

MEETING MINUTES

SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

**DATE:**

May 7, 2024

TIME:

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Waverley P.S. Library

IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa McDowell Pomfret, Sureka Smith, Ashley Hodder, Sabrina Annis, Karina Carney, Kristy Jobb, Christi Patrick, Kristin Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Nicole Harper, Alison Ridding, Andrea Vlachos, Amanda Phillips, Sara Menard, Jessica McComb, Liz Ryan
Alison Finlay, Lorelei Downes, Alex Renaud & Kim Gaspar

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the April 2nd meeting was approved by Karina

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Ms. Finlay presented on the following topics:

- Summer 2024 construction project
 1. All new millwork in the older classrooms including sinks, counters, closets, and bookshelves.
 2. All new ceiling tiles in the hallways and classrooms in the older areas
- EQAO – starts May 8th for Grade 6s and May 13th for Grade 3s.
- Kids seem to be enjoying Jungle Sports.
- One fire drill has been completed this Spring; two more are to go.
- Spring Showcase and Talent Show on May 29th – students are currently trying out at recess; some classes will be participating and are practicing in class.
- Jump Rope for Heart Virtual Kick-Off on May 21st.
- Grad update – Students have opted for swag (hoodies) and to go to Nebs instead of a dance. There will also be a clap-out on June 24th.
- Year End Assembly (featuring a slide show) will be June 26th
- The new jerseys have been ordered (will include green in the logo to help us stand out) and hopefully will be ready for Track & Field

TEACHER REPORT

Mr. Renaud presented on the following topics:

- Report cards – For students moving into the area, their report cards will be written by their previous teacher.
- Checking Communication – With lots of events and activities planned for the last couple of months of school, it is important for families to be checking for communications from teachers sent home with their children.

Athletics:

- Gymnastics was a success – participants were rewarded for individual success and for team dance routine. We had many receive silver & bronze in their events.
- Badminton Team – Did very well! One first place, two second places and two fourth places – best showing all year!

- Upcoming Events:
 - Track and Field: Grades 4 – 8
 - WEA Meet – Junior on May 15th and Intermediate on May 16th
 - Ultimate Frisbee: Grades 4 – 8
 - Juniors – June 11th and Intermediates – June 12th
 - Three Pitch: Grades 4 – 8
 - Juniors – June 20/24th and Intermediates – June 19th

Clubs:

- Student Council (Grades 7 & 8) – French room (Mr. Renaud)
 - Camouflage Butterflies – May 16th
 - Primary Play Day – June 13th
- Dance Club (Grades 4-8) – in the gym (Ms. Whittington)
- Choir Club (Grades 4-8) – in the Music Room (Ms. Browne)

Spring Talent Show – Thank you to Mrs. Halley for all her work on this. Auditions are currently happening, and students will know next week if they are selected to perform on stage. A couple of classes are also performing, and some classes are contributing art.

Upcoming Recognition and Spirit Days:

May 9th – Tye-Dye Day

May 23rd – Pattern Day

June 5th – World Environment Day – Dress in Green

June 6th – Anything but a backpack Day

June 20th – School Colours Day

TREASURER REPORT

School Council has fundraised over \$25,000 this year!

The Spring Market brought in a total of \$2,472.

The bank balance is currently over \$10,000 (a few items need to be reconciled and/or outstanding in the spending report – dance-a-thon expense, spring market expense, final jersey invoice)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Krispy Kreme – May 22nd

- Karina will pick up the donuts from Krispy Kreme
 - Kristy and Sureka volunteered to help out with handing out donuts between 2:30 and 5:00 pm

Open House – Tentatively scheduled for September 19th (possibly September 26th)

- All agreed that the food trucks were a good idea.
 - Sureka will look at the food truck options suggested – Tiny Tom Donuts, Talk of the Town, Tyrone Mills, Hot Dogs N More, Ice Cream Truck and Spicy Affairs

Chocolate Fundraiser

- All agreed it was worth repeating as it is a huge revenue stream (almost \$10K)
 - To change things up, we will try Laura Secord for the upcoming year

PARENT IDEAS & CONCERNS

- The idea to create a community garden was brought forward.
 - Concern with upkeep over the Summer break, but the school is going to look at possibly using community volunteers for this.
- The possibility of using Mucho Burrito as a lunch option was brought up.
 - SCC will look into this as an option including the feasibility, volunteers required to operate and profitability and perhaps invite them to a future meeting.
- Concerns were raised by parents about the lack of consequences for students who are bullying others
 - School noted that while it may seem like there are no consequences, there are consequences that may not be visible.
- Parents brought up concerns about the bathroom, especially it relates to having primary and intermediates use the same bathroom due to bullying by older kids.
 - School noted that the lack of bathrooms is an issue and they have been asking for additional bathrooms and encourage parents to advocate also.
- Additionally concerns about lack of staff were brought up
 - School agreed – more staff would mean being able to support students who need it and helping those who need more support with behaviours, but this is a funding issue, and the school's hands are tied in terms of being able to hire more staff.

MOTIONS PASSED

- **Motion 23:** Karina motioned to spend \$1000 on Playground Inspection/Maintenance
 - Sureka seconds and all agree.
- **Motion 24:** Sureka motioned to spend \$1000 on a deposit for Jungle Sports
 - Karina seconds and all agree.
 - **UPDATE:** Based on additional feedback from students, parents and staff, this motion has been reconsidered and retracted.
- **NEW Motion 24:** Sureka motioned to spend \$125 on a shirts & dye to support the dance club
 - Kristen seconds and all agree

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in September 2024 after the Summer Break, the date is to be determined.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 p.m. by Lisa and was passed unanimously.