

## **Dundana School Council Meeting**

Thursday, October 16th, 2025

**Attendees:** Principal Sue Pasion, Mme Kathy Eastwood, Mrs. Katie-Rose Douglas, Jules Pocsai (Umbrella Coordinator), Tori Wilson, Shannon Schwetz, Carla Dubinski, Hope Caldwell, Elizabeth Todd, Jennifer Duffield, Kelly Pearce, Heather Overmeyer, Christina Loomis, Jill Tonini Relton, Emily DiSante, Lisa Beaudoin

**Attendees via Zoom:** Sadaf Sabooni

### **1. Welcome:**

Principal Pasion called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. Principal Pasion introduced new attendees and said the land acknowledgement. Shannon and Carla carried on to chair the meeting.

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

-We recently went through reorganization. We opened a new, smaller kindergarten class with one new teacher. We were also able to add an additional educational assistant to the staff. We now have a total of 330 students, up from 299 in June 2025.

-Literacy is a big focus this year for school improvement planning.

-Many teachers are getting training for differentiated instruction, called Know Your Words, to help kids more with decoding and grammatical principles.

-A component of the board improvement plan is targeting student well-being and a sense of belonging. Do students see themselves in the school, in the resources, etc.?

### **3. Staff report:**

-A big thank you to the School Council for paying for the second bus for Cross Country. Just under 90 students were able to attend and it was a great day.

-Mme Eastwood & Mrs. Douglas handed out a document with staff ideas for items needed for either the whole school or specific grades/classrooms, eg. Quincy Mack, an indigenous presenter who teaches principles through the lens of basketball.

### **4. Purdy's Chocolates:**

-We did the fundraiser the last two years before Easter.

-We can do both Christmas and Easter this year and let families know in advance so they can plan ahead.

-Note to use a computer (not a phone) to use the Purdy's website.

-We will ideally have the fundraiser run for three weeks in November (deadline Nov. 28th).

### **5. Dundana Community Cookbook:**

-We are currently at 60 recipes. We could use more breakfast, snacks, mains, appetizers. (No need for more desserts). We have four recipes from local restaurants/shops.

-Recipe submission deadline is October 31st. Ideally we want 100 recipes. We could use more drawing submissions for artwork.

-However, there are only approximately 30 families who submitted recipes. Will there be enough interest for purchasing the cookbook once it is printed?

-If we went with Gateway-Rasmussen publishers, we could likely make approximately \$750.

-We could sell in person at movie night or sell strictly through School Cash Online.

-Carla suggested using a QR code on a poster at movie night to link to the School Cash Online

page.

-Sadaf wondered if we could do preorders to have an idea how much interest there is.

#### **6. PRO Grant:**

-This is a board-funded grant for an event for parents.

-Last year we hosted Paul Davis (in partnership with SWO) to discuss online safety for the grade 4s and 5s.

-This year we are looking to partner with SWO again and focus on bullying.

-Kathleen Hilchey, a conflict specialist, is a possible candidate for a speaker. Kelly will reach out.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report:** Principal Pasian, on behalf of Gillian who was absent

-Doughnuts: \$475 profit.

-Next year we should order more chocolate, Boston cream, and sprinkles.

-We will need a better float next time for making change.

-We could possibly sell for \$5 next year and have a sign saying what the profits go towards (e.g. Jungle Sport).

-The book fair was very successful this year and as a school we earned a lot of "Scholastic Dollars" which can be used to purchase items through Scholastic.

-Pizza days will also bring in a lot of money.

#### **8. Fundraising Plan:**

-We will use last year's plan for each of the buckets (25% each). The plan is due October 31st.

-We will have to add the cookbook to one of the buckets.

-Jill asked if we could fundraise a special project? It has to be submitted to the board and approved. We could potentially say something like 10% of fundraising will go to a larger multi-year project.

-Principal Asian suggested have a sub-committee for planning a larger project.

-We have to be quite specific in our fundraising plan to let parents know what we are fundraising for. However, the plan can change throughout the school year.

#### **9. Movie night:**

-Friday, November 14th, 2025.

-Carla will order the movie licence right before.

-Doors open at 6:00pm. Pizza and snack sales, and movie starts at 6:30pm.

#### **10. Clothing Drive:**

-Gently used adult winter items to be donated for the month of November. Lisa Beaudoin to help facilitate.

-We will do the children's items Giving Tree in December.

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

-Thursday, November 27th, 2025

-Thursday, January 15th, 2026

-Thursday, February 19th, 2026

-Thursday, March 12th, 2026

-Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

-Thursday, May 21st, 2026

Meeting adjourned 7:59pm