

## **Dundana School Council Meeting**

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Attendees:** Principal Sue Pasian, Gillian Petersen, Tori Wilson, Shannon Schwetz, Carla Dubinski, Kelly Pearce, Heather Overmeyer, Erin Weatherill, Sara Brown, Jill Tonini, Emily Di Sante, Brian Liberty, Christina Loomis, Mme Cathy Eastwood

**Attendees via Zoom:** None

### **1. Welcome:**

Principal Pasian called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. Principal Pasian proceeded with the land acknowledgement, and Shannon and Carla carried on to chair the meeting.

2. Approval of last meeting's minutes: to be completed next meeting

### **3. Principal's Report:**

-Term 1 report cards will go home Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

-January 24<sup>th</sup> is a PA day.

-Cold weather policy: -15C base, -20C with windchill – students will remain inside for recess.

-Visit from the Director of Education: Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. She visited almost every classroom and was impressed with our outdoor space.

-Indigenous learning will be a focus area for teachers moving forward. To be discussed at the next staff meeting, Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### **4. Teacher's report & Teacher requests:** Mme Eastwood

-Thank you on behalf of Ms. Jurski and the staff for the council's support of Rocks & Rings

-Feedback for Pizza Helpers: the grade 5s have been very helpful. We will debrief next Wednesday. An adult is necessary for one of the classes.

-Mrs. Clarke: the Board is no longer funding The Forest of Reading (package of books). We missed the deadline for this academic year. We could potentially use funds from the Read-a-thon for the books for next year. TBD.

-Scholastic French books for the Junior level is limited. Donations of French books would be welcomed.

-Scientists in Schools: Ontario is mainly 60 min online workshops rather than in-person. It costs approx. \$235 for 30 students. Mme Eastwood will chat with staff and get feedback regarding the online workshops. Kelly mentioned David Suzuki's take on online workshops being more eco-friendly.

-A group from McMaster called Let's Talk Science is coming in to talk to the students (free).

-Mad Science: to look into it for in-class presentations.

-Approximately 100 chairs are missing from the gym. It was noticeable at the Winter Showcase. We should ask other schools if there are spare chairs they could donate.

-Brian mentioned that 100 new chairs would likely cost upwards of \$5000. We would really need to consider spending that amount of money on chairs.

-Winter Showcase Feedback: We may need to adjust the physical lights so they shine properly on the students. Teachers are not necessarily aware of the lighting while they are doing dress rehearsals.

-Joy of Music: Black History Month presentation

## 5. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Profit of \$3300 from Pizza days
- Profit of \$359 from Movie Night
- Profit of \$89 from Fall Open House
- Rocks & Rings & Jungle Sport deposit have been paid
- Current balance is approx. \$3000

## 6. **Fundraising Update:**

-There are parents wondering they can make **monetary donations** to the school and receive a charitable donation receipt. We will make it clear to parents in the next school newsletter as well as our Facebook page.

-**Purdy's Spring Chocolate Fundraiser:** Lisa to organize again. Will need volunteers again for packing and handing out orders.

-**New cookie fundraiser: Terra Cotta Cookies**, based out of Georgetown. Frozen cookies, 40 for \$15. Ten flavours. Similar to Purdy's, there is a website parents can order from. The school receives 40% of profits. The company delivers and orders would need to be picked up/sent home the same day, as the cookies are frozen. Shannon will call and set things up. We aim to get the fundraiser started ASAP and end January 29<sup>th</sup>. Orders to be delivered Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

-**Read-a-thon:** Gillian to organize this year. To take place in March again. The students really enjoyed the small prizes for the different categories.

### -**Cookbook:**

- Parent & kid recipes?
- Emily happy to work with a sub-committee
- To sell at next year's Open House
- Rice N Rolls: Could be something to try for a different lunch at a later date.

## 7. **PRO Grant:**

- Paul Davis, speaking about online safety.
- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at SWO, 6pm for parents to attend.
- Grades 3-5 or 4-5 will head to SWO for a session during the school day. A bus will be needed.
- To be added to the next newsletter so parents can save the date.

## 8. **Pizza Days:**

- February 5, 19, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30
- Do we want to add something different for lunches in May & June or stick to pizza days?

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## 9. **Any Other Business:**

-Christina asked about the basketball hoops getting repaired/replaced. Facilities would need to deem it a safety issue to have them replaced. It is possible they remove them and not replace them. Principal Pasian to speak to the Facilities representative.

## **Upcoming Meetings:** 6:30-8:00pm

- Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Meeting adjourned 8:06pm