



## School Council Minutes

Dundas Central School Council Meeting Location: Dundas Central library

Date: October 20, 2022 / Time: 6-7 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Laura Bartkiw, Tammy DiDonato, Shelley Mcguire, Madeline VanImpe, Katherine Scarrow, Amanda Gumbinger, Marina Rollings, Iona Crisan, Kristyn Jewell, Laura Lawson, Becky Thomas, Caroline Walking

**Regrets:** Megan Coombs, Michelle Larving, Bethany Foster, Courtney Southworth, Aaron VanderWal

- I. Call to order: 6:01pm Oct 20, 2022
- II. Land Acknowledgment read by Madeline
- III. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting: approved
- IV. Review and approval of current agenda: approved
- V. Business from previous meeting: none
- VI. Guest speaker

Shelley Maguire, Office Administrator

- fundraising, amounts within reason when increasing cost for sales (ie, pizza day, snacks, etc)
- School cash needs to be online for about 2 weeks prior to allow time for processing
- can still take cash but needs to be limited because it is time consuming administratively
- spring raffle might be more successful because parents will be there and can buy tickets or possibly at Holiday Concert (date to be determined soon)
- basket suggestions -chocolate night, movie night,
- will need raffle license from the city

## VII. Reports

## Principal – Laura

- Meet the teacher, most families came, successful event, thanks to council for their table and greeting at entrance
  - feedback, some students arrived without a parent or guardian
  - lost and found already accumulating, encourage children to check for missing items, parents can come up the ramp to check the cart for items before or after school
  - Grade 6-8 offsite lunches, a note is required in advance, parents to check with children to ensure food is appropriate (healthy) and nut-free
  - volunteers needed for drivers and pizza day
- People
- re-organization we welcomed new teaches
  - Program-Nov 18 reports progress
  - Oct 24 PA day , K-3 staff engaged with reading specialist, IEP's 4-8, mandatory training in the afternoon
  - some new music instruments purchased
- Facilities
- playground painting refresh to happen
  - mulch and stone refresh, dead branches removed
  - paint refresh on lower hall and sensory room
  - Remembrance Day Observance and parents will be invited

## Teacher – Tammy

- Many students want to be involved in the music program
- Students are able to access instruments at their grade level where they may not have been able to previously
- First day of school had practice and tryout announcements for extra-curricular activities, baseball, cross country (80+ student), junior swim team, choirs, jr concert band (gr 5-6), senior concert band (gr 7&8)
- Remembrance Day ceremony, 2 school choirs will participate and senior concert band
- Community partnerships- Mr Bell and Mr Swackhammer's classes will go to AGH social studies and art project, Canadiana landscape, Indigenous art and under represented female artists,
- Mrs Swartz and Mr Bell running dissertation day's -will have a dirt day in partnership with McMaster
- Gr 7 students, MrBell's class went to Adventure Works in Sept, focused on problem solving and negotiations skills, starting off the year learning how to work together

- Suggestion by council to post events on social media, send email and council will post, trying to increase communication and sense of community on instagram

#### Treasury report – Amanda

- review the Financial Report
- some funds forwarded from previous year \$1184.76
- Credit with Holland Park Garden Gallery \$730 -communicate on social media
- Spirit wear is open and will closed Nov 11 to ensure time for delivery prior to holidays
- Consider advertising that child care can be available during council meetings

#### Fundraising

##### Spiritwear + Mabel's Labels – Katherine

- Spirit wear live to purchase online, encourage people to check it out

##### Holland Park Garden Gallery – Bethany

- Post on social media to get the word out

##### Pizza Day – Katherine

- Shelley -7 Wednesday's over the course of the year from Pizza Pizza, deliver early for 1st nutrition break, cheese or gluten free, no drinks, purchase through school cash, profit per slice approx \$1, letter to come out soon
- Many volunteers signed up through meet the teacher night, so hopefully vulnerable sector check goes through quickly, need min of 4 volunteers, 10 am, approx 40 mins.

##### Dance-a-thon - Marina

- Primary kids-K-5
- Speaker, DJ playlist
- Fundraising for Music program
- To send email to council to vote

#### Grants – Madeline

- found a couple, including a Music one, but all require a staff member at the school to submit
- Ms Pearce was interested in the music one, all the details were forwarded to her, the deadline is Nov 24th

#### Communications – Katherine

- 107 followers on Instagram, encourage more people to follow
- @dundas.central.buzz

#### VIII. New business -none

IX. Next meeting date, time and location : November 17, 6-7 , Dundas Central Library

X. Adjournment 7:04pm