



DUNDAS CENTRAL  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dundas Central School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Dundas Central library

Date: Thursday, September 21 / Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Kristyn Pickell, Tammy DiDonato, Renate Eschlboeck, Michelle Lee, Jennifer Blaney, Marina Rollings, Andrew Gumbinger, Amanda Gumbinger, Madeline Van Impe, Jen Moore, Bathany Foster, Nikki Carter, Karen Thomas, Danielle Little, Jessica Pletch, Katherine Scarrow, Abby Spyrou, Laura Bartkiw, Shelley McGuire

I. Vote:

2023/2024 School Council

Chair: Katherine Scarrow

Co-chair: will remain open as there was no interest put forward

Treasurer: Madelyn Van Impe

Secretary: Marina Rollings

11 voting members

Madeline VanImpe

Kristyn Pickell

Bethany Foster

Jennifer Blaney

Laura Lawson

Michelle Lucas Larving

Kristyn Jewell

Amanda Gumbinger

Nikki Carter

Marina Rollings

Katherine Scarrow

II. Call to order : 6:08pm Sept 21, 2023

III. Land acknowledgment: read by Kristyn

IV. Review and amendment of bylaws: to update to align with HWDSB strategic direction,  
motioned carried unanimously

V. Reports

- Principal - Laura Bartkiw
  - Reading specialist and math specialist and social worker, now at a consultant model (meaning as per request instead of housed in the building)
  - New Ontario language curriculum
  - Progress reports home November 13
  - Doors and windows replacement put on hold in favour of roof replacement
- Playground review
  - Thank you to the donors
  - Received the trillium award from the city of Hamilton, ceremony will be held Friday, Sept 29 at 2:30pm, will invite donors to attend
- Events
  - Sept 30 orange shirt day
  - Oct 12 school photo day
  - Oct 19 meet the teacher
  - Nov 10 remembrance day ceremony
- Fundraising
  - Mabel's Labels - Madeline
  - Holland Park Garden Gallery - Bethany
  - Pizza Day - Jessica
- Fundraising financial report
  - Total balance \$3753.58
- Office Updates - Shelley McGuire
  - money raised to goes towards the kids in the year that the money is fundraised in
  - fundraiser should have a target to put the money towards
  - School Cash online
    - Please provide at least 3 days notice prior to requesting something to be posted as Shelley will need the time to work on it
    - 2 weeks before the due date is when the notice should be sent to parents
    - Often a 1 week gap from the due date to the report as credit card payments can take longer to process
  - ensure co-ordination of fundraisers to avoid duplicate with classes
  - Nutrition policy
    - example: cupcakes and cakes for birthdays are not allowed
    - encouraging families to think of another alternative and speak to the teacher, food is out (alternatives could be: pencils, stickers, special speakers to class..etc)
  - classroom re-organization: parents to hear by Oct 5 or 6
- Teacher report - Tammy DiDonato

- Role is to highlight things going on at the school
- Extracurricular:
  - Choir, Dynamics and Mini Dynamics, Senior band
  - SR Volleyball, SR baseball, cross country
  - Rubik's cube club
- Organized by teachers: Terry fox event raised \$2652, surpassed the goal
- Volunteer drivers needed
- Swimming announcement likely next week
- Reach out to child's teacher to find out more about sports as scheduling can be fluid and often last minute due to volunteer teacher's other commitments
- Announcements posted outside of the office daily so students can check if they missed it
- Jen Moore, kindergarten teacher and lead for Student Council
  - Student Council to work together with School Council
- Playground refresh - Katherine
  - Bienenstock has been partner with Dundas Central for over 10 years
  - Giving back to community was important to them
  - Fundraising from council was supported
  - Refresh to the kindergarten pens, new sod
- Strategic Plan 2023-2024 - Katherine Scarrow
  - Katherine presented strategic plan as per her presentation
  - Year at a glance summary for fall, holiday, winter, and spring
  - Committees have been selected if interest still opportunity to sign up
  - Five pillars -fundraising will tie into the pillars
    1. Mascot
    2. Outreach
    3. Museum exhibit
    4. Student council
    5. Mural project
  - Kathryn to send email with proposal presentation to voting members to vote on
  - Proposed to raise \$700 towards a community support fund through:
    - spirit wear
    - pizza slices
    - anything above and beyond our stated goals will go towards community support fund
  - Pizza day - committee lead - Jessica Pletch
    - proposed 2 times per month from November to May - 14 days total
    - second and 4th Wednesday of the month
    - Nov 8 first Pizza day and the final will be May 22
    - Voted to change providers to A1 Pizza as slices are larger and minimal change to cost - motion approved

- \$3 slice
- option to contribute to community support fund in School Cash Online
- Pizza will be individually packaged, need minimum of 3 volunteers
- 45 minute commitment during first nutrition break
- proposed to purchase bins for delivering pizza to classrooms
- discussed the cost savings of purchasing stackable bins rather than collapsable
- priority to early nutrition break
- Meet the teacher Oct 19
  - Council to set up a table with volunteer sign up sheet
  - Greenville Optimist food truck will be there
  - Café Domestique coffee truck will be there
  - Council to sell keychains and stickers to go towards the community support fund
- The DC Den
  - spirit wear update
  - different options for logos
  - council to manage a new online store for purchases
- Trivia Night at the Shed
  - Oct 24/2023
  - \$10/ticket
  - adult only event
  - increasing ticket cost this year to help reach the goal for the mascot purchase
  - sponsored by local business
  - Halloween theme, costume, candies
  - 50/50 draw
  - purchase tickets through School Cash, meet the teacher night, or at the door
- Newsletter to start coming out monthly
  - will circulate through email and instagram
- Proposal for a new council website
  - better communication
  - can sell spirit wear on the website to keep costs down
- Mural proposal
  - to look into artists
  - indoor or outdoor to be determined due to recent vandalism
- Dundas Central exhibit at the Dundas Central Museum and Archives
  - Committee lead - Kristyn
  - Museum is on board to do a full exhibit may -summer
  - proposed night at the museum event
  - options for classes to get involved if they want
  - council to plan events ie, activities for families
  - Mr Bell involved in the initiative
- Dundas Blues night -Jan 25/24
  - Choir will sing
  - second floor will be available at no charge
- Kathryn to send email to voting members to vote on the new proposals as per the Strategic plan as she shared a lot of information and the meeting went over it's time slot

- Open issue/summary of discussion
  - Bethany proposed to raise funds for classrooms/education needs
  - Suggested to reach out to teachers to see what they might need
  - example, robotics equipment
  - Katherine requested she bring more information to next meeting for further discussion

VI. New business

VII. Adjournment 7:27