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School Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 28, 2024

## In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal  
Tayla- Student Council Representative  
Suzanne Hall - Chair  
Brittany Hunter - Secretary  
Trish Rayner - Treasurer  
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member  
Jen Valente - Voting Member  
Sarah Ewing - Voting Member  
Layden Milsome - Voting Member  
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member  
Floriane Schroers - Voting Member  
Elisha Szafran - Voting Member  
Lesley Billingsley

Meeting Started at 6:37

1. Welcome
2. Student Council Update (Tayla Gr.6)
  - Lots going on with Intramural Volleyball and their senior volleyball teams
  - Lots of clubs have been starting up, including a coding club
  - More clubs opening including a drama club and an art club
  - Break Dancer came in and taught dance moves
  - Did a consensus on what kind of clubs MJ wanted to have as a community
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Minutes
  - **Motion: To approve [October 2024] School Council minutes** (Suzanne Hall)
    - Second: Trish Rayner
    - For: 11
    - Against: 0



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- Abstentions: 0
- Motion Carried: YES
  
- 5. Treasurer's Update (Trish Rayner)
  - Current balance is \$3188.40
  - Talk about later, setting aside some money for pizza for incoming Grade ones, there is \$500 in a separate account that we can also use for the year end picnic
- 6. Fundraising Update
  - Keep ideas for next year, to be able to get started on fundraising
  - **Big Box Fundraiser**
    - Sold 123 boxes, made 1353 in profit from the sale
    - Top class sold 29 boxes, second class was 23, look to give the pizza party to the top two classes
    - Still a few left from pick up, need to figure that out
  - Look into fixing how many we can order on school cash online
  - **Poinsettias**, pick up dates are Friday December 13, and Monday December 16, doing self pick up to save the delivery fee
  - Look to send a physical flyer home with each fundraiser as it can get lost in the emails
  - **Krispy Kreme**- pick up is set for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, we can sell max 400 boxes.
    - Need to talk to Mme. Osmond on how to order quantity on school cash
  - **French Cafe**- will be at the school open house, it will be open for all kids through the day, then families can come and purchase in the evening
  - **Fundscrip**- table it for now, with the Canada Post strike, look at other options that may be a better deal with E-Gift cards
  - **Mabel's Labels**- no rush at this time, look in the new year or end of the year
  - **Community Kickback**- may have to look to a chain as local places are already supporting local schools
  - Fundraise for, bussing, empowerment squared, end of year party, and proposals as they come
  - Elisha is the go-to for fundraising ideas and questions
- 7. Ongoing Business
  - **Santa Claus Parade (Mark and Trish)**
    - Met with the kids, forms will be going home with times and a meeting spot
    - Lots of kids want to sign up
    - Once forms come back will do some practices
    - Julie and Trish will attend the parade meeting to get the information on being a part of the parade



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- Meet with kids December 5<sup>th</sup> and possibly December 12<sup>th</sup> during nutrition break
- **Pro Grant (Suzanne)**
  - Parent Reaching out grant, supports initiatives that identify and address local parent needs and remove barriers that prevent parents from participating and engaging
  - Michelle McVittie is the guest speaker from an online vote, willing to work with PRO grant
  - Next year could potentially team up with other schools for more options for a speaker
  - Look into other uses for PRO grant next year
  - Need to pick a date for Michelle
- **Rural School Committee (Suzanne)**
  - MJ is allocated \$5227, spending guidelines on how the school can use the money
- **Water Bottles (Mark)**
  - Not a fundraiser, no water fountains in the school, need an option for kids, give them to the incoming grade ones, look at costing the metal ones
- **Proposal for School Council Funded winter break (themed) school activity (Suzanne)**
  - Not a fundraiser
  - 1 day a Friday in December
  - Need space in school
  - Older and younger class paired
  - Craft, colouring pages, refreshments, music, winter themed
  - Craft ideas priced and shared
  - Input form Tayla on what they would enjoy
  - **Motion for school council to fund and run winter themed craft activity for 500 dollars (Suzanne)**
    - **Seconded: Floriane Schroers**
    - **For: 11**
    - **Against: 0**
    - **Abstentions: 0**
    - **Motion Carried: YES**
  - Date is set for December 13<sup>th</sup>
- **School Cookbook (Floriane)**
  - Not a fundraiser
  - Community building/collaboration



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- Buy the book, looking at a cost of \$15 per book, any leftover to be donated to Hamilton Student Foundation
  - Have families submit recipes for the book
  - **Motion for school council to run a collaborative school recipe book- Floriane Schroers**
    - **Seconded: Suzanne Hall**
    - **For: 11**
    - **Against: 0**
    - **Abstentions: 0**
    - **Motion Carried: YES**
8. Principals Report (Mark Hopkins)
- **SIP- School Improvement Plan**
    - Focus on assessment to drive instruction
    - Create more opportunities in math to think, and reculture the way we think math a teach it along four strands
  - **Safe Schools Drills**
    - Have done all drills, still need one more lockdown
    - The kids are very good at following the procedures
  - Lots of student focused things happening, student voice is alive and well, Mme. Flett and Mme. Holden looking to start a Drama Club, Student Council and a Grade 8 Planning Committee
  - December 19<sup>th</sup> is a holiday concert, communication will be sent home
  - Defining Dance Movement- Josh came in, it was ana amazing time. Everyone participates
9. Next Meeting
- January 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6:30pm
  - In the Learning Commons

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm