



Eastdale Council Minutes -- October 4th, 2022 6:00 pm

Attendance

Josh Lawrence, Jen Davis, Megan Ryan, Devin Powers, Baye Kler, Irum Doyle, Shayna Showell, Becky McMahon, James McMahon, Bri Nethercot, Justine Brown, Karen Gervais (admin), Richelle Bratuz (admin), Yusra Qureshi, Lindsay Gauvreau, Alexandra Scott, Kristyna Snook, Alethea Groff, Kerry Kumaasi, James Jackson, Nicki Crayford, Brianna Dunn.

School Council Overview from Kerry

--What does our council do, and why are we here?

We have an executive body and voting members. We also have non-voting members. Roles can be looked at online at the HWDSB website.

We will need to set quorum today... half of our voting members plus one. Voting members need to attend meetings.

Introductions of nominees--- Jasmeet and Ricky have been removed from the ballot due to absence.

Teacher Report

Allison – snap shot of what’s happening...

Sept has been busy – second year school wide reimagining wellness. Website for teacher’s team building exercises, getting to know your kids etc Gym or outside.

Athletics – Up and running! 3 pitch, cross country Oct 12, volleyball is starting

Music – J/I choir, Primary choir – choir room was packed. Happens on nutrition breaks.

Assembly – National Truth and Reconciliation. Marking the day and explaining orange shirt. Gentle nice way to teach about a difficult topic. Cree song, kids learned 5 Cree words together.

Terry Fox Run this Friday! (October 7th)

Meet the Staff – Oct 19. Bookfair will be in the gym and there will be Kernels popcorn for sale. Meet the staff is from 5:00-6:30 pm

Principal’s Report

We are in the staffroom tonight because we have a major reorganization happening. Library is going to be a half-class. The general-purpose room (108) is being repurposed to grade 5. Mrs. Fisher is going upstairs, and the half FDK is going into her old room. Mrs. Hackenberg will move across the hall. Richelle has been told that there will be two more portables on the back playground, but there is no date yet. She is working HARD to let superintendents know that we are on overflow, and we are doing the best that we can. Staff have been understanding and supportive. The new 6/7 position needs to be posted for a new hire, as per collective agreements, so that class will have a supply on Friday and for the next few days.

The numbers in school population are high in the English side. The question was asked whether there is a risk of French moving out. It's unlikely but Richelle doesn't have the answers. We will have to be patient and do the best with what we have.

Kerry offered a thank you to our admin team for their positivity in the face of the frustration. Thanks Richelle and Karen!

Election of Council Executive Members:

Secret ballots were cast, and the results are as follows:

Co-Chair—Kerry Kumaasi

Co-Chair-Justine Brown

Secretary –Megan Ryan

Treasurer—Jen Davis

Congratulations, and THANK YOU to everyone who put their names forward!!!

Other Business:

We have 15 Voting members –quorum is set at 8. (half our voting members, plus one)

Approval of Minutes –did everyone read them over? Approval moved by Jen Davis, seconded by Meg, voted to pass.

Umbrella care update—There is a wait list, Josh let us know that they are full. Further inquiries Pleastdale@umbrella.com

Fundraising ideas:

Pizza Days- Bri did some research and Pizza Pizza is the cheapest option that can accommodate our needs. Pizza volunteers include—James Jackson, Becky McMahon, Shayna Showell, Lindsay Gauvreau, Irum Doyle, Alexandra Scott, (Once a Month would be a good start). Set Pizza Day for the first week in November (wednesday the 2nd). An extra dollar will be an option for donation on School Cash Online, if Mary Jane Basillio (our office administrator) can sort it out in time.

Pita Pit—Gayle Fox is checking it out for us, as they do a lot of the organizing for us, reducing our need for in-school volunteers on the day.

School Council table at Meet the Teacher—Sell Concession Items? including Kernels popcorn.

Spring Swap Meet Committee-->preparing for larger spring fundraiser—we would love to have this happen but it needs people! It would be an outside event. Justine Brown, Jen Davis, Shayna showell, Brianna Dunn, James Jackson, are interested in being the committee.

Mabels labels (Brianna brought this forward)--look into it.

Bottle Drive—lucrative! Let's do it! --Brianna will head that sub-committee, and also Krystina, Justine, Josh Lawrence.

New Business:

Wish list for staff—Richelle is going to let staff know that we would like to support them in things that are needed for the school, and narrow things down for us. We are also hoping to subsidize buses for field trips.

Next Meetings:

Monday, December 5, 6:00 pm

Monday, February 6, 6:00 pm

Monday, April 3rd, 6:00 pm

Monday June 5th, 6:00 pm

**A reminder that all school parents and guardians are welcome to attend Council meetings, whether voting members or not. Come and have your say and hear first-hand what is happening at Eastdale!

Meeting adjournment moved by Jen, seconded by James.

** minutes recorded by outgoing secretary Bri Nethercot