



Queen Victoria Elementary School (QVES)

School Council Meeting

Thursday January 16, 2025, 6 pm

Minutes of Meeting No. 4

--Items following which are numbered and bolded are those from the proposed agenda:

1. Call to Order. 6:02 pm

2. Land Acknowledgement read aloud by Jamie. 6:02 pm

- “The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.
The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.
We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.”

3. Review & Approval of October & November Meeting Minutes

- quorum reads past months' Meeting Minutes

Rebecca : October: section 6 subcommittees; robotics fundraising should be a fundraising initiative

There are 3 committees: Parent Engagement, Nutrition Program, Fundraising

- who is interested in being a part of a subcommittee can be involved despite nomination

Kate:

- sub -committees to be called committees
- if we haven't had certain committees meeting before January – committee is to be annulled??
- -make a list of email addresses (section 7 of October minutes...)
- -will we take attendance? –need a list of voting members so we know who will be available to approve minutes, and other School Council meeting requirements

Shannon, jessica, Amaul, Dave, (9 voting members total)

- -look at regulation and ministry guide to understand processes involved in housekeeping

Action Item: Rebecca to find bare minimum of council needs; rules and regs to approve minutes, how to meet quorum

Move to approve October minutes: Shannon, Seconded: Jessica, approved also by Qais

Shannon moves to approve November, Dave seconds movement, voting members approve

4. Upcoming meeting minutes: (... is this intended to be “agenda approval”...)

5. **Committees**

a. Fundraising

- Shannon and Kate– Seeds Fundraiser for Robotics Programme (Team)
- Doing it only in January, only chance to officially fundraise
- 14 different packages,
- Come home with kids
- Eco friendly
- We keep 40% of sales and 50% for cash sales
- No minimum Order
- Deadline Thursday Jan. 30
- Pickup Wednesday Feb. 26
- Lots of flyers
- No minimum order or sales tax
- Every ten kits sold a tree is planted
- Fair price for seeds

- Little Caesars Fundraiser starts February to the 21st for fundraising/ordering for Nutrition Program (Shannon) (after Tuesday before March break for delivery of orders)
- Robo call from Mr. White

- Lots of teachers to broadcast flyers for Robotics

b. Committees – Parent Engagement/Communication

- Wave 2 of PRO Grant – no further funding available
- Discussion of what we can try to accomplish in 2025

- Goals setting for parent engagement – can we have a voting member committee meet to discuss parent engagement

- No formal meeting for this committee planned in Feb, yet!

- End of May to have a school open house (Liz asked)

- For Eid: something in the evening for families to come and celebrate, Omari proposes, heads nodding in library, in agreement

- Send whole email list to define a meeting date about ideas
 - i. Survey to be provided
 - ii. School Council needs determinations
 - iii. Feb 20, nutrition room, 6-7 pm
 - iv. Put out engagement survey... Sherri can add it to Viper’s Newsletter
 - v. Put a permit in for after 6 pm
 - vi. Action Item: Dave to write a preliminary survey but not before first email invite

c. School Council Bylaws (Rebecca)

- Discussion
 - i. Avoid stepping on proper regulations
 - ii. Regulation and Handbook are go-to documents
 - iii. School council must strictly abide by regulations for things like conflict resolution, filling vacancies,
 - iv. The guide has Samples that we can select so that we have templates to follow
 - v. School and School Board require bylaws to be followed for School Council
 - vi. Motion to invite people interested to review bylaws to be welcome to a meeting
 - vii. [Addition of ...]
 - viii. Action: Rebecca – voting members to determine bylaws.....

6. **Principal's Statement:**

- Phonics Academy in grades 1-3, 7 teachers and 35 students
- Math Support Groups: Grade 7 & 8
- As part of the School Improvement Plan, staff collaborated to identify all students and their needs and goals for improvement. Staff are implementing meaningful learning strategies, that are supported by learning specialists (e.g., Learning Resource Teacher, Math and Reading Specialists)
- Class profile meetings with principals for an itinerant review, what's going well, next steps, what do teachers need..?!!!
- The focus for Math is on the understanding and implementing High Impact Instructional Practices (HIIP)
- While students are here, we need there to be meaningful learning
- Teachers are having some ongoing [challenges]
- Report cards Feb 14.
- Another IEP coming up for students with exceptionalities with updated expectations for term two
 - i. Parking by-law will ticket those in the parking lot or where busses pull up on Walnut St. S.
 - ii. Lates – 50-60 students late daily
 - iii. Morning class is valuable learning time
 - iv. Are there ideas on improving lates records
 - v. Immunizations need to be reported to public health
 - 1. Students suspended from school beginning Jan. 27
 - 2. Families with language barriers to phone [905.....]
- What's happening:
 - i. Athletics – basketball, hip hop team, New Step Dance Team
 - ii. Student Leadership (school spirit)
 - 1. Valentines video dance party and special activities
 - 2. Making cards with younger students

- 3. Bake Sale – PPM 150 – Nutrition dictates restrictions on cheat days (1 day allowance to be used)
- 4. Announcements and poster contest for Black History Month
- iii. MLL Student Ambassadors
 - 1. To welcome new ESL students as they join QV
- iv. Black history month – learning should be happening throughout the year
 - 1. Contributions of black Canadians to society
- v. Character Trait: Honesty
- vi. High School Course Selection – beginning Feb. 5th
- vii. Grade 7/8 trip to YMCA Camp Ki-Wa-Y
 - 1. New date: May 7th – 9th
 - 2. School fundraising
 - a. Chocolate sales, Dominos pizza sale, portions of school store sales
- Kate
 - i. clarify that sugary pop to not be sold at school store
 - ii. People not on time for school – many compounding reasons for it, ie. Multiple kids in one family
 - A lot of reflection for those with repeat offenses
 - Progressive discipline – problem solving with teacher, then leveled up to principals’ office, break period to have duties
 - [Qai] – bodily pain and other reasons to be considered in reasons students are sent home.. hesitancy to speak about menstruation for example.
 - Omari – focusing on engaging kids and having them attend with the help of groups and programs
 - Calling office is an overwork issue.
 - Concerns about kids being sent home
 - Issues surrounding lateness need to be met with the list of advantages of being on-time
 - Life skill to be on time

7. Jessica moved to adjourn; Shannon seconded (7:17pm)

This is to be considered an accurate report of the Meeting. Please inform Trevor Stephenson within an eight-day period of any discrepancies or inaccuracies contained herein.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 27 March 2025
PLACE: QVES Library, Microsoft Teams
TIME: 6:00 – 7:00

DISTRIBUTION: School Council Voting Members