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School Council Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2025

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal
Amanda Bennie – Teacher Representative
Suzanne Hall - Chair
Brittany Hunter - Secretary
Trish Rayner - Treasurer
Paul Hatala – Voting Member
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member
Julie Sadonoja - Voting Member
Jen Valente - Voting Member
Sarah Ewing - Voting Member
Laden Milsome - Voting Member
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member
Floriane Schroers - Voting Member
Elisha Szafran- Voting Member
Wendy Mahabir- Voting Member

Meeting Started at 6:31 PM

1. Welcome

- Establish Quorum, quorum is established with 13 Voting Members Present

2. Student Council Update

- Working on Wizard of Oz play
- Yearbook- bunch of kids from grades 7 and 8, cover contest to design the cover, all other covers get their own page at the back of the year book
- Photos from all events over the year, and sports teams and clubs
- Want to meet with school council to work on commencement
- Swim team and Water polo
- Band fest coming up

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Review of the Agenda (Suzanne Hall)



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5. Approval of Minutes

- Approval from the minutes of the March 2025 meeting was completed on April 1st 2025 via online vote.
- The minutes were approved and posted online

6. Treasurer's Update (Trish Rayner)

- \$3481.05, \$630 less than last month, for the donation made to Empowerment Squared as of April 17th 2025

7. Fundraising Committee Update (Elisha Szafran)

- **French Café**
 - Gluten free vegan option (any ideas)
 - **Motion: That School Council will pay for any plates, utensils and flags needed for the French Café. (Suzanne Hall)**
 - **Second: Jen Valente**
 - **For: 13**
 - **Against: 0**
 - **Abstentions: 0**
 - **Motion Carried: YES**
 - Bake sale, notify ahead of time, not a ton of volunteers needed at this time and will let us know closer to the date
 - Empowerment Squared is setting up a booth that day, start at 4:00
 - Just running the French Café during the evening, not going to run it for the entire school, just the people that sign up starting it at 4:00 for families who sign up
- **Empowerment Squared Visit**
 - Coming April 25th, professional athletes running stations
 - Whole group presentation, Grades 3-8 are included in this one

8. Ongoing Business

- **End of the Year Picnic**
 - Fire truck is coming, let the kids roam the truck, 5:30ish arrival
 - Ginos Pizza is on board for pizza, they have a halal chicken option, preorder pizza through school cash online, need the numbers a week before
 - Food Trucks, beavertails is coming, three types of beavertails and combos, soft drinks as well, and 10% back from profits kicked back to the school, some preordered, and some orders day of, looking to see how long before they need preorders
 - Photo Booth is booked, and paid for
 - Check with Greek food, it will be a pay at the truck



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- Cool Jims Ice cream is coming
- Check for face painting or tattoos
- Used Book Sale, in the portable, have to let parents know, kids books only
- Bring lawn games
- Put a save the date in the parent flyer

9. New Business

• Fundraising Plan

- Leave a portion to roll over to the next year, as it can run events first thing in the year
- Annual Fundraising Plan, were Technology, School Enhancement, subsidize excursions, **Ideas in this to consider**, Laptop/Robotics, New Jerseys for school sports, DPA/PE equipment, Student agenda (\$5 per student)
- Donate towards the commencement for the end of the school year,
- **Motion: That school council will give 500 dollars towards commencement (Suzanne Hall)**
 - **Second: Paul Hatala**
 - **For: 13**
 - **Against: 0**
 - **Abstentions: 0**
 - **Motion carried: YES**
- Next meeting discuss how to use the remaining school council funds to donate to the school (around \$2200) for new team jerseys and DPA/PE equipment
- Suggestion was made for a standing donation to commencement each year

10. Teacher Staff Update (Amanda Bennie)

- Very busy section of the year, a lot of events going on, book fair, mental health week, wizard of oz, EQAO
- Looking to improve or change for next year
- Robotics: open 5 lunches a week, SPIKE KIT, MICROBITS, Two BrickQ,

11. Principals Update (Mark Hopkins)

- Student Voice involved for commencement, still want to go to the Mandarin
- Cut down on awards, recognize people that have excelled in the learning skills all year long
- Indigenous Education Circle Strategic Action Plan, how do we implement it in the classrooms and make it meaningful
- Excursion Messaging- approved so everyone can go, just send in the form
- 14 classes school organization, going up a class



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12. Next Meeting (Suzanne Hall)

- May 15th 2025 at 6:30 PM
- In the Learning Commons

13. Adjournment

- **Motion:** School Council moves to adjourn the April 2025 meeting
- **Second:** Trish Rayner
- **For:** 13
- **Against:** 0
- **Abstentions:** 0
- **Motion Carried:** YES

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56PM