

Notes of Queensdale Parent Council Meeting Wednesday Nov 9

Next Meeting: Monday Dec 19th @ 6pm
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Attendees

Amanda Levesque, Holly Chriss, Nicole Hughes, Colin Ferguson, Shivonne Lewis, Amy Townsend, Kristine Wachmann, Mark Simpson, Candice Laughlin, Jennifer Carey, Principal Tara Gasparik, Mrs. Blanchette
SET Representative: Doha
Public Health Representative: Mr. Coletto

Regrets: Amy Pender, Joshua Weresch, Jayne Jennings, Leigh Wilson

Minutes

Start

600pm: Greetings, Land Acknowledgement

601pm: Approval of Agenda, Minutes

[Agenda for Nov](#): approved and seconded. Voted and accepted as is.
[Minutes of Oct](#): approved and seconded. Voted and accepted as is.

602pm: Student Equity Team (SET)

SET Students gave an update: They were very social. :P

> Remembrance Day Ceremony: change from focus on death and war to a message about gratitude for peace.

> General Equity Update: "Everyone having a voice". Discussion of Love and inclusion.

> Spirit Days being done.

> Dance-a-thon is likely being done by SET in Feb.

> Winter Wonderland is going to replace Pictures with Santa. What does that mean is a holiday spirited topic of conversation.

620pm: Mr. Colletto with Hamilton Public Health

Key takeaways

Public Health is working with schools to support health upstream as it's more efficient for health outcomes, and more equitable.

Student Equity Team is there to identify the critical problems and communicate with Public Health.

Note: Health issues, income, and two parent families are correlated with education.

80% English home language, 8% Arabic, 3% Urdu, then French and others.

Location matters for these characteristics. Ward 8 is 7% of the Hamilton population.

705pm: Fundraising: Old Business

The school can issue checks. It's preferred to the credit card.

Key takeaways

i) DEFERRED Fun Fair

ii) Winter Wonderland/Holiday Pictures

iii) Poinsettia Fundraiser Update

Activity Trips and Transportation Fund

Mail sent out for sales

Dec 1 sales close

Dec 13 delivery: ACTION: Nicole to contact volunteer list to help on the 13th.

There are top earner prizes: pizza card, Firth, etc.

iv) Spring Flowers: Subcommittee

Deferred.

v) Pizza Days

SET will take this on.

Community Events

i) Movie Nights

Amanda says we can get licensing for \$400 (perhaps \$290 or as fewer students). Has to be on school property, and inside (clarifying).

- First movie night in January

Subcommittee: Amanda, Nicole, Amy P, Sara G

ii) Holiday Sing-Along

Dec 14th, 7-8pm

All organised.

Jayne looking for volunteers. ACTION: Nicole to email for volunteers.

SET TEAM will be asked to volunteer. ACTION: Ms. Carey will ask the SET Team, and add inclusive songs. Nov 21st-25th.

c) Status Update: Gym and Outdoor Classroom

Update: no update.

Mrs. Danko, Chair of the Board, has offered to attend this meeting if needed.

d) Parking Safety

Subcommittee: Colin and...? ACTION: Nicole to ask re: volunteers.

Letter going out to parents; a week or so after parking enforcement will be ticketing for a week.

A city sponsored walk or roll to school day is in 2023; we may support this with an event. We may do a subcommittee for this as well.

No update on Hamilton Safe Streets.

e) WhatsApp

Good job on doing the WhatsApp, it's working well.

f) Inventory & House-Keeping Update

Council items should come back to the school for storage in the basement.

ACTION: Lisa to contact Steph.

g) Monthly Newsletter Update

Newsletter written.

ACTION: Nicole to forward to Tara.

8) New Business

a) PRO Grant: Discussion on Parent Involvement Activity/Event

ACTION: think of ideas for funding for speakers, translation services, etc. \$1000.

b) Eco-School Certification

Mrs. Morrin and Mrs. Tungsten led the school in getting this done for 2019.

ACTION: Tara to see if they are willing to do this again.

c) Diverse Events and Possible Future Celebrations

Discussion of more events. We would need that community to step up and be involved to lead those specific ones.

d) Community Fridges

Deferred.

e) Social Media

Lisa and Amanda will manage.

Parents & Teachers only and no students.

There will be a question to join.

Privacy policy to be updated.

A post will be sent to remind those who are parents of former students to remove themselves. I.e. We only want parents of active students, and teachers too.

9) Treasurer's Report

iPads have arrived. PO matches amounts signed off by QPC.

10) Principal's Report: [LINK](#)
Focus: continued work on Human Rights.

11) Educator's Report: [LINK](#)
Mrs. Hermman's home reading program is going well.
Tied up with Grade 8

Grade 4s are looking forward

810pm: Discussion of next meeting

Meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00pm, dates as follow:

Wednesday Nov 9th @ 6pm

December meeting will be a social @ Holly's. Date TBD.

Jan 11th

Feb 8

Mar 8

Apr 12

May 10

June 14

Voted on and agreed by a majority.

810pm: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: moved by Nicole, seconded by Amy. Carried.