

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Council Members:

Lindsay Gauvreau (Chair)
Atul Mathews (Secretary)
Nicole Burton (Voting Member)
Stacey Smith (Voting Member)
Jen Agnew (Voting Member)
Vincy Zivkovic (H&S Rep)

South Meadow Staff:

Jennifer Harvey (Principal)
Umar Qureshi (Vice Principal)
Breia Merla (Umbrella Childcare)
Jill Sirriani (Teacher)

Parents/Families:

Julie Bateman
Cheryl Tinson
Cassandra Heaney-Pare
Chantal Gagnon
Jacki
Sinisa
Jason Rusnak
J. Sarkis

Guests:

Daniel Chong (DSR)
Amber Bento (Edge Imagining)

Chair calls meeting to order. Land Acknowledgement read out.
Approval of February Minutes deferred to next meeting.

Principals Report – Jennifer Harvey

- Amber Bento from Edge Imaging
 - o 100% Canadian company
 - o Has discounts for multiple children
 - o Can do graduation decorations and centerpieces
 - o Paper or online proof
 - o Grad photos – 4 poses, can also bring props tables, flowers etc.
 - o Can do banners, school mosaics, etc.
 - o Incentive – 10% commission
- Student population as of April 5th is 550
- Staffing changes: Ms. Brown (Mrs. Johnston), Mrs. Kerr (Mrs. DaSilva), Mrs. Justin (Mrs. Erskine)

- Student Spirit Wear – Has been delivered. Will do another ordering session soon – last week of April into May. Messaging will be sent over email and on school website.
- Successful Wolf Week before March break
 - o Activities run by student council and staff, guest speaker
- Sports teams:
 - o Senior basketball is finishing up (Pickard & Zanatta).
 - o Junior basketball is starting up now and will run into May (Pickard & Plenderleith girls, Kavanagh & Casale boys).
 - o Track and field is next (Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8).
 - o Co-ed Junior/Intermediate soccer tournament may be a go – checking for room and finding a coach
- Painting of playground – in the works
- Chairs are needed for the school. Cost is ~7K, looking for funding
- Commencement (Graduation): Monday, June 20th – at the school
 - o Planning is taking place
 - o Photo-booth – can School Council and Home & School split cost?
- Open House – Education Week – Tentative date of May 5th (3:30-5:30)
 - o Food trucks? Can someone from Council/Home & School arrange for this?
 - o Home & School Table? Popcorn sales?
 - o School Council Table? Give out the Parent Engagement packages?

Treasure's Report

- School Council had \$5987.09 at the start of the year
- Purchases (School uniforms/KDG Toys) = \$2253.72
- Remaining Balance of \$3733.37

Teacher's Report – Jill Sirianni

- Commencement - June 20th at 5pm
 - o There is a teacher's grad committee led by Mrs. Pink
 - o Each student will get 4 tickets for family
 - o To take place in South Meadow's gym with a casual atmosphere: music, lighting being coded to go with the music, area to dance, shoot hoops, chill out space on the stage
 - o They contacted some venues, but they were not available.
 - o Student council and grade 8's have been giving staff ideas; They would like a photo booth \$550 (unlimited photos, includes set up and dismantle, same vendor from Memorial). Looking for additional funding to pay for this
 - o They are looking into food options (finger type foods).

- Student Council
 - o Had a positive 'Wolf Week'
 - o Focusing on kindness; students looking to give back to the community
 - o Possibility of a food drive or helping Ukrainians in our community
 - o Home & School to assist with food bank contact and offered to assist with logistics

ASST – Nicole Burton

- Pro Grant (Pick a Path)
 - o Subcommittee to plan the interactive stops for the proposal school council put together.
 - o Must have project rolled out and completed by June so funding is not lost.
- Looking to hold a yellow shirt day and bike week
- June is Walk and Wheel Wednesdays (1st 3 weeks)
- Parking map being created
- DSR
 - o They are very excited about South Meadow as we are the first school they've worked with that has an ASST committee
 - o Direct School Route is working in Ward 10 to bring Student Streets to the communities
 - o Gave a presentation on DSR
 - o Survey link being sent out on email to all families at the school. Will be gaging how people travel to school and asking about any barriers or concerns they have.
 - o South Meadow will have its own page on the www.directschoolroute.org website
 - o School zones to be changed to 30km/hr.

Home & School – Vincy

- Happiness Contest winners announced last month. 4 winners selected \$25 gift cards from Indigo, McDonald's, Joe Fresh and ToysRus.
- Free/low cost virtual events for students & parents;
 - o Grow your own seeds (free seed delivery).
 - o Paint night Thursday April 21, 7pm (2 owls in a tree)
 - o Budgeting series for parent: Cheap eats budget cooking April 14 and "Let's talk Budgets" April 28.
 - o Register at <https://linktr.ee/SouthMeadowHS> Details posted on the school council Facebook page.



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PRINCIPAL: Mrs. J. Harvey

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- Annual OFHSA Conference (virtual), Saturday April 30. Anyone is invited to attend. Contact southmeadowHS@gmail.com for details and meeting link. This is where Home & School members attend to advocate for student across Ontario regarding the safety, health and mental well-being of all students.
 - Upcoming activities being planned: South Meadow park picnic, garage sale and school appreciation for our school crossing guard.

Next Meeting – TBD

Meeting adjourned/Start of Home and School Meeting at 8:10pm