

# Queensdale School Council Meeting Minutes | | January 18, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Library

Completed by Colin Ferguson, Secretary

Total Voting Members on Council: 16

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

## Key Links

**Pizza Day Sign Up:** [Here](#).

**QPC 2024 Google Drive with all relevant documents.**

## Voting Members

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

## Non-Voting Members and Representative

Ozren Opacic	N	Shivonne Lewis	R	Stacey Johnson	Y	Laurie Hurman	Y
Mary Jane Sonma	Y	Leigh Wilson	Y				

### 1. Call to Order

- 1) Jenn C on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:03p.m.

### 2. Land Acknowledgment

By Jenn C.

### 3. Principal's Announcement

Amanda is stepping down as Co-Chair. Amanda will be on council.

Personally Principal Johnson said thanks for many things, including the website.

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Melissa. Seconded by Amy. **CARRIED**

### 5. Approval of 22 November Minutes

Moved by Melissa. Seconded by Amy. **CARRIED**

**6. Educator's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here](#). 6:07pm**

- 1) Reading program started up. Helps teachers work with struggling students.
- 2) STEM - Ms. Morin and Ms. McKechnie attended a Robotics Technology workshop. 3 bins of STEM materials. Extracurricular workshop partnership between a business and the board. Looking for donations bins of Lego
- 3) Zones of regulation - help children with developing self regulation
- 4) Intramural sports starting - run by Mr Szpiech, Mr Farruggia, Mr Grechulk
- 5) Ms. Carey will be starting a positive space program group at noon.
- 6) Ecoteam run by Ms. Tunstead and Ms. Asrani; working to attain Gold Status on Waste Management.
- 7) Student council is putting together a new initiative to follow boards MYSP; black history activity for Feb.

**7. Principal's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here](#). 6:15pm**

- 1) Queensdale asked to be the face of New Strategic Direction (along with 2 other schools); Tagline "Be Yourself. Be Excellent". Photoshoot with a group of grade 6 students. Posters distributed to all the schools in HWDSB. Positive feedback from the Council on the tagline and photos
- 2) Facilities - still waiting for fence (west side) and gate (East side parking lot)
- 3) Math facilitator is bringing new stuff about things; Math mats owned by Council have been given to Principal for use by the staff in classrooms
- 4) Parent Council Ethics were read out.

**8. Treasurer's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here](#). 6.25pm**

- 1) Keep receipts for purchases. Forms are available with Nicole or Sophia in the office.
- 2) Submit expenses in a timely manner, please!
- 3) If you have a cheque that gets lost, it may be 6 months until you can get a new one.
- 4) Winter Market had approx \$560 revenue. Things were priced super low.
- 5) Right now the account has around \$3500.

**9. Deferred Business**

- 1) Fun fair
- 2) Book fair
- 3) Housekeeping

## 10. New Business

- 1) Music Department Request
  - i. Recorder program - need to purchase 1 per student approx \$400
    1. Motion Lisa VK. Second Amy Carried.
- 2) Apple Cables
  - i. \$500 for iOS charging cables.
    1. Motion Move Melissa, Seconded Candice Carried
  - ii. Parent Council will ask school community for used lightning cables - frame is as recycling initiative. ACTION- ask Student Council to do this.
- 3) Council Operations (Meeting Frequency)
  - i. Discussion on how many meetings per year, and whether sub committee leaders should create a report before meetings that members read beforehand. Intent is to cut down amount of time spent in a meeting
    1. Most members agreed that sharing information in person is important
    2. Decision is to attempt the subcommittee reports to see how things go. Scheduled meetings will stay in place
- 4) Trip Funds Request (s)
  - i. Motion to give \$1200 for a fund that the Principal can use for trips allocated
  - ii. Moved by Jen BR Seconded by Brendan. Thirded by Sara. Carried.
- 5) Foundations Fundraising Pilot Project
  - i. Participation Fundraiser - 50% Queensdale keeps, 50% we give back
- 6) Hamilton Fundraising for Student Success
  - i. Use foundation grants for those who don't have enough.
  - ii. It's about equality \$200 max per student.
  - iii. Showcase of Hearts is their main fundraiser,
- 7) Fundraising: mission and goals were discussed.
  - i. Jenn BR has professional experience, and is offering to help define our mission next year, and then plans.
- 8) Translation Opportunity Council Communications
  - i. By Amanda: Sharepoint allows any file to be changed. Maintains graphics and layout. Just translates text

- ii. ACTION - Stacey to investigate if individual communications can be sent out to specific families in their preferred language

9) Meditation/Yoga

- i. Fit Within - offers programming for K-8 (Yoga, Meditation, Zumba, etc)
  - 1. Lunchtime, afterschool, individual classes, for parents too
  - 2. \$75 / hour (doesn't matter how many participants)
  - 3. ACTION - Principal Johnson will look into whether the school board allows meditation (loaded word, may trigger); perhaps call it something else?

## 11. Other Council Initiatives

1) Parking [LINK to Folder](#).

- i. Side lot is experiencing issues; people parking when cone isn't placed.
- ii. East Parking lot is also being used for drop off and turn around. Perhaps place a cone at that entrance too.
- iii. Churchill and Prince George corner is still treacherous - ACTION- Colin talk to JP Danko ACTION - Nicole will send old letter to Stacey .

2) Wellness Fair [LINK to Folder](#).

(PRO-Grant) : Submitted. Wellness Fair is Feb 8th. Please share the various promotions to other families verbally, via text or social media.

- i. Presenters include: Trauma Processing Therapy, COAST Hamilton, Sports/physical Therapy, HWDSB social worker, HPL, Del La Sol Yoga, YWCA, Naseeha Mental Health, Community Education Services & Family Resource Centre from Mac HHSC, Ontario Structured Psychotherapy & Mood and Anxiety Clinic from St. Joseph's Health Care, City of Hamilton Public Health.
- ii. Motion to allocate up to \$50 for child care at Fair, Moved by Lisa, seconded by Sara CARRIED.
- iii. Use LinkedIn to get people to sign up. ACTION: Create LinkedIn sign up.

3) Alternative Lunches [LINK to Folder](#).

- i. Sub Lunch Feb 7th.
  - 1. Fennel Submarines.
- ii. Based on School's languages, we plan to have culturally connected foods (falafels, arancini, samosas etc) for future alt lunches.

- iii. Currently on the same day as pizza, Main office needs it to change day. ACTION - sub committee will decide on a new day for alt lunches going forward (in conjunction with Sophia).

4) Pizza Day [LINK to Folder](#).

- i. Grade 8s are enjoying handing the pizza out. This way they don't have to go outside in the winter.
- ii. Please look at the sign up sheet to see if you can help - volunteers needed every Wednesday [Click here for quick access](#).

## 12. Old Business

### 1) Fundraising

- i. First Aid Kits: Queensdale gets 50% of profit, if total is over C\$1000 there is free shipping.
  - 1. Pamphlet/order form going out after Feb 1st.
    - a. Order sheet due gack Feb 29th.
    - b. ACTION: Jen BR writes the letter that goes out with the order form.
  - 2. Motion to allot Funds to Trips and Transportation Motion Amanda Seconded Lisa VK Carried.
- ii. Mabel's Labels: 20% of sales (not 25% as previously noted)
  - 1. Already allocated to Student Wellness
  - 2. Communications - do a soft launch? Just put it on website, or do a "reminder"; perhaps May a hard push
  - 3. ACTION - Lisa will get things moving for a soft launch on website

### 2) School/Community Events

- iii. [Movie Nights](#)
  - 1. Wed Jan 31, showing Super Marios Bros.
  - 2. Motion to purchase license for \$452 Move Colin 2nd Amy CARRIED
- iv. [Winter Market](#)
  - 1. Success! Budget was \$2500 but spent \$2400 (approximate); profit was \$556
  - 2. Free stuff: Baking (vegan, GF available), Rummage; went over well (next year we can connect with thrift charities for rummage).
  - 3. Staff commented that it was a little smaller than previous years.

- a. First year back so we will ramp up next year.
  4. Anything left over can used for Fun Fair or next year's Market.
    - a. Some was donated to a non-for-profit.
  5. Most kids brought money, provided money for those who didn't have any cash; Kids brought more money than previous years. Perhaps raise prices a little.
  6. Lots of volunteers, dressed up, had a great time.
  7. Going forward - need more materials for wrapping.
    - a. Consider wrapping ahead of time (if there is multiples of same thing, have it wrapped ahead and kids purchase it already wrapped.)
  8. Having a subcommittee was amazing, used Whatsapp group, had an in-person meeting with agenda, small purchasing group (3 people) was effective, larger group helped with tasks.
  9. Stacey's input - staff loved that we supported those who couldn't afford, kids loved the event. School appreciated doing it over 2 days instead of 3. Stacey will communicate with staff better next time.
  10. Motion to put profits to Art Moved Jen BR. Seconded Amy  
CARRIED
- v. Winter Festival/Sing-along
1. Only 2 volunteers, going forward need more.
  2. Group was Women of Song; offered little gifts to say thank you.
  3. Queensdale Choir sang and then continued to jam with the Woman of Song.
  4. Approx 60 - 70 people in attendance.
  5. Went through hot chocolate quickly, cider was the second choice. Perhaps more hot chocolate next time.

### **13. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Candice. Seconded by Melissa. **CARRIED**

Next Meeting: Wednesday Feb 21st at 6:00pm