

Dundas Central School Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 7-8pm via MS Teams

Members Attending: Megan Beckett, Mrs. Moore, Bethany Foster, Laura Bartkiw, Aaron Vanderwal, Madeline Van Impe, Eileigh Bell, Jennifer Harper, Tammy DiDonato, Sara Miller, Louis Pin, Laura Marie Lawson, Majdi Qutob, Michelle Lucas Larving, Julianne Watson, Katherine Scarrow, Kristyn Pickell, Jenna Anderson

Members Absent: Julie Hansen, Amanda Gumbinger

1. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgment**

2. **Approval of February Minutes**

3. **Financial Update (if any)**

-No change, one last transaction after basket raffle. \$96

-Haven't raised any money, haven't spent any

4. **Fundraising Update**

-Spirit Wear is now open until the end of April

-Profits go to the playground fund

-Spring fundraiser ideas

- focus on a sense of togetherness and celebration for now
- encourage people to wear spirit wear during the open house, bring in spirit wear that is no longer worn
- pizza, bbq, Harvey's etc possibilities for food option
- staff will generate ideas at staff meeting

5. **Teacher Report**

-School play for grade 7 & 8 students, roughly 70 students participating. Mr. Bell wrote the play, about pirates

-Performances will be in early May, only open to students in the school, not open to the community this year

-Choir starting up again next week, dynamics not starting up due to many students involved in the play

-Mr. Verscour - 4 basketball teams up and running

-Exciting new club - positive space - 2 Spirit and LGBTQIA+ students in grade 7 & 8

-Ms. Bartkiw continues to offer yoga every Friday afternoon during second nutrition break

-Carpets are back in classrooms! Students are over the moon to be able to gather on carpets again, desks are also back together again

6. **Principal Report**

-Staff shortages are still being experienced,

-Health protocols - keep an eye on school messenger. Board does most of the communication. Most things have dropped away at this point

-Health curriculum to be delivered between April and June, parents can opt-out if needed

-Commencement June 20th, planning has started

-EQAO is running again this year, grades 3 and 6 will all be done electronically at the end of May

-Welcome to kindergarten even coming up soon as well

7. **Other Business**

-Bethany has to resign as a voting member because she's taking the remote class for French

-Mrs. Moore running School Council

-April - easter egg hunt for k-8, Tuesday, April 12th rain date Thursday, Apr 14th

-Can the school council donate \$100 for items for the event? **Put to vote - passed**

-May - Spirit day May 13th.

-Miss Harper - heading up opening house committee for this year

-ProGrant - parents reaching out grant - up to \$1000 – do we want to apply for something?

- Parent Engagement Fund (\$500) - potentially getting canvas banner that can be zip-tied to the fence

-May for the next in-person meeting

-April meeting on MS Teams Wednesday, April 20th

Adjournment