

Queensdale School Council Meeting Minutes | | Oct 4, 2023

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

Y = In person C = Called in R = Regrets N = No attendance, nor info.

Non-Voting Members and Representative

Ozren Opacic	R	Shivonne Lewis	R	Stacey Johnson	Y	Laurie Hurman	Y
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1. Call to Order

- 1) Amanda on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Amanda

3. Adoption of Amended Agenda

4. Approval of September Minutes

Moved by Melissa . Seconded by Nicole. **CARRIED**

5. Educator's Report - No Report Shared with Secretary

- 1) Developing Communities, learning routines
- 2) Update from Mr. G Sr. boys soft ball SILVER SR Girls and JR boys (weds) did well JR Swim up and running. Mrs. Novosad and Mrs. Hurman doing that. First practice Friday. Practice till Mid Nov. No meet time. Gr Boys 6 VB and girls 6,7 next week.
- 3) 4-5 class doing roots of Empathy Mrs. Murray. With Baby Henry
- 4) Kinders going to apple farm Oct 11th. 1&2 not doing, update later

- 5) Eco team: goals, want Queensdale to become an Eco school again.
Waste reduction and gardening, healthy lifestyle initiatives (walk to school october-WALKTOBER) Ms. Tunstead, Mrs. Morin and Mrs. Assranni

6. Principal's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here.](#)

- 1) Facilities: Playground safety. Gate at Inverness Closed between 8:50-3:10, cannot be locked. West side playground outside of kinder doors there will be a gate that closes off that side of the playground during the school date.

Gardens....cleaned up to remove the waste and smell.

School sign, outside of gymnasium doors is installed.

- 2) School has brought on a new Math facilitator (aligns with School/Board improvement plans). Where are we lacking? Not enough math manipulatives. Some money left from last year (\$1400) will go to math manipulatives (hand helds)

BRAVE Education group: Attend each classroom, specific to grade. Programs are conflict resolution, healthy boundaries, bullying, building relationships. \$145 plus travel per class, \$175 per class; ten classes grade 1 -8, focus on grades 4-6. (that would be \$875 for all classes to participate). Class presentation and post exercise. \$600 for parents group (250 in person). How to support your kids and help them through. Dates available October 27 & 30th (discussion moved to New Business)

- 3) School Operations: lunch monitors grade 5. Terry fox raised \$883.35 Food F or Kids program offered - not advertised classroom teacher identifies student family in need (offer groceries to those in need),

NO communication barriers. Languages spoken at home list to come from the principal.

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

- 1) We are at \$0. Running a deficit ok but need to balance at the end of year. Rearranging accounts - Nicole and Sophia. All goals will come out of one account, better organization
- 2) How to submit a receipt. HAVE to keep original receipt, no exceptions. Pink form available in the office and Nicole will have it at every meeting. Ask for help. Always consult with the subcommittee and check to make sure there is money. ONLY speak with treasurer about reimbursements. Nicole will attempt to make the requisition form available electronically but still have to be printed and handed in with original receipts.

Action: Nicole to scan reimbursement form to share on WhatsApp.

8. Old Business

- 1) Fundraising
 - i. Krispy Kreme: Forms are out SCO
November 7th, Kristine and Melissa tallying and submitting the order.
Time to be posted in the Main council group. Sorting and distribution
HELP NEEDED November 15th, pickups between 3-5pm. Parents send reusable bags for transportation. Find out if Krispy Kreme will seal the box. Facebook and SCO posted for pick up. Include in announcement

orders over 6 boxes to be picked up by parents.
NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS for November 15th

Action: Amanda to confirm if Krispy Kreme can seal/sticker shut the boxes.

Questions: was this a fundraiser offered by the grade 8's this year? No, the money should go back to the whole school since it's a whole school fundraiser
Will money be put towards trips for gr 8's?: Council will support any trip requested.

- ii. Pizza Days
FUNDS designation:
Motion to designate proceeds to student wellness and art based on student need.
Moved by Jennifer seconded by Brendan. **Carried**
Group of 4 to tally SCO and cash, Oct 10th 2pm
Help needed on Oct 11th for distribution. 12 noon arrival for handout.
School provides napkins. Gloves purchased from GT French.

There was discussion about if the current pizza provider satisfies the Board's nutrition policy.

Action: Jenn C will obtain nutritional information from Mario's.

- iii. Book Fair Council hosting APPROVED. Delivery May 6th, May 7-10 is fair
Deferred

2) School/Community Events

- i. Movie Nights: Motion to designate funds raised to STEM
Moved by Melissa, seconded by Amy **carried**.
October 18th, Halloween theme Hotel Transylvania. Prices have gone up, XL pizza \$10. \$2/slice, \$1 pop and \$1 chips and candy Doors open 5:30, Movie starts at 6pm. Parents must attend.

Issues with the sound system. Long & McQuade sending quotes. Should be resolved for movie night, if not we can rent one for the night.
- ii. Winter Market Sometime in December. Inventory Sub committee working hard to take Inventory under the stage. 2.5 days of shopping. Set up Monday night and cleaned up by Friday for Mr. G
Set up Monday December the 4th, Sales Dec 5, 6 clean up on the 6th at night. CONFIRMED
Subcommittee to come up with a rotating class group

Defer funds to be spent at Scholastic store.
- iii. Winter Festival/Sing-along Feeler out to students at Queensdale that are in the choir, United churches are more non-denominational ask around.
December 21st CONFIRMED
- iv. Alternative Special Lunch - Nicole: Fennel Submarines Spoke to Brenda. Willing, any type of 6" sub, \$5.50, toppings include 3 veggies, cheese and sauce. Subs was done before COVID with success

Put alt lunches profit towards Trips and transportation Motion from
Brendan Seconded by Candice All in favor **CARRIED**

Table nutrition plan and survey for Oct 26th meeting. Survey needs to
be distributed asap.

- v. Fun Fair - in talks with Bandalony; New company for Ice cream and
Beaver tails, Same food truck, Jenn & Nicole are running a permanent
tattoo booth, Maybe 75th anniversary tats (non-perm for the wimps)
- vi. Wellness Fair (PRO-Grant) applications not out yet. Secured a date
January 13th. Lowest point of the mental health point. Not as likely to
have a weather issue. Aubry is coming back (Paid using Pro-Grant)

Laughter Yoga, Dancescape, Hamilton Mental Health. Naseeha bilingual
group that can possibly attend. Crisis outreach

3) Other Council Initiatives

- i. Meet the Teacher Thursday October 5th. 4:30-6pm Please offer to help
out if you are present. Set up team at 3:30. Nicole has drinks and
pizza.
- ii. 75th Anniversary Date still TBC, most likely Nov 30th. Coffee donations,
flower donations, parent donations of baked goods. Mrs. Asrani is
finding photos from archives. If there is a poster, we can hand around
the town. Decade tables
Brendan looking into HPL for archives
- iii. Clothing Drive Deferred
- iv. Surveys & Polling Families
Nicole; 3 pages, broken into categories
a)Correspondence
b)Preferences for school lunches - "other" cap at 20 characters
c)Fundraising,
d)movie nights
e) miscellaneous questions
We want this to be anonymous. Microsoft forms for survey - to be sent
to Stacy and final approval by Nicole before launching
Motion to approve amended survey
Moved by, Angie seconded by Kristine **CARRIED**
- v. Housekeeping Melissa and Stephanie met Friday the 29th. Clipboards on
top of the bin with plates and napkins for easy accessibility. A lot of
queensdale Merch: queensdale shirts, canvas shopping bags, and
queensdale cookbooks. Maybe sell at the 75th anniversary. Use as prizes
throughout the year.
- vi. Spirit Days Nicole. 2019 poster brought for example - reuse the
explanation. Ti-cat October, Royals day November, Ugly sweater day
December, Beach day January, Pink and Red day February, PJs March,
backwards April, Famous person/ character day May, Twin day/triplet or
dress like a friend/stuffy day, Sunglasses and hat day

NICOLE TO UPDATE and send for distribution

Class lists made and teachers mark off who participated. Nicole collects data for year end pizza party and randomly selected one person for each spirit day to get a prize

- vii. Parking: Email from City sent to Colin and Stacey. [Link to document here.](#)

Colin sent regrets, Stacey presented the letter on his behalf. The city is proposing a change to the signs on Prince George Ave, to include a kiss and go lane on the west side of the road. ATTACH HERE Council felt it may be unsafe to have kiss and go opposite side of the road from the school.

Action: Colin to ask the city to switch from west to east for kiss and go and keep the west side for parking.

9. New Business

1) Fundraising

- i. Flip Give Not doing, poor reviews state they don't give the money out.
- ii. Mabel's Labels Lisa, not present Deferred
- iii. Jenn - first aid kits, will collect more info for next meeting

2) Other Council Initiatives

- i. i) \$500 Council Funds Every year every council gets money to run. We can spend it on childminding \$25per hour for 1:5. Stacey needs 48 hours to secure. Eventbrite link for each meeting, post on facebook and post on council Whatsapp. We can remind everyone 2 days before. Motion: Jenn, Seconded by Kristine. Carried.
- ii. Parking :
 - 1. We had a city by by-law sweep.
 - 2. After 2 weeks of reminders by Committee no parent is going into St. George parking lot.
 - 3. Basically we're in great shape.
 - 4. There is a city proposal to change parking rights on St. George & corner. It'll remove parking on school side of St. George. Far side will be Kiss & Go. Discussion of having Kiss & Go on school side so kids don't have to cross the street. Maybe even city repave so there is a parking lane. Stacy to share that email.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Melissa Seconded by Kristine **CARRIED**

Next Meeting: Thursday October 26th 6:00pm