



Dundas Central School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Dundas Central library

Date: Thursday, April 27 / Time: 6-7 p.m.

In Attendance: Laura Bartkiw, Tammy DiDonato, Katherine Scarrow, Marina Rollings, Michelle Lucas Larving, Amanda Gumbinger, Ioana Crisan, Kristyn Pickell, Laura Lawson, Bethany Foster

Regrets: Megan Coombs, Courtney Southworth, Aaron VanderWal, Caroline Walking, Madeline VanImpe, Kristyn Jewell

I. Call to order - 6:02pm

II. Land Acknowledgment - read by Katherine

III. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting - none

IV. Review and approval of current agenda - no amendments

V. Business from previous meeting-none

VI. Reports

Principal

- Welcome to Kindergarten event May 18 at 5pm, council will attend to provide info to new families
- School cash open for Dance-a-thon
- School volunteers need VSS and volunteer driver forms
- Working on class building for 2023/2024 school year
 - it is a long thoughtful process
 - a profile is created for students, multiple staff members are involved to provide input in decision making process, consideration is given to student friendships
- Playground painting -they will come back to finish some areas
- Basketball nets were too small, will be getting new ones with new hoops
- Recent vandalism
 - Three broken windows, some are historic
 - Red front door, someone is peeling away layers

- Dog excrement
 - there are signs throughout the school yard however dog waste is still a big concern
 - teachers and custodial staff are cleaning up daily
- See calendar of events for upcoming events
- End of school year excursions
 - Kinders Fire Hall, grades 1-4 Soccer World , grades 5-6 McMaster Museum and Planetarium, grades 7-8 still in planning

Teacher

- extracurricular
 - grade 7/8 Gauss math contest May 17
 - Senior swim team (grade 6/7/8) -swim meet next week 43 students attending
 - Junior girls basketball continues
 - Play -performed for 700 people overall
 - Band Fest and Choir Fest at Sherwood High school, Dundas Central had the largest choir
 - Jazz Fest is May 19, we are only elementary school participating, will be performing along side high school students
 - Student council organizing an egg hunt
 - Community partnerships (McMaster, Art Gallery, Dundas Museum)
 - Jody Boston, a therapeutic clown from the Art Gallery of Hamilton will be in the Grade 3/4/5 classrooms in April and May, medium exploring is drama
 - Grades 2/3 will partner with McMaster for a teddy bear clinic focusing on health and wellness
 - Mr Bell's 5/6 class working master book project about human settlement on Mars
 - Mrs Siwak's grade 6 class -will be exploring Chat GPT and educational implications
 - Having virtual guest speakers from government organizations, recently 2 members of CSIS come in to the school in person, it was the first time they were ever asked by a school to speak and answer questions
- Itinerant teacher recently lost her son at age 22 unexpectedly -in his memory and in lieu of gifts, acts of kindness be created in spaces, it will be linked to Instagram, initiative to be starting soon, more details to come
- Volunteer appreciation breakfast on May 31 from 8:30-9:30 am by invitation only

Treasurer-Amanda

- budget to be sent out separately
- waiting on last pizza day sales to determine final numbers

Fundraising:

- Pizza day-thank you to the volunteers, next pizza day May 31, also be handing out T-shirts
- T-shirt sales -VTTCO -sold 96 shirts so far, deadline is May 10
- have had enquiries from other families (ie from Yorkview)
- will send a note to the new kinder families to see if they want to order as well
- Dance-a-thon planning-May 4
 - Mrs. Heslop will not be able to co-ordinate the dance team to lead a dance this year, logistics won't work out
 - from 11am-1pm, 3 periods (JK-2, 3/4/5, 6/7/8), 40 mins each

- funds raised will go towards the music program
- speaker system -need laptop/device with bluetooth for music playlist
- will distribute glow sticks at the event
- volunteers
- Open House on May 11
 - will promote on Instagram
- Holland Gallery
 - will use funds to buy plants for the planters around the school

Open issue/summary of discussion

- Bay Area Science and Engineering fair -not participating
- washroom concerns
 - they are cleaned daily at a minimum
 - only permitted to use certain chemicals as per WHMIS
- Rainy days
 - Suggest board games, or decks of cards for middle aged grades (8-12yrs) to use during indoor breaks
 - Example: Connect 4, Guess Who, deck of cards, Cats Cradle etc
 - Might co-ordinate parent games donation drop off at Open House
- Spirit wear swap- to consider it for Open House to drop off outgrown items

VII. New business

- To discuss plans/ideas for 23/24 year at next meeting
- Suggested to have other community members attend Council meetings in future

IX. Next meeting date, time and location: May 25 - 6pm, Dundas Central Library

X. Adjournment: 7:01pm