

Notes of Queensdale Parent Council Meeting Wednesday Jan 11

Next Meeting: Feb 8th @ 6pm
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SET Rep: n/a	X	Educator: Jennifer Carey	X	Principal: Tara Gasparik	Y	Guest: n/a	
Holly Chriss	R	Jennifer Csele	Y	Colin Ferguson	Y	Leanne Friesen	R
Nicole Hughes	Y	Jayne Jennings	R	Candice Laughlin	Y	Shivonne Lewis	Y
Amanda Levesque	Y	Stephanie McAulay	Y	Ozren Opacic	Y	Amy Pender	Y
Mark Simpson	X	Amy Townsend	Y	Lisa Von Keulen	R	Kristine Wachmann	R
Joshua Weresch	Y	Leigh Wilson	Y				

Minutes

Start

600pm: Greetings, Land Acknowledgement

601pm: Approval of Agenda, Minutes

[Agenda for Jan](#) Jan: approved and seconded. Voted and accepted as is.

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

602pm: Student Equity Team (SET)

No report this month.

A) 603pm: Fundraising

i) Family Movie Night - [POSTER](#)

Jan 25th

Minions Rise of Gru, but not announced yet

Fundraising for: Science & Tech (iPads)

Pizza and pop \$5, or \$20 for family

Bags of chips for \$1 Hot Chocolate \$1

It was advised to have Extra Grape Crush. We can store it if we have too much.

Subcommittee: Amanda, Nicole, Amy P, Sara G

If successful, we'll be doing a movie in Feb for Intermediate students. More mature movie.

ii) Poinsettia Fundraiser Update

Lisa headed up the subcommittee. Lisa is absent tonight but provided a summary in advance. The full report will be available for review at the February meeting.

Profits \$434.

Moving up the timelines for earlier advertising and purchases might be good.

Terra Greenhouses was a good partner. Council agreed that the spring planting event might use Terra but if only bulbs and trays are provided. It was noted that the majority of purchases were the least expensive item available. This fundraiser may be too pricey for the community - other nurseries are being explored.

iii) Spring Flowers Fundraiser:

Suggested spring planting products (flats and bedding plants, bulbs) instead of just flowers. Subcommittee is waiting for information from Satellite, Jeans, and Harpers. Ads in March, Order in April, Delivery mid-May

Subcommittee: Amanda, Nicole, Colin, Jennifer, Stephanie, Sara, Amy P

iv) Pizza Day (& Sub Day)

SET owns this action item. QPC raised the point that the year is half over and this hasn't started yet.

ACTION: Principal G is following up on Thursday Jan 12, 2023.

QPC stated that they are very happy to support and help, but respect that it's a student-led initiative.

B) 6.30pm Community Events

Volunteers: Students need hours.

If we need volunteers to get Queensdale Alumni through McNab/westmount then ask the guidance counselors. Amy T is a good connection to assist with this.

i) Spirit Days

Ms. Youssef, Mr. Tudor > they are running it.

Principal G will ask about dates / activities for the rest of the year to share with QPC. Previously this was on the last Friday of the month.

Reminder, this is fun, inclusive and not about fundraising.

It was suggested to include Feb 1 and April 26 (city wide initiative for Walk and Roll to School Day - wear yellow)

ii) Family Movie Night - free for all families to attend. No drop offs. Fundraising and other details in conjunction with this community event were discussed under fundraising.

iii) Holiday Sing-Along Update

Dec 14th, 7-8pm

“Really good fun.” Lots of new families. Well attended.

Band was great. Music was great. Music sheets were valuable.

Cider was delicious.

Hot Chocolate: 3 chocolate makers are owned by QPC. Next time better instructions on mix to water ratios.

Power connection was iffy. Cords had to go to multiple spots; gym, end of the hall, etc.

Lisa has a list of lessons learned (bring whisks, longer spoons, measuring cups) that was shared with council for the next event.

iv) Fun Fair

Leanne and Jayne have offered support as requested.

Dates: June is busy, but June is best.

In-House Activities: volunteer Face paint,

Outside Bought:

PIC would have the information on what is allowed and not - Amanda to explore.

Stephanie has food handler, so will run the BBQ. Looking for other food handlers.

Fire truck, potential: Ozren

Committee established already, it will include everyone on council.

C) 6.40pm Status Update: Gym and Outdoor Classroom

Update: minimal. Principal G has let the new superintendent know.

New Supt. is Adnan Shabaz, Supt. of Education - Achievement”.

Superintendent list is here - [LINK](#).

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

Invitation will be sent to Becky Buck and Dawn Danko by Tara.

D) 6.50pm Parking Safety

By-law has been by on a few occasions. There was a change seen in volumes after the letter from council was sent home. Once the blitz is over, some volunteers will be needed to be present during drop off and pick ups.

ACTION: Nicole to ask council for volunteers to assist.

No update on Hamilton Safe Streets.

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. There are two dates: Feb 1 and April 26 to wear yellow. Council is exploring a Bike Safety/education event for one of these days.

Website Daily School Route: Bike safety for your kids, about smart commuting
Bike for Mike does Bike Safety Clinics. Orzen has the contact.
Bikeology - out of Churchill. Fix bikes. Joshua is the contact.

Sub Committee: Jennifer, Colin

E) 6.55pm Social Media

Facebook - Join This Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/574398359316885>

Sara and Colin will be added as admins

Question: How can we join with the community, former members?

Suggestion: Use a Facebook page that's public.

Suggestion: Share to the Centermont Neighbourhood Association.

ACTION: Colin to create the facebook page.

WhatsApp

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

F) 7.12pm Inventory & House-Keeping Update

Shelving is needed. Up to \$300 is approved for racking.

Motion: Stephanie. 2nd'd: Candice Voted: Majority.

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

ACTION: Lisa to contact Steph.

G) 7.20pm Monthly Newsletter Update

When is the next newsletter? Go out next week.

Content should be movie, movie, movie.

ACTION: Nicole to write and forward to Tara by Friday the 13th.

H) 7.25pm Well Being : PRO Grant: Discussion on Parent Involvement Activity/Event

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

Perhaps: A Family Wellness Fair.

Saturday "Event" around Family Focus on Mental Health.

Maybe pancakes for the kids. Art activity? Games.

Volunteer hours for High School kids.

It's possible with the school. And need a Sat that Principal G is around. Better in the morning for the custodians/staff. 9-11 or 10-12 is the best time for the school.

Pay for Custodians

Subcommittee: Candice, Stephanie, Sara G, Amanda

I) Eco-School Certification (in Principal's Report)

K) Community Fridges:

Report from Jayne. Summary: It is likely not the best fit for Queensdale.

Also, if donating, do not donate canned goods in the winter.

7.30pm New Business

a) Holiday Market starting again

We need purchasers to start now.

Suggestion: Go to Crazy Bins.

Subcommittee: Sara G, Candice,

Support offered by previous years: Amy G, Jayne

9) 738pm Treasurer's Report: [LINK](#)

In report.

10) 740pm Principal's Report: [LINK](#)

Lots of holiday related activities!

Morning announcements will change. They are no longer focused on students reading announcements live, as they'll be prepared in advance. This allows for a powerpoint to be ready to support those who don't hear announcements well, including hard of hearing students.

Jan 27th PA day.

Jan 30th the donuts arrive. Ordering is earlier, as per email.

EQA is happening in 2023; one change is a limiting of those who qualify to be scribes.

11) Educator's Report: Not this month.

The content is rolled into the Principal's Report.

750pm: Discussion of next meeting

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

Feb 8

Mar 8

Apr 12

May 10

June 14

752pm: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: moved by Stephanie, seconded by Amy T. Carried.