

Queensdale School Council Meeting Minutes | | Feb 21, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Library

Completed by Colin Ferguson, Secretary

Total Voting Members on Council: 16

Quorum Required Satisfied: Y 9 (50%+1)

Voting Members

Amanda Levesque	Y	Colin Ferguson	Y	Kristine Wachmann	Y	Sara Gray	R
Amy Pender	Y	Helen Athansriou	Y	Lisa Van Keulen	Y	Stephanie McAulay	R
Angie Hernandez Sobrado	Y	Holly Chriss	Y				
Brendan Knapman	R	Jennifer Baillie-Rouse	R	Melissa Button	R		
Candice Laughlin	R	Jennifer Csele	Y	Nicole Hughes	Y		

Non-Voting Members and Representative

Ozren Opacic	R	Shivonne Lewis	R	Stacey Johnson	Y	Ms. Carry	R
Mary Jane Sonma	Y	Ms. Hurman	R				

1. Call to Order

1) By Jenn C on Wednesday, Feb 21st, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

2) By Jenn C on Wednesday, Feb 21st, 2023 at 6:06 p.m.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Lisa Seconded by Holly **CARRIED**

4. Approval of September Minutes

Amended by adding accounts tabbed for fundraising.

Moved by Lisa Seconded by Holly **CARRIED**

5. Educator's Report - Full Report Available Online Here.

1) Not in attendance.

6. Principal's Report - Full Report Available Online Here.

- 1) Purchased new Math resource - online resource for teachers; license for teachers at Queensdale only - lifetime (no expiry)
 - i. Includes Resources for Teachers, Videos for kids, Diagnostics
 - ii. Can be adjusted easily for individual learners levels
- 2) EQAO testing - May 8 - June 12; Queensdale will likely be end of May
 - i. Communication will be sent to applicable families
- 3) Can council subsidize grade 8 trip? 2 day trip to Canterbury Hills Camp
 - i. Asking for \$1000
 - ii. Decision deferred to next month after first aid fundraiser

7. Treasurer's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here.](#)

- 1) Approx \$1300 in the bank as of February 21
 - i. Mabels labels and First Aid not included
- 2) Movie night made little bit of money, but will be used to help pay for the licence.

8. DEFERRED BUSINESS

- 1) Book Fair
- 2) Housekeeping
- 3) Fundraising (First Aid Kits & Mabel's Labels)
- 4) Pizza Day
- 5) Parking

9. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) School/Community Events
 - i. Movie Nights
 1. Movie Night on Jan 31, Super Mario Bros Movie
 2. Profit of \$189
 3. Movie night had lower attendance than usual; possibly because the calendar reminder wasn't emailed out; could also have been less popular because it was on a pizza day (Wednesday)

- a. If we have an event or reminder that needs to be on the calendar, contact Stacey. (Calendar can be viewed on Queensdale website - [Calendar](#))

ii. Fun Fair

1. June 6th is approaching. Jenn C has a binder of last year's purchases/activities
2. Beaver Tails is coming as a food truck.
 - i. All deserts, no food.
 - ii. Not getting same ice cream truck as last year because it was decided to have been too expensive.
3. Hammer Press is coming back as food truck
4. Looking into 50/50 draw and lottery license ACTION Stacey is on this
5. Have a subcommittee meeting at Lisa's house on Wed March 6th 6:30 - 8:30
 - i. 69 Highcliffe

2) Other Council Initiatives

i. Alternative Lunches: Rebranded "Fun Food Friday".

1. First one was subs. Ordered from Fennel Subs
 - i. 91 subs. Ordered 2 footlong subs as extra in case any issues. No tax charged.
 - ii. Some sub orders didn't show up in the SCO printout. May have been Krispy Kreme issue as well. ACTION Lisa and Stacey are following up with Sofia
 - ii. Well organized by vendor, handing out was a little chaotic but worked out. Normal for first time.

3) Alt Meals are on Fridays now, so no overlaps.

- i. Arancini Rice Balls, March 8th
- ii. Samosas, April 12th
- iii. Perhaps "Mexican Kitchen" next. ACTION Jenn C and Angie are conferring.

- iv. Amy needs to give the thumbs up on whether a food meets nutritional guidelines. We have limited "cheat" days, where nonnutritious food is allowed to be sold.
- v. Wellness Fair
 - 1. Lots of notes about this for next year - Colin
 - 2. Amazing execution, but attendance was underwhelming.
 - a. Vendors said they usually get tacked on to another event, like Meet the Teacher so people are already at the school
 - b. Perhaps if it's done again, it is with a fun event (bingo?), not branded as night to learn; or perhaps get presenters to do a video and that gets distributed
 - 3. ProGrant money used for events is listed on the HWDSB website - research to see what others are doing
 - a. PIC will be starting to put more info on the website to let ppl give feedback for how events went
 - b. Is ProGrant only for an event or can it be a series of events, or materials?
ACTION Jenn confirming
 - 4. Link to Wellness Fair documents:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UoJeVWOMIX-zs-UXIuxHVthPEnIWPwa4>

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Foundations Fundraising Pilot Project (Angel Fund)
 - i. Amy Leaming-Cote: Executive Director, Hamilton Foundation Executive. Lead of new initiative. Pilot Project HWDSB KIND. Opportunity for students to grow themselves related to kindness. Also for equity fundraising.
 - ii. Profits will go to Hamilton Foundation for Student Success
 - iii. April 22 to 26th Be Kind Week. 4 days tentatively planned.
 - 1. Ms. Borges, Ms. Tunstead, Ms. Morin
 - 2. Looking for the council to support on one day at least.
- 2) Translation Opportunity Council Communications

- i. School committee to ensure communications are being distributed in people's first languages
 - ii. Stickers going to be distributed with people's first languages that indicate things that need to be done, or asking if people need help
 - iii. Need to give parents the tools to help themselves - eg translation app "Immersive Reader"; Committee is considering having a drop-in time for volunteers to help parents get the resources they need to be able to translate documents and get connected to the community.
 - 1. Need to ensure parents can communicate and don't rely on their children to translate
- 3) HDSWD DEI Survey "We all Count" Student Census 2022"
- i. Surveys were done across the board for kids of certain grades upon many DEI issues.
 - ii. Surveys will continue to be done every year for grades 4, 7 and 10
- 4) Solar safe glasses? Hamilton Spectator article said schools are distributing ACTION Stacey will look into it

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Holly . Seconded by Nicole. **CARRIED**

End 7.15pm. Huzzah!

12. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21st 6:00 pm