

SWL School Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 16th 2024 @ SWL Learning Commons

ITEM	NOTES
Attendance	<p>Kelly Reilly Scott – Principal Tim Kivell – Vice Principal Melanie Collingwood – Teacher Rep Jessica Codd – Chair Kimberley Donmoyer Fong – Treasurer Ashley Hinks – Secretary Natasha Ivectic Andrew Sparkes Heather Jensen Nicole Oliver Michael</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Meeting minutes from January 28 meeting approved</p>
Chair Report – Jessica Codd	<p>Fundraising so far this year has been going great</p> <p>Ms Reilly Scott shared her appreciation to parent volunteer for Food Days. Especially to Jessica Codd for taking on the brunt of the work, scheduling, etc.</p> <p>Natasha inquired about a safe food handling course for volunteers. Jessica informed the group that Tastebuds will be offering a free, three hour course online, she will send the link. It was noted that currently everything is prepackaged, so nobody needs safe food handling</p>
Principa/Vice Principal Report – Ms Reilly Scott	<p>Ms. Reilly Scott discussed the school multi year strategic direction – improving literacy data, EQAO, among other diagnostic assessments for k-2 students. Improving numeracy, preparedness for future for all students, graduation for all students and well being. The multi year plan is on HWDSB website</p> <p>Specific areas we are focusing on; human rights, safety & well being, providing equitable quality education, learning and engagement, collaborating with students and families, building sustainable education system, reinforcing indigenous relations. “Be You, Be Excellent” schools values; compassion, dignity, trust & joy guide our daily work</p> <p>Mr. Kivell shared that the cabinet in the front hallway has been updated inside with pictures of our students and staff doing things around the school, and will continue to be add pictures as things are happening in the school with a focus on “Be You. Be Excellent”</p>

	<p>Ms. Reilly Scott – PA DAY; morning k-2 teachers started training of reading assessment training that will be implemented next year. Grade 3-8 teachers had opportunity to explore it as well. Staff will continue to work through training. The afternoon was focused on math.</p> <p>School updates; pathway progression planning for Grade 8s is ongoing, EQAO prep is underway for Grade 3 and 6 teachers, coming up in third week of May. Open house is coming up on May 8th, Kindergarten orientation is coming up on May 16th no sit down presentation, more of a free flow, parents can check out classrooms etc. teachers will be available to answer questions, as well as information about the program, learning resource team, and asked if anyone from parent council would be able to attend; Heather, Kim, Natasha & Andrew are available to attend. Heather suggested having a print out to promote joining School Council available.</p>
<p>Teachers Report – Ms. Collingwood</p>	<p>Ms. Collingwood; School excursions are starting, noted that teachers will be looking for volunteers for upcoming trips in the near future. Also wanted to note her thanks to all the volunteers.</p> <p>Senior basketball is complete, Junior basketball is underway, about to start try outs for soccer team (grade 4-6), grade 8 co-ed tournament as well. Mr Pettersen will be holding a tournament but don't have the date available. School has held a few spirit days, including tropical day</p> <p>In May Recess Guardians program is starting, where students in grade 6 will run easy to play games for students in grade 1-3, focusing on inclusion and leadership</p> <p>Art club hasn't officially started yet, may need to break into different days by grade depending on interest.</p> <p>June 3rd Saltfleet is holding the accessible athletics (special Olympics), hopeful we can attend this year, weren't able to last year. Track & field is starting for grade 5-8, also includes accessible athletics, flag football</p>
<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>Ms. Reilly Scott – School council by-laws have been updated, as there has been confusion over how money is counted at the school. Principal is ultimately responsible for any money going in and out. Office Administrators will be responsible for counting money, and signing off. The council can collect, and handle money, but moving forward the office staff will count the money. Also removed from the by-laws was one statement regarding committees reporting directly to the chair to remove any confusion</p>

	<p>Photographing – our parents can't be taking photos of other students (your own child only). As per the Media policy photos of students can't be on personal devices, so parents can't be taking photos of other students (your own child excluded) at excursions, commencement, track and field, etc. as it puts parents in liability as well (to put in weekly update). Heather suggested that teachers organizing trips sign out a school iPad and assign volunteer or teacher to take photos of students on trips, that way photos can be reviewed, anyone without media consent can be deleted. Will discuss at the staff meeting this week.</p>
<p>Treasurers Report – Kimberly</p>	<p>Major fundraising is food days, going pretty well, we always make money Last pizza day (March), had just done valentines fundraising so sales were down a little it. The average over 4 pizza days held so far, make approx. \$600 each time The group discussed the \$4/slice price point was too high, but that there aren't enough volunteers to buy whole pizzas and distribute to students so the individual boxes are convenient, also less theft and hands on. Nicole asked if Pizza Pizza could offer multi slices in each box. Jessica informed her that they wont do that, as they have their specific pizza program. Andrew suggested we look into the date of pizza day to coincide with baby bonus on the 20th. The group agreed to look into alternatives for food days next year that are more cost effective. Kelly told the group that since Pizza Pizza is a "sell-yes" it doesn't count as one of the 10 "junk food" days allowed with the new board policy. Kim informed the group that despite the high price point, there is decent involvement with 500-600 slices sold.</p> <p>Money that has been distributed; \$1000 from council to student nutrition program \$600 to DPA materials have been purchased – went to each class \$600 to technology toward purchasing iPads \$200 for Oranges for Bell Lets Talk \$1000 toward commencement \$5364.61 remaining in funds right now. Includes money collected for upcoming pizza day but pizza not paid for</p>
<p>Council Items for Discussion</p>	<p>Grad Packages - Jessica informed the group that Claudio asked if we would be willing to donate or sell at cost keychains or bracelets to make up grad packages, asked how everyone feels about donating keychains/bracelets. Noted the keychains have been paid for with 74 remaining, and we sit at about a \$400 loss on the bracelets right now with over 600 remaining. . There are 105 grads. All in favour of donating keychains and bracelets. Jessica will ask Nicola to order keychains (300 again, the same as last order). Heather will print the keychains. All in favour of selling keychains and bracelets at Open House. Heather suggested we attach the bracelets to council pamphlets to hand out at Kindergarten Orientation, all in agreement. To make 75.</p> <p>Open House - Open House 4:40-6 May 8th. Volunteers; Nicole, Heather, Jessica, Ashley, Michael, Natasha, . can sell chocolate chip cookies too have 60 remaining... council to sell ice cream (made \$900 last time) at open house</p>

	<p>Kindergarten orientation – 2-3 council members to man council table Heather & Andrew, Kimberley (maybe). Thursday May 16th 4-5pm. Jessica has print out of council handouts – to send to Kelly for approval</p> <p>Bookfair - Ms. Serra will be running book fair this year. During the week as well at open house. Needs some volunteers to run. 5-11th Jessica will get confirmation from Ms Serra for what times are needed and send out email to group</p> <p>Kelly (Open house) will have bookfair, ice cream, keychains, bracelets, fairytales in the courtyard. Will discuss at staff meeting options to spread out crowd and move traffic. It was suggested to have information at the entrance of what is going on and where</p>
Subs - Natasha	June 7 th Sub Day for Grad, with proceeds going toward grad. Natasha helping to organize. Subs are coming from Andy’s Subs for \$5/each for 6 inch (cost \$3+tax)
Money – Ms. Reilly-Scott	<p>School purchased huge bulk of ipads this year, 50+ have been purchased already. With so many multi language learners, lexia learners, etc. we need more iPads. Would like to order 10 more ipads (will cost \$5-6000) and asked council for \$2000 toward the purchase. Will be utilized for reading interventions, multi language learners, etc. Also asked Council for \$1000 towards junior science hands on materials</p> <p>\$1000 junior science – went to vote, all in agreement</p> <p>\$2000 ipads – went to vote, all in agreement</p>
Next Meeting	Tuesday, June 4 th 6:00pm at SWL Learning Commons