

November 8th 2022 Hopewell Ave PS School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Martina Sherwood, Petra Heitkamp, Alex Randall, Aleks Brading, Nicola Calder, Sandra Miller, Josie Hughes, Gretchen Nesbit, Meg Fracke, Claire Kerry, Alex Randall

Regrets: Katie Breen.

1. **Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of March minutes**

Nicola approved minutes and Alek B seconded minutes.

Previous meeting minutes will be available on the School Council web pages on the school website in the coming months.

2. **Principal's Report – Martina Sherwood**

Our school team has been working on the development of Progress Reports (grades 1-8)/Initial Communications of Learning (Kindergarten) over the past few weeks. This year they are being completed using a new software program so we have been on a bit of a learning curve. These reports will be sent to parents via School Messenger on November 17th. We will be offering interviews on the evening of November 24th and the morning of November 25th. There will be an option to attend virtually, in person or by phone. To do this we will be using an online interview booking application called Schoolinterviews.ca. Our goal continues to be to give parents an overview of how their child is progressing in parent-friendly language. The Progress Report is not a final assessment, it is a discussion of their progress at this point.

Last Friday our team engaged in a full day of learning. We had a session focused on Equity-Centred Trauma-Informed Education. We deepened our understanding of what trauma is, the impact of trauma and how to create the conditions for learning that support the well being and achievement for all. During this session we did a lot of self-reflection on our current practices. Dr. Tranter's The Third Path informed a lot of our learning as we looked at the protective factors for student learning and well-being. These included, engagement, identity, mastery, meaning, safety, regulation, belonging, and positivity.

We also reviewed our district's anti-sex human trafficking reporting and responding protocol. Connecting this learning to the health curriculum content through topics such as consent, boundaries and healthy relationships was also part of this learning.

Having time to further develop our proficiency in navigating the new software for completing Progress Reports/Report Cards rounded out our day of learning.

We continue to enjoy the normal vibes around the school with cautious optimism. The opportunity for our intermediate and junior students to participate in a dance and be social together was met with lots of excitement. Our classrooms are busy places full of learning and discovery. Our yards are non-stop action whether it be basketball, four square, soccer, football, tag or just roaming around with friends.

Thank you for the funding. We have allocated the funds shared and will be working with our divisional teams to prioritize items/experiences. This week we tapped into our "Say Yes" line to replenish our supply of calculators – thank you for this!

3. **VP Report – Sandy Miller**

School clothing sales complete. We had about 75 purchases, delivery will be late November. The Sam Group packages the items by homeroom and by customer making it easy and fast to distribute.

Field trips for our Kinders, Intermediates and juniors have taken place to the library and MacSkimming. Thanks to parent volunteers we have been able to offer meaningful activities at all levels.

Website updates I worked with Petra to review and update the School Council pages of our school website. It is still an ongoing work in progress.

Indigenous Education Tea & Talk with Kareena Butler On October 27 Kareena Butler, Indigenous Education Itinerant Teacher, joined us for the day to speak with our educators. She spent the day meeting with various teachers to share resources, ideas and support.

4. **Teacher rep – Meg Fracke**

Lots of Sports opportunities. Touch Football Intermediate tournament was very successful,
Intermediate volleyball tryouts and Volleyball intramural are starting.

Book fair is this week, great for kids, lots of excitement, a portion of the sales of the books stays in school.

Musical rehearsals are ongoing.

Spirit Day on November 18th “World Cup Day” - cheer on Canada! Last time in the World Cup was in 1986.

Kids encouraged to wear Black and white, favourite soccer club or Countries colour.

Milk cartons are being recycled and Mr Fauquier is very appreciative.

Picture retake day is Nov 17th for those that missed it or need a retake.

Question: What are volleyball intramurals? Grade 7 and 8 students sign up and are split into different teams. Non competitive, recreational, Students can make friends and stay fit.

Question: Can you provide an update on the Strikes that are happening? Strike action there are two different bargaining units in our schools. all support staff fall under OSTF and Teachers are ATFO. Look out for news on those regarding strike action.

5. Financial Report.

Hopewell Ave Public School - 2022/2023				
Financial report for the period ending November 5, 2022				
Opening balance	\$ 11,170.22	End of year - July 31 2022 + \$650 PRO Grant received in September (for last year)		
Revenue	Allocation Plan	Profit	Variance Plan A	Notes
Pizza	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 875.00	\$ (19,125.00)	
Labels labels	\$ 75.00	\$ 54.36	\$ (20.64)	
Ski/Skate Sale	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,677.00	\$ 1,677.00	
Bike Sale	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)	
Pro Grant	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ (650.00)	Amount received for last year, can expect to get
PINV funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Each year schools/school councils receive \$500.00
REVENUE SUBTOTAL	\$ 23,225.00	\$ 3,606.36	\$ (19,618.64)	
Expenditures	Allocation Plan	Actual Paid	Variance Plan	Notes
Mulch	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	
Yard fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Future turf yard funding	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
YARD SUBTOTAL	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	
Kindergarten	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate allocation based on class allocations provided by principal in September
Primary	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	
Junior	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	
Intermediate	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Phys Ed Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Library	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Say yes fund curriculum	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT SUBTOTAL	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Wellness - Parent Involvement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Grade 5 - Cross Country Ski Trip	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	
Staff Appreciation Gifts	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Staff Year-End Lunch	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Grade 8 Graduation Reception	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 150.00	\$ 12.08	\$ 137.92	
Admin/Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 31.62	\$ 268.38	includes potential photocopying, event supplies (e.g. gloves for pizza)
Say yes fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	
Philanthropy	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	
OTHER SUBTOTAL	\$ 13,350.00	\$ 43.70	\$ 13,306.30	
EXPENDITURE SUBTOTAL	\$33,850.00	\$8,043.70	\$25,806.30	
Balance	\$ 545.22	\$ 6,732.88		

Profits:

More Pizza profit came in - due to some late orders processed
Ski and Skate Sale raised an amazing \$2677

Expenditure:

Curriculum enrichment half of this has been allocated to the School already
Bank charges we have found that the Bank does charge for deposit of coins.

6. Committees and events**a. Yard Committee: Fall clean-up - Katie**

The fall Yard clean up was a success. It was wonderful to see some new faces in the yard, and especially Josee and Carlo who have expressed an interest in being more involved in the yard committee! Thank you to everyone who came out to help! We took part in the usual tasks of weeding (there is never enough time to get them all), picking up garbage, sweeping mulch back into beds and raking up leaves and debris. As much as possible we tried to rake leaves into the garden beds, against the fences or other areas where they can stay put for the winter, insulate the soil and provide free mulch and fertiliser in the spring. If it looks like there are still lots of leaves in some of the beds that's why! Every year we rake up bags of leaves to keep the paths clear but as much as possible if leaves can be strategically stored and salvaged within the garden beds it will be better for the soil health of the yard long term.

Josie also talked about the bed under the Kindergarten yard, wanting to try to establish some plants in that bed. Seed in some native grass wouldn't be very expensive - put grass seed down before it snows. Might need to fence off the area to stop the kids going on it for a year. Might be some concern how we could stop kids getting into that area. Martina will speak to Chris Farquhar to see what could be done. Possibly get kids to have ownership of the new plants. Previously plants had been bought but they got stomped on so the thought was that grass might be a better option. Meghan Storey had expressed interest in being involved in gardening with students.

b. Ski-sale - Rebekka

A big thank you to all the volunteers for the excellent community event. All items were sold or donated on the day.

c. Pizza day/ Lunch program - Sarah Matthews & Aleks Brading

Sarah is not at the meeting but Pizza day is going well with lots of volunteers to help.

d. Kids clothes swap

Claire raised the suggestion of a Clothes swap for potentially the spring would need a

group of volunteers for such an event. A message to be put in the Friday email.

Nakkertok - Cross Country ski trip Grade5

Question: Can more grades go than just Grade 5 for those that missed out the last two years?

No one has stepped up yet to organise this for Grade 5- this trip is in our budget so looking for parent volunteers to organise.

It was noted that there might be restrictions on field trips to Quebec Martina has to look into this and the logistics on running such a trip.

Another suggestion for an event was a used book fair for a community fundraising event.

7. Representatives

a. Grade reps: Carlo/ Sarah/ Alex/ Daphne

Strike speculation amongst parents, "is there school on Monday?"

No other concerns

b. OCASC - Daphne

Not present - update next meeting

c. Wellness - Rebekka

Group committee to be formed of volunteer parents who are looking into wellness events for parents and students. Rebekka is a Psychotherapist - the focus will be on mental health, environment and wellness. Rebekka and Martina will discuss next steps.

8. Answer any *pre-submitted* questions

No questions received.

9. Varia

The need to support lower income families that live in our neighbourhood that do not meet their needs. One family in particular is large and has many needs, including winter clothes. Some of their needs are for larger kids/adults.

Plan to hold a winter clothing drive to include adult clothes, take what we think we can give to families in the neighbourhood, and we can then donate the rest outside of the community to an established organisation such as the snowsuit fund.

Approached by school board trustee Nili Kaplan-Myrth she couldn't attend this meeting

and wanted to know if there were any questions from parents and if she could have a 10 minute slot on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. **Closing**

Next meeting Tuesday December 13th 2022 7pm Zoom