



Dundana Elementary School

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Dundana School Council AGENDA

Wednesday June 1st, 2022 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chairs: Heather McCully & Sara Onufer

In attendance: Kristi Keery-Bishop, Sarah Onufer, Naomi Foster, Leora Sas van der Linden, Heather McCully, Gillian Petersen, Naomi Ives Peak, Jessie Blake, Rebecca Pallister

Regrets: Mark Brown, Emily DiSante, Sarah Dow

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of June 1st, 2022 Agenda; additions
 - Motioned by Sara, seconded by Gillian.
3. Approval of April 6th, 2022 Minutes
 - Motioned by Leora, seconded by Sara
4. Principal's Report
 - May Teacher Appreciation: much appreciated by staff. Recent rule change means that school council can only spend school council funds on students (not on teachers). Will take this into account for next year's teacher appreciation.
 - Open house: Received lots of positive feedback. Pizza was very popular. Book fair was big success. Staff reported that they liked how the activities were spread out over a bigger space (inside and outside of the school). Future suggestion: use the entire gym for the book fair to reduce crowding, and if a backup location for pizza is needed in case of rain, a classroom can be used. We are hoping for a Meet the Teacher/book fair in early October (after reorganization). If teachers are stationed outside again, name tags or signs would be helpful for parents meeting teachers for the first time.
 - EQAO: Grade 3s have already completed it. New format this year using technology instead of paper booklets. Feedback was that it was very labour intensive for staff but once it got rolling seemed less stressful/easier for students than previous paper versions.
 - Year End Wrap Up: balancing schoolwork with celebrations. Track and field tryouts for grades 3-5 are still ongoing, held outdoors during nutrition breaks (other students gather to watch and cheer on the participants which was a nice bonus). Track meet is on June 16th. Aussie X coming for workshops in June. Collaborative games expert will hopefully come out and teach the older classes some new collaborative games. Older classes can then teach younger classes (leadership opportunities). Author visit by David Robertson held virtually next week. Jump Rope for Heart raised \$6000 (triple the school's goal). June activities: staff are working on class placements for next year. Report cards come home June 24th and will include each student's fall class assignment. Students will visit next year's class during the last week of school.



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5. Treasurer's Report

- Open house – profit \$583.59 (mostly pizza sales)
- Scholastics – we earned approx. \$2000 in product for library and classrooms.
- Ending balance: \$2128.33

6. Fundraising Update

- Contributing funding to outdoor classroom
- \$14000.00 was raised so far. Total cost will be \$16000.00. Hoping for installation in Summer 2022
- Will council consider donating funds to make up the difference?
- Sara motioned to donate \$2000.00 to outdoor classroom. Seconded by Naomi. Everyone in favour
- Financial cushion can be replenished with fundraising at fall Open House
- Can officially open the new classroom at the Open House.

7. PRO Grants – option to still submit? Plan for next year?

- Closed now for this year.
- Proposal to submit PRO Grant application for the purpose of planting a native garden around the new outdoor classroom. Can invite a native plant specialist to give a community talk. Can open the planting to community involvement. If accepted, we will have \$500 + \$1000 from PRO Grants to fund the garden.
- Heather motioned that we proceed with the native garden PRO Grant application. Sara seconded. Everyone in favour.

8. French Parent Association Update

- Deferred until September.

9. Council year-end

- Any wrap up items. Kristi can update financial report to show that we're contributing to outdoor classroom and not sitting on money.
- A final year-end report to be completed by council chairs.
- Proposed date for 2022-2023 school council election is Monday September 26th.
- Available council members to meet in July or August to plan the fundraising aspects of the Open House. If deposits are required, ideally can wait until last week of August when the school office will be open and credit cards activated.
- Fall open house date: Thursday, October 6th.
- Gillian will reserve the book fair.

10. Any other Business

Adjournment – 7:30pm