

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 5th, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

South Meadow Staff:

Jennifer Harvey (Principal)

Marty Anevich (Vice Principal)

Andrew Zanatta (Teacher)

School Council Members:

Chair: Nicole Burton

Vice Chair: Cheryl Martinez

Treasurer: Atul Ajith Mathews

Secretary: Juliana Mrkobrada

Voting Members:

- Diana Miskovic
- Andrea Smith
- Natalia Njegovan
- Antonia Grmusa
- Terry-Ann Virtue
- Ruth Paul as
- Jenniffer Agnew

Home & School member: Bobbie Chaggar

1. Land acknowledgement - Read by Cheryl Martinez

2. Approval of Agenda and December Minutes

- Mentioned by: Cheryl Martinez
- Seconded by: Andrea Smith
- Carried by: Majority

3. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Presentation

- Reason for School Council is a supporting role of the school working with the principal to help improve parent engagement, enhance the

accountability of the education system to parents, and to improve children's achievements.

- What is a School Council? - Please see attachment for more information
- Addressing concerns at HWDSB - Please see attached chart for more information.
- Parent Involvement Committee - Please see attachment for more information
- School Council Handbook - Please see attachment for more information
- Plan to help engage online surveys with board involvement to improve engagement.

4. Bioswale/fundraising

- Basic drawings will be submitted to the board. Green Venture Communities will help look into grants to help alleviate costs once we have facilities on board.

5. Principals Report - Jen Harvey

1. School population: 596
2. Student Spirit Wear
 - Delivered last week
3. Sports & Clubs
 - Basketball Sr Girls & Boys
 - Crotchet club
 - Dance club
4. Upcoming events:
 - December 14th - Aubrey Noronha – “Colour blind? Why being “Not Racist” is not enough anymore”
 - Primary Assembly (K□3): 9am-10am
 - Junior Assembly (Gr.4□6): 11am-12pm
 - Intermediate Assembly (Gr 7&8): 1pm

Parents will be invited next week to come and watch if they'd like to continue the conversations at home (please limit to 1 parent per child). Please RSVP to teachers so we know how many are coming. If we have too many, we may need to cancel having parents come due to fire code. If parents arrive late, they will not be permitted in as it is a major distraction to the guest speaker to have doors constantly opening and closing in the gym.

- Primary Holiday Assembly (Gr. 1-3): Tuesday, Dec. 19th
- Kindergarten Holiday Assembly: Wednesday, Dec. 20th
- Junior/Intermediate Holiday Assembly: Thursday, Dec. 21st

Doors for parents will open after announcements (~8:35am) with the assemblies starting at ~8:45am. Please remember we are working with kids and timings may not be exact! We ask that parents stay for the duration of the assembly as it is distracting when people are coming and going.

- School Wide Social – Dec 21st – run by Student council/Mrs. Sirianni
- Student council – class reps – having meetings, collecting student voice and planning fun events school wide

6. Subcommittees

- To be formed for the following committees:
 - Bioswale
 - Parent Engagement Pro Grant
 - Parent Cafe

7. Date for future meeting

- February 21 Online, April 18th In Person
- Motioned by: Cheryl
- Seconded by: Atul
- Carried by: Majority

8. Adjournment

- Motioned by: Cheryl
- Seconded by: Atul
- Carried by: Majority
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm



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