

Queensdale School Council Meeting Minutes | | November 22, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Library

Completed by Nicole Hughes & Jenn Csele

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	Y	Stephanie McAulay	Y
Angie Hernandez Sobrado	Y	Holly Chriss	X	Nicole Hughes	Y		
Brendan Knapman	Y	Jennifer Baillie-Rouse	R	Melissa Button	R		
Candice Laughlin	Y	Jennifer Csele	Y				

Non-Voting Members and Representative

Ozren Opacic	X	Shivonne Lewis	R	Stacey Johnson	Y	Laurie Hurman	x
Mary Jane Sonma	y	Jenn Carey	y	Leigh Wilson	R		

1. Call to Order

- 1) By Chair on Wednesday, Nov 22nd, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Jennifer C . Seconded by Lisa . **CARRIED**

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

- 1) Grade 1/2 and 2/3 heading to Hamilton Children's Museum supporting social studies and math curriculum.
- 2) Grade 1/2 will be singing Oh Canada in ASL for the Anniversary event.
- 3) Grades 3-5 participating in a winter choir, performing at Macasa Lodge and at Queensdale.

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

- 1) Wrap branding being installed Thursday Nov 23
- 2) Gym doors were painted to freshen up

- 3) Brave Education presentation for students took place a week prior to meeting. Great feedback from staff.
- 4) Books available on difficult topics for teachers to use if topic arises in class
- 5) Math support from math facilitator - grade 3 & 6

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

- 1) With all the purchased coming out this month, a reminder to keep receipts
- 2) Ask Nicole for which category to list and give her the purchase amount BEFORE handing in the requisition form to Sofia
- 3) An electronic vote took place outside of the meeting and approved a budget of \$2500 to spend on Winter Market
- 4) Only new funds generated were by Krispy Kreme - \$2700; no expenditures

8. Deferred Business

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

9. Old Business

- 1) Other Council Initiatives
 - i. By-Law Amendment
 1. First change - 2 lines in bylaws -chair roles & secretary roles. Motion by Lisa, seconded by Amy. CARRIED
 2. Second change - addition of subcommittee leaders Motion by Jennifer C seconded by Angie. CARRIED
 - ii. Survey - [full survey analysis available here](#) - Nicole
 1. 85 surveys completed; excellent response based on how many families are in the school
 2. Items of note:
 - a. School lunches:
 - i. people are in favor of having one each week
 - ii. Support for an alternative to pizza in addition to pizza

- iii. Looks like people want a rotation between pizza and an alternative
 - iv. Options not comprehensive: Should have asked if pizza one week, alt the next rotation was a preference.
 - b. Fundraising:
 - i. Highest answer was "no preference". From the remaining options, slightly higher preference for purchasing items
 - c. Preference for events
 - i. Should have allowed for two answers but a glitch let people only choose 1
 - ii. Preferred response is "weekday evenings" 55/81
 - d. Mental Health
 - i. Majority of responses preferred getting mental health help for children (67.6%) rather than for adults (13.7)
 - e. Open answers/ suggestions
 - i. Person upset christmas is shut down; please accept and celebrate everything
 - 1. Council agrees we need to bring forward all celebrations, all cultures, not shut down
 - ii. Mention of holding community events to bring neighbourhood and school together
 - 1. Jenn is investigating Home and School group
 - iii. Suggestion of fundraisers that sell items that people are already going to buy
 - iv. A few mentions of poinsettia fundraiser; consider doing next year
 - 3. There were 5 ppl who asked to join Facebook after the survey
 - 4. Survey deemed a success. Will encourage next year's council to tweak and run it again
- iii. 75th Anniversary - Jennifer C
 - 1. Expectation is for hundreds of people to attend
 - 2. Food -

- a. Make our own coffee in 100 cup carafe, looking for pots to serve tea
 - b. Donated \$25 metro card can be used to purchase cream, stir sticks, sugar, etc
 - c. Donations for donuts from McD's and Westons is donating goodies
- 3. Handing out pens, stickers, selling tshirts
- 4. Looking for volunteers from council for help - need 4:30 - 7:30;
 - a. ACTION - chairs will set up whatsapp post for volunteers to respond
- iv. Pizza Day - Angie
 - 1. Have had student volunteers which help it run smoothly; 2 -3 volunteers from council
 - a. Primary grades, lunch monitors handout; kindergarten the ECEs handout; grades,
 - 2. 28-32 pizzas a week
 - a. Leftover pizza goes to Sofia and she gives pizza upon request to children who haven't paid
- v. Blanchette does not want to participate; parent support is still needed, but students will be needed too. Blanchette will offer her students
 - 1. Perhaps have a pizza committee- students trained to hand out pizza; kids on that committee help and are given a lanyard to indicate they're helping - Back to subcommittee for implementation

2) Fundraising

- i. Krispy Kreme - Amanda
 - 1. Sold 450, profit \$2700
 - a. 10 extra boxes (purchases in case of mistakes) were purchased by staff
 - 2. If we did it next year, what time of year?
 - a. November was too close to Halloween & Christmas
 - b. Council proposes next year's fundraiser is booked for Feb 13th
 - c. Action: Amanda L will call and secure this date for 2024/2025.
- ii. First Aid Kits - Jennifer C

1. Multiple options available in range of prices
2. Jenn ordered pamphlets; include order forms. No preorder necessary; students fill out forms and return to the school with cash
3. Fillout order forms, collect cash; if purchase over \$1000, Queensdale gets half
4. Motion to run first aid kits fundraiser kick off Feb 1st- Stephanie, seconded by Brendan. All in favour CARRIED
5. ACTION - Amanda will create a subcommittee on WhatsApp
6. Defer deciding where funds will go until January meeting

iii. Mabel's Labels - Lisa

1. Personalized Stickers for labeling clothes, containers, shoes, etc. Local women run company
2. No orders needed, no money collection - passive fundraiser
3. Every order affiliated to Queendales, school gets 25%; cut us a cheque when we reach \$50
4. Cancel any time
5. Motion to run Mabel's Labels fundraiser - Candice, seconded by Stephanie. All in favour, CARRIED
6. No subcommittee needed - Lisa is the subcommittee; will confer with Chairs to implement
7. Motion to allocate to student wellness and art by Amy, seconded by Helen CARRIED

3) School/Community Events

i. Movie Nights - Amy

1. Next date set - Wed Jan 31
2. Renewal of license is necessary - new license has free streaming for 30 days - ACTION Amy and Amanda will confer on renewal

ii. Winter Market - Lisa

1. list of volunteers for set up, days of, take down
 - a. Looking for volunteers from council and parents
2. Selling retail items, bake sale, and rummage
 - a. Donations from community and council
 - b. ACTION all of council - we need bins, tins, baskets

3. Rummage collection is Dec 1 and 4th.
 - a. Jenn will hangout in the morning;
 - b. Lisa will move everything after school to the stage
 - c. Sofia can direct things to pile in foyer - ACTION Jenn will put bins out for the day's collection
4. Focus is experience, not money driven; prices low
5. Subcommittee discussed having photos but cannot get a photographer
6. Flyers will go out soon
7. Sofia is organizing teacher input on schedule
8. School will fund student who need money
9. Online vote for a budget of \$2500 passed - motion by Jenn
10. Motion to allocate funds to Student wellness and Art by Nicole, seconded by Jenn; all in favour CARRIED

iii. Winter Sing-a-Long - Amanda

1. Dec 21 6:30-7:30
 - a. Serving hot chocolate and cider FOR FREE
 - i. Council
2. Queensdale Choir is performing one song
3. Woman of Song - Ladies of Hamilton Musician Guild is donating their time
 - a. Will submit a list of songs; will be a variety including festive
4. Making sing-along cards for audience

iv. Alternative Special Lunches

1. Survey shows people are interested in an alternative to pizza
 - a. Culturally related? Reflect what's going on that month
2. School will not give up a day - will have pizza every Wednesday
3. Motion to run an alternative lunch at the first Wed each month on the same day as pizza day Lisa, seconded by Amy CARRIED
4. ACTION - Amanda will create a subcommittee for alt lunches in WhatsApp

- 5. ACTION Amanda - ask Sofia when she does school cash online for Feb

10. New Business

- 1) Music Department Request - defer
- 2) HWDSB Fundraising Policy Review
 - i. Fundraising policy review on the HWDSB website Engage: how do school support Hamilton's foundation for student success. Closes November 22nd 2023
 - ii. In regards to Board fundraising NOT council fundraising
- 3) Council Operations
 - i. Should we cut down the amount of council meetings
 - ii. January's meeting will go forward, topic deferred until Jan

Month	Date	Day	Year	Hour
Sept	21	Thurs	2023	6:00 PM
Oct	4	Wed	2023	6:00 PM
Oct	26	Thurs	2023	6:00 PM
Nov	22	Wed	2023	6:00 PM
Dec Social	14	Thurs	2023	6:00 PM
Jan	18	Thurs	2024	6:00 PM
Feb	21	Wed	2024	6:00 PM
Mar	21	Thurs	2024	6:00 PM
Apr	17	Wed	2024	6:00 PM
May	23	Thurs	2024	6:00 PM
June - Fun Fair Night!	6	Thurs	2024	6:00 PM
June	12	Wed	2024	6:00 PM

11. Adjournment:

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

Next Meeting: Thursday January 18th 6:00pm