

Meeting Minutes

School Council

Sir William Osler Elementary School

January 18, 2024, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Meeting started at 18:05.

Present were seven parents and Principal Qureshi

Chairs report: Tova Vertes wants to step down as member-at-large. Monica and Breanna are willing to take up that role. We could vote at the next meeting to decide.

Principal's report:

- Winter concert had great participation
- Grade 1 DVSA Art visit
- Grade 6 trip
- Grade 6-8 Basketball season
- Term 1 report cards
- End of month, there is a BRAVE volunteers training
- There will be a hold and secure in the next couple of weeks

There was a discussion on Pizza Day and the role of Council members. Sasha had requested more clarity on the issue. The Principal, Mr. Qureshi said that:

a) He would connect Sasha with Jen from school to discuss the details.

b) There are 3 volunteers needed in the room every time there is food that needs to be distributed. There is 1 backup person, who is arranged by the lead.

Now that the Subway option has been added by the school, Mr. Qureshi said, there might be a requirement for more volunteers - the school will get a better idea this month, once these are rolled out.

One parent said that the Sub option was not communicated to the parents at the same time as the pizza option – which was a problem for parents since many of them would have opted for Subs over pizza. She suggested that the next time the school should communicate the options at the same time. Mr. Qureshi made note of this and said that the school would take care of it the next time.

There was a quick discussion on the natural playground and company Beanstalk was mentioned. Dane said he would connect Monica, the playground committee member, to a contact in the company.

There was a discussion on fund raising options. It was brought to notice that the City of Hamilton allows food trucks during open houses. The insurance issue that was raised in earlier meetings was not a concern. Dane was willing to head the Fundraising Committee and arrange something for the next Open House at SWO.

Mr. Qureshi encouraged the Council members to suggest options for a day trip for Grade 7 and 8 in the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 18:45

Next meeting will be February 22, 2024.