Lauren Fitzsimmons & Mary Coulas:** round table of names and positions, light online survey to provide feedback as to how everyone was feeling for the evening meeting.
- **Land Acknowledgement (Mary Coulas)** *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 Treaty People 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 and Samantha Dennis:**
  - Hot Lunch – East Side Mario's. Could start in April, approximately \$10 a lunch, meets all criteria. Need volunteers (Samantha Dennis spoke to this) In order to go ahead we really need someone to run it. Grade 6s could come to help, however require adult supervision.

**ACTION– Follow up with email to see what volunteers we can find. Samantha Dennis.**

- School wide pizza day – slice per student. For free. Suggested to do it the day Aubrey is here Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. No cost to student.

**VOTE FOR \$750 to be covered by Parent Council. Motioned by Lauren Fitzsimmons, seconded by Amy Campbell and Lyndele Gauci, approved by all**

- **Principal Report – Rebecca Padgett**
  - SILVER BIRCH – reading club, read own book or forest of reading book. Small write up from books, picture up on TV of kids and then add books to library after that. Involves bigger and smaller kids
  - New access pass for kindergarten yard door has been completed. Approximately \$4000. Everyone happy that it is now done.
  - Nursing students – nutrition presentation, working with Luisa for nutrition and knowledge and working with gym classes.
  - Ongoing - Staff meeting next week, math talks, re-alouds, tier 1 and 2 vocabulary, success criteria, EQUAO dates are in progress. Enrollment projections and staff planning is ongoing. Transition meetings from grade 6 to 7 to Adam Scott. In school conferences, meeting with teachers to follow up on kids, room for growth. Referrals etc.
- Thursday is election day.

**Bathroom renovations – LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS or input ideas/feedback – suggestions are stainless steel, for durability and longevity. Good drainage. Touchless water taps. Floor to ceiling and individual bathroom stalls. Body positive messages/colour to cheer them up.**

▪ **Teacher Report – Liz Maxwell**

- o Basketball tournament success
- o Gymnastics has begun and had had a great turnout
- o Junior and Primary choir to perform at talent show and volunteer tea
- o Games club – looking for board game donations
- o Origami club has wrapped up
- o Grade 1 soccer has begun
- o Chess/checkers may be set up club
- o Carnaval happening Tuesday

▪ **Fundraising - FUNDRAISING REPORT – Mary Coulas**

- o Purdys Chocolate - potential Easter fundraiser?
- o \$275 raised by Dominos Pizza Night
- o Holiday Auction Baskets raised \$2093.00
- o Dance-a-thon raised \$3700.00 plus \$3000.00 family donation
- o True Earth – laundry and cleaning company potential hands-off fundraising idea for next year
- o Bike Rodeo – bike safety
- o Green-UP has a program called peddle power

**ACTION – check in with Ashley regarding Terra Cotta cookie dough. And have someone look into Peddle Power program.**

▪ **Student Nutrition Program – Samantha Dennis & Mary Coulas**

- o Sarah Harvey is baking muffins once a month. Freezers are full of muffins. Baking happens at 3:15 at Adam Scott. Put a call out for extra volunteers for after hour baking.
- o \$2,700.00 more dollars coming our way for nutrition program.
- o Program is being utilized especially dairy. Going to be talking about golf tournament. Looking for business, volunteers and business sponsors. Facebook advertisement for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION – call out for volunteers to bake muffins at Adam Scott (Samantha Dennis).**

- **Treasurer's Report – Alicia Leany (Lauren Fitzsimmons)**
  - \$6,000 fundraised so far (Dance-a-Thon, Auction Baskets, Mabels Labels, Dominos)
  - Spent on playground repair, Dance-a-thon, Jimmy Chapman, Nature Nancy and nutrition program.
  - We are planning on spending more than we have brought in but we have more money carried over from last year.
  - \$3000.00 family donation – can be used to help pay for Nature Nancy
  - APPROVAL for paying \$3000.00 to cover Nature Nancy costs.

**ACTION – April meeting, talk about next phase of playground, next piece, fundraising, cost ear mark.**

- **Regional Council Update – Lydele Gauci**
  - Parent conferences discussed back in November. We have a link that can go out to all parents. Talk on everyday resiliency. Key note speaker Dr.Dafoe, specialist.
  - Learning to activate five pillars of resiliency in everyday life.
  - Link under parent conferences on website
  - February meeting – big focus was on attendance. Number of kids missing 10 plus school days so far this year. Since Covid, a large decline in attendance.
  - Brought up the issue of illness and it being a reason for kids being more absent since Covid.
  - Noticing YES at our school, a decline and in city and province as well. Really raising concerns across the board.
  - Keen to provide support to parents regarding attendance. And prolonged parents protocol.

**ACTION – Put Everyday Resiliency link in newsletter to inform parents. (Protect video recording)**

- **New Business – Lauren Fitzsimmons**
  - Parent reaching out is scheduled April 2<sup>nd</sup> for kids and April 8<sup>th</sup> evening for parents
  - \$2000.00 received from board and Parent Council approved \$600 likely \$2500.00 total cost
  - Asked to support reading club and then books from this initiative would end up in library. **MOTION – Samantha Dennis motioned for, seconded by Noni and approved by all.**
  - Discussion regarding community calendar or glance at the week new letter for what is going on at school. Parents are reaching out for information regarding what activities etc. are occurring at school as filtering down from children is

not happening. Potential printout or email similar to Adam Scott for information to parents is recommended.

- o Board decision regarding boundaries is not well communicated within the school community. Discussion regarding changes and effect on our school, including students, class sizes and teachers/staffing.

**ACTION – Send school transfer request information out to parents for their information reminding them of the possibility and process (Rebecca Padgett).**

**ACTION – April meeting discuss Parent Council Facebook page.**

**Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn by Lauren Fitzsimmons, approved by – Lyndele Gauci and Samantha Dennis.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm