



South Meadow Home & School Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 16, 2021

ATTENDEES: S. Smith, S. Pare, C. Pare, C. Tinson, V. Zivkovic, A. Ming, J. Rusnak, C. West, J. Sarkis, B. Chaggar, S.E. Smith, L. Gauvreau, N. Burton, J. Brkovic, S. Lowe, I. Aariz, V. Sherwin, S. Anhad, G. Manharan, A. Swati, Tristan M., M. Pathak., Jennifer M., Andrea L., Kim, N. Chymko, C. Petrie, R. Rajwinder, Sukhwinder, Jasmine, J. Knell, J. McLellan, J. Madden, A. Costa, A. Looker, C. Lucas, J. Medic.

1. Call to order- GEN-SEPT2021-01: THAT WE START OUR MEETING AT 7:05 PM.

M: V. ZIVKOVIC, S: C. PARE

CARRIED (10)

- a. Land Acknowledgement
- b. Welcome
- c. Bylaws – can request a copy of ours from Stacey or check the OFHSA website <https://ofhsa.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Association-Bylaws-Template-Nov-2018.pdf>

2. Secretary role nominations for 2021/22 –

GEN-SEPT2021-02: THAT WE NOMINATE CHERYL TINSON FOR SECRETARY ROLE.

M: C. PARE, S: S. PARE

CARRIED (10)

- a. Cheryl Tinson (member) nominated herself for the position of secretary. V. Sherwin nominated herself for back up secretary.

3. Approval of the agenda and June 2021 minutes

GEN-SEPT2021-03: THAT WE APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA.

M: C. PARE, S: V. ZIVKOVIC

CARRIED (10)

GEN-SEPT2021-04: THAT WE APPROVE THE JUNE 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

M: C. PARE, S: V. ZIVKOVIC

CARRIED (10)

4. Home and School update

- a. September – focus on membership drive; paid members are eligible to vote; able pay by cash or e-transfer. Contact us and we can assist.
- b. October – food drive for the Stoney Creek Food Bank; October 1-10; non-perishable food and monetary donations accepted; **drop-off address to be determined**. Pumpkin decorating contest 21 – 31, 12AM
- c. November – **purchase** Remembrance Day wreath for the Stoney Creek cenotaph ceremony.
- d. December – paint night December 3 or 10th; the 3rd was chosen as the 10th seemed too close to Christmas; advertised by South Meadow email and Instagram.

5. Treasurer Report – available balance is \$3,569.74. \$60 for June meeting door prizes not written yet. \$100 will come out for insurance to OFHSA. \$75 end of October for Remembrance Day wreath. \$300 available for October pumpkin contest. \$150 Paint night. Financial verification completed. Copy of letter to be emailed to members. Cannot access online banking so signees will need to go into the bank again. Cheques still need to be ordered; not able to e-transfer to account.



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6. HW council updates – Home & School’s in our region met to discuss topics such as access to water, squares outside our students play in and having volunteers return to school’s again. There was a motion put forward to have our council send a letter to the board members and trustees regarding volunteering.
7. School Council update – L. Gauvreau – no new information, meeting with Mr. Grattan to be determined.
8. Questions/New Business
 - a. Suggestion for crosswalk or school crossing signs on Glen Castle, in front of the main entrance of the school. Dangerous section of road during the school day, outside of crossing guard times.
 - b. Suggestion for second crossing guard. The single crossing guard is overwhelmed with an extremely high number of students crossing at the intersection of Glen Castle and Kilbourn.
 - c. Suggestion to look into sidewalk infrastructure to support all of our walkers and bikers. Not enough room on the walkways that are there. ASST program starting up again through school council.
 - d. Teachers are not permitted to administer medication therefore who helps a student in need... a student who is not able to help themselves at a particular time...i.e. asthma attack, diabetic coma... Are there trained teachers/staff at the school daily? Are there nurses assigned to each school? Contact Mr. Grattan for information. We could also look at contacting the city or MPPs.
 - e. The lead levels in the drinking water are elevated yet the kindergarten classroom does not have a filter on the tap.
 - f. During outdoor play, students must stay within the squares or stripes. Students are bored and frustrated. This policy is in place so students stay within their classroom cohort. Hamilton numbers are high... higher than other regions.
 - g. Administration errors, cannot access portal, personal info will not update and save, students seem to be moving between classrooms.
 - h. The lack of volunteers within the school adds to the mental stress and increased anxiety of students. Some students feel completely isolated and alone.
 - i. There was concern about how bus drivers are screened for covid 19; self assessment; when do they stay home... It was observed that a bus driver who was obviously sick, coughing..., was picking up students. It was suggested to note the bus number and contact Attridge. Home & School will also contact to get info.
9. Our next virtual meeting is **Thursday, November 25, 2021**; no meeting in October 2021.
10. Adjournment

GEN-SEPT2021-05: THAT WE ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 8 PM.

M: V. ZIVKOVIC, S: S. PARE

CARRIED (10)

Submitted by C. Tinson, Secretary.