

**Eastdale Elementary School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 6pm**

Items	
Call to Order (Kerry Kumaasi-Co chair)	Called to order at 6:03pm by Kerry.
Welcome / Introduction? Attendance	Josh, Heather, Kerry, April, Alethea, Francisco, Irum, Jodi, Karen, Richelle, Justine, Caroline, Alex, Brianna and Nicki
Approval of minutes (Megan Ryan)	Approval for minutes from October 2n, 2023 council meeting – passed
Co-chair’s Update (Brianna Dunn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from HWDSB meeting</li> <li>• Fundraisers</li> </ul>	<p>Brianna represented the school council at a meeting hosted by the School Board. The purpose of the meeting was to shed light on the roles and operation of the council. Among the things discussed were: How the council connects parents/families to principal and board; students’ interest should be placed first; the issues raised at council meetings should benefit the entire school instead of personal concerns only. Richelle projected a diagram showing how personal challenges with the school should be dealt with to reinforce what Brianna gathered at the meeting. the principal and, where appropriate, the school board. Please see “Addressing Concerns” diagram in the Appendix</p> <p>Fundraisers: The recent Pizza Day has been successful. There has been an increase in the number of pizzas ordered when compared to the last. The amount of funds raised are not yet available but will be at the next meeting.</p>
Principal’s Corner (Richelle Bratuz)	<p>-Richelle expressed her concerns about some limitations and challenges the school is facing because of the growing school population. She has had meetings with the superintendent of student success and one short term solution has been implemented- use of city parkland to extend the school play area. Some parents expressed their questions about what are some short- and long-term solutions that the board has proposed. Parents were encouraged to summarize the top five concerns, and these will be forwarded to Gerry Smith-Superintendent of Student Success for HWDSB. The concerns and possible solutions included: portapack with bathroom installation instead of portables; additional bathroom facilities for addressing these critical needs of access and cleanliness; extension of the black top play area; gymnasium access and programming and finally boundary considerations. Due to time constraints, a separate meeting to strategize for the meeting with Gerry Smith was proposed.</p> <p>-Richelle explained curtain drawings that are priced at \$15500. This was the goal from fundraising last school year. A vote will be made to determine how much funds from council will go towards curtains.</p>

<p>Teacher's Report (Joy Spencer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on school activities</li> </ul>	<p>-monthly assembly/mvps are recognized, grandfather teachings.          - Students present information about Diwali in the display case.          -Volleyball competition is almost over; only 1 tournament left.          -Basketball is starting in the new year.          -Celebrations for December: audition for the musical. Rehearsal Jan and Feb. Musical April/May. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>- holiday concert. Tickets will be available for the evening. Parents welcome during the day.          20th kinder concert. 21st sing along.</p>
<p>Community Report</p>	<p>No show</p>
<p>REFRESHMENT BREAK</p>	
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals 2023-2024</li> <li>• Community Spirit-Tree of Warmth</li> <li>• Recycle Event 2024</li> <li>• Parent Night- Social Media Safety</li> <li>• Nutrition Program</li> </ul>	<p>Nutrition program: taste buds came in and gathered information. Would need a fridge and manpower. Need a prep/distributor committee from parents. Richelle will reach out to Taste Buds representative.</p> <p>Tree of Warmth: Tree will be set up in the foyer according to Justine. Some members agreed that these donations should be going towards the students in need first, then any surplus can go to charity. Give donations of warm clothing also to keep some for students in need.</p> <p>Due to time constraints, the remaining items on the agenda were not addressed. However, there was a proposal to call an ad hoc meeting with voting members to vote on allocation of school council funds for the school year 2023-2024.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Fundraising Ideas</li> <li>• Volunteer Co-ordinator?</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	
<p>Meeting Close – Motion, Close</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 7:33pm: Kerry          Seconded by April</p>