

# Queensdale School Council Meeting Minutes | | Mar 21, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Library

Completed by Colin Ferguson, Secretary

Total Voting Members on Council: 16

Quorum Required Satisfied: Y 9 (50%+1)

## Voting Members

Amanda Levesque	Y	Colin Ferguson	Y	Kristine Wachmann	L	Sara Gray	Y
Amy Pender	Y	Helen Athansriou	R	Lisa Vaaaan Keulen	Y	Stephanie McAulay	R
Angie Hernandez Sobrado	Y	Holly Chriss	Y				
Brendan Knapman	Y	Jennifer Baillie-Rouse	L	Melissa Button	Y		
Candice Laughlin	Y	Jennifer Csele	Y	Nicole Hughes	Y		

## Non-Voting Members and Representative

Ozren Opacic	R	Shivonne Lewis	R	Stacey Johnson	Y	Ms. Carry	R
Mary Jane Sonma	Y	Ms. Hurman	R	Leigh Wilson	R		

### 1. Call to Order

1) By Jenn C on Thursday, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6:06 p.m.

### 2. Land Acknowledgment

2) By Jenn C on Thursday, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6:06 p.m.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda - [LINK](#)

Moved by Colin Seconded by Lisa **CARRIED**

### 4. Approval of February Minutes - [LINK](#)

Moved by Nicole Seconded by Amy B **CARRIED**

### 5. Educator's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here.](#)

Not in attendance. Report sent. (Can we get last Month's report too? Thanks.)

- 1) Marsh program: plants and snails brought to the classroom, then returned to RBG later.
- 2) Be Kind: Apr 22 to 26. Dance-a-thon (run by teachers). All grades participating.

- 3) Trips: grades 3-4 going to outdoor education event, May 3rd @ Dundas Valley.
  - i. Gr 4 only going to Hamilton Children's Water Festival on May 28th
- 4) Grandparent volunteer (Mr. Morton) running Basketball skills camp (Ms. Morin is staff supervisor) - twice a week, once before school and once after
  - i. Discussion regarding getting info out about activities (Council Members had not heard of this)
  - ii. Stacey: Perhaps have teachers record what they've got planned, give info to Sofia and she can add it to the weekly email updates
- 5) Basketball Intramurals starting grade 5 & 6 boys.
- 6) Volleyballs skills camp for grade 5 & 6 girls
- 7) Intermediate swim practices start Tuesday March 26, swim meet Friday May 3rd. Grades 6, 7, & 8
- 8) School is hosting Earth hour on March 25; turning off lights, computers, etc for an hour to teach about energy conservation

**6. Principal's Report - [Full Report Available Online Here.](#)**

- 1) Guest Speaker - Math Up Program (Mary Anne Small): up and running within the school. Going to run in-service for parents from 6 different schools (Cost is \$100/school). Details to come
- 2) "Disproportionality Report" : [Link to description and report found here](#)
  - i. Census of students Participation rate was 48% of students in the board. Always Grades 4, 7, 10.
  - ii. Aid in the understanding of how the education system is serving different groups of students.
    1. The disproportionalities measured are student outcomes including: differences in levels of Academic achievement, suspension & expulsions, attendance and well-being
- 3) Solar safe glasses. Schools getting them
  - i. Being provided for all staff and students
  - ii. Recommended that glasses are send in a sleeve or envelop to prevent scratching

**7. Treasurer's Report - Nicole - [Full Report Available Online Here.](#)**

- 1) Currently have approx \$4000 for spending; most designated to Trips and Transportation
  - i. \$200 isn't allotted for anything.

- ii. \$150 For arts based on student need.
- iii. \$1000 for STEM or trips and transportation
- iv. \$2500 on trips and transportation.
  - a. School is requesting \$1000 for Grade 8 Two-day overnight trip to Canterbury Hills.
  - b. Motion to give \$1000 for Gr 8 trip; Moved by Holly, Seconded Lisa CARRIED

## **8. DEFERRED BUSINESS**

- 1) \*Book Fair
- 2) \*Housekeeping
- 3) \*Pizza day

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Fundraising
  - i. First Aid - SUCCESS! - Jennifer C
    - 1. Delivery date changed to April 5, 3-5pm
  - ii. They are moving, so a bit confused. Communication issues.
    - 1. Some items ended up not being available so an alternative will be provided and for every order missing that item, a backpack will be given as well as the alternative.
  - iii. Approx \$2400 profit. (still counting)
- 2) School/Community Events
  - i. Movie Nights - Amy
    - 1. April 4th, Retro Movie Night "Honey I Shrunk The Kids"
  - ii. Fun Fair
    - 1. Last Year:
      - a. spent \$2700; half the costs were from game rentals
      - b. Approx \$4000 gross revenue. Approx half from wristbands (\$10).
      - c. Net income \$1270, Previous Years: 2019 - \$2368.86; 2018 - \$2008.84

2. Subcommittee created Micro subcommittees made for activities/vendors
  - a. ACTION Games micro committee needs to decide on what will be ordered so Stacey can go to procurement
  - b. This year plan to spend less on games than last year; use home made games or games from council members
3. Instead of food trucks, looking into having the Lion's Club
  - a. Serve hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, etc for way cheaper than a food truck; looking into vegetarian options and soylent green
  - b. Profit will go to Lion's Club initiatives
4. Instead of Beavers Tales, we're going to sell packaged ice creams/ popsicles. Colin isn't allowed to have any.
  - a. Kristine lending a freezer ACTION Stacey will look into this related to breakers ACTION Kristine needs to test to ensure it still works.
5. Teachers will be asked if they are interested in joining at the Fun Fair. Their kids will be comped.
6. Babysitter Training is offered through Verisafe - perhaps have them come with a table to advertise
7. Going to run a 50/50 draw - fits under lottery license with raffle tickets
8. Idea: rent/borrow a Button Maker? Free use for students at fair
  - a. ACTION Jenn C will check if it can be signed out by from the HPL main branch
9. Cotton Candy Maker was purchased for \$800
10. Budget discussion. Motion to have \$3200 for budget
  - a. Moved by Jenn C, Seconded Mrs. Button CARRIED

### 3) Other Council Initiatives

- i. "Fun Food Fridays" (Formally Alternative Lunches)
  1. Arancini was a hit. From "The Arancini Company"
    - a. Kids who don't try things, tried it and liked it.

b. Funds: Profit was \$197.41

c. Next offering is going to be Samosas, April 12

2. Next up: Looking into selling Tacos For Cinco de Mayo

ii. Parking : cone isn't there often enough. Ms. Morin will ensure the pylon is placed after she arrives or a new system needs to be implemented.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

1) none

## **11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Amy . Seconded by Nicole. **CARRIED**

End = 7.20am.

**12. Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 17th, 2024 6pm