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School Council Meeting  
Thursday January 16, 2025

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal  
Amanda Bennie- Teacher Representative  
Tayla – Student Council Representative  
Suzanne Hall - Chair  
Brittany Hunter - Secretary  
Trish Rayner - Treasurer  
Wendy Tanner- Voting Member (arrived late)  
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member  
Wendy Mahabir - Voting Member  
Julie Sadonoja - Voting Member  
Jen Valente - Voting Member  
Laden Milsome - Voting Member  
Elisha Szafran- Voting Member  
Lesley Billingsley  
Danielle Pacey  
Bulvinder Singh

Meeting Stated at 6:32 PM

1. Welcome
2. Student Council Update (Tayla)
  - Monochromatic day coming up
  - Kindness week in February, meeting to create what that looks like
  - Craft day was great!
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Minutes

**Motion: To approve November 2024 School Council minutes** (Suzanne Hall)

  - Second: Trish Rayner
  - For: 9
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0



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- Motion Carried: YES
- 5. Treasurer's Update (Trish Rayner)
  - Last meeting balance was \$3188.40
  - Raised 255.67 from the Pointsettia fundraiser
  - Spent around 200 for craft day, and had the pizza party for the big box fundraiser top selling classes for about 80
  - Currently our balance is \$3161.05
- 6. Fundraising Committee Update (Elisha Szafran)
  - **Proposal and Vote to save money for end of year BBQ-tabled, until next time to know the number we usually spend**
    - Usually use the PRO grant for the BBQ, this year we decided to use it toward one thing
  - **Krispy Kreme**
    - **MOTION for school council to sell the Krispy Kreme donuts for \$18 a box (Suzanne Hall)**
      - **Seconded: Julie Sadonja**
      - For: 9
      - Against: 0
      - Abstentions: 0
      - **MOTION CARRIED: YES**
    - Mandatory Pick up date for Krispy Kreme is March 27<sup>th</sup>, parents have to come that day
    - Limited to 450, 500 is the cap
    - First come first serve
    - *Posted to school cash online, February 27<sup>th</sup> order until March 20<sup>th</sup>*
  - **French Café**
    - Empowerment Squared,
    - Set up a booth for open house
    - Take money from fundraising and donate it to empowerment squared, so that all children can have a treat
    - May 22<sup>nd</sup> is French Café/Open House
    - Create a goal, to donate to empowerment and then vote to use council funds for donation
- 7. Ongoing Business
  - **Santa Claus Parade Update (Julie, Trish)**
    - It went really well, meeting at Bellmoore was quite organized, kids had a great time, and a great turn out, everyone that signed up to come came,



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- Learnings for next year- Louder speaker, Banner, some bells
- Holiday Activity Update (Suzanne)
  - It was awesome, great feedback from the teachers and children
- PRO Grant Update (Suzanne)
  - Approved for \$900
  - Need to choose a date for Michelle, Tuesday's or Thursdays any time after 6PM, daily and weekly struggles families are dealing with to tailor to the group
  - Look to send out to community on suggestions on what struggles they face
- Recipe Book Update (Suzanne)
  - Flyer was created
  - Distribute flyers, Jan 17 2025, Collect Recipes, Jan 17-Mar 1, Prep Mar 1-Apr 14, Place orders Apr 14-25, Submit Orders Apr 26 with 8-9 week for delivery
- 8. New Business
  - Black History Month- Anita Grant, Founder of Hello Hair (Lesley Billingsley)
    - Lives in Hannon, founded in 2020, on Dragons den and in Forbes, Partnership with HWDSB to distribute books, close the gaps with natural hair and battle discrimination, Set up in library, 40 mins each group, younger and older, reading and exploring hello hair, history of black hair, the crown act, 3-4 stations in library, and ask questions in a safe space
    - 9:30-2:30- 625\$, Mark has said he will split the cost
    - Motion to book Anita for February (Suzanne Hall) as a speaker for
      - Second: Elisha Szafran
      - For: 10
      - Against: 0
      - Abstentions: 0
      - Motion Carried: YES
    - Book for February 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Motion school council will use 315 dollars in KK sales to fund Anita Grant founder of Hello Hair,
      - Second: Julie Sadonoja
      - For: 10
      - Against: 0
      - Abstentions: 0
      - Motion Carried: YES
  - Parent Correspondence (Suzanne Hall/Elisha)



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- Did two years ago for a newsletter, to reach out with updates of what is going on
  - Once a month, and blast it out
  - If a parent wants to take it on
9. Teacher Update (Amanda Bennie)
- Great Feedback from Craft Day
  - Basketball team and Band performed in a concert and looking toward band fest
  - Drama club, started today
  - Infancy stage of robotics club LEGO based intermediate students
  - Curriculum-a lot on assessment with staff meeting and PD, how does it drive what we are teaching them
  - New reading standardized test, no more reading level, but skill based
  - Phonics program, Ufli, more unified across the board and French program is being written
  - All this helps to catch reading gaps early
10. Principal's Update (Mark Hopkins)
- Welcome Mme. Shezad, teaching Grade five/six
  - Celebrating Black History Month at MJ
  - Culturally Responsive and Relevant Classrooms
  - Immunization of School Pupils Act (update by Jan.23<sup>rd</sup> Public Health)
    - Pass along information to update Public Health to families
  - Gr. 8 Progression Progress
11. Next Meeting (Suzanne)
- February 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6:30PM in learning commons
12. Adjournment
- **Motion to adjourn the January School Council Meeting (Suzanne Hall)**
    - **Second: Brittany Hunter**
    - **For: 10**
    - **Against: 0**
    - **Abstentions: 0**
    - **Motion Carried: YES**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 PM