

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 11, 2023

Time: 7:05pm

Council Members :

Stacey Smith (outgoing Chair) Unable to attend

South Meadow Staff:

Jennifer Harvey (Principal)
Marty Anevich (Vice Principal)
Andrew Zanatta (Teacher)

Parents/Families:

Nicole Burton
Cheryl Martinez
Atul Ajith Mathews
Andrea Smith
Antonia Gimusa
Diana Miskovic

Natalija Njegovan
Djurdja Prostran
Juliana Mrkobrada
Ruth Paul
Terry-Ann Virtue
Jen Agnew

- 1 - **Land acknowledgement** - read by Jennifer Harvey.
- 2- **Introductions from Mrs Harvey** - She spoke for the past chair as the past chair was unavailable to attend the meeting. Thank you for all that the past chair has done to support the council she will be missed.

3 - **Election to school council** conducted. Results as below:

- Chair: Nicole Burton
- Vice Chair: Cheryl Martinez
- Treasurer: Atul Ajith Mathews
- Secretary: Juliana Mrkobrada

Member at large

- Djurdja Prostran
- Diana Miskovic
- Andrea Smith
- Natalia Njegovan

- Antonia Grmusa
- Terry-Ann Virtue
- Ruth Paul as
- Jenniffer Agnew

4 - Principals report - Jen Harvey

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

1. Welcome! New council and members & Thank you to our out-going members: Stacey, Atul, Nicole and Julia
2. Re-Organization
 - Outline the process
 - 100 students were moved
3. Student Spirit Wear
 - Online – information sent last week via school messenger
 - If you know of someone who is struggling financially and kids want some, please let me know
4. Sports Teams this month
 - volleyball, swimming, cross country (today)
5. Open House
 - October 26th – 5pm-6:30pm
 - Book Fair – same night in Gym (would love some volunteers)
6. Volunteers
 - Seeking library volunteers (have one parent so far)
7. School Council Fundraising?
 - Cards? Purpose?
 - Fundraising plan is due at end of October

Ast report - Cheryl Martinez

1. Active School Travel (AST) will be planning activities for the following dates and more info to follow:
 - Winter Walk Day is the first Wednesday of -February the 7th.
 - Spring into Spring Month is April.
 - Earth Day is April 22nd.

- Walk & Wheels Wednesdays in June.
- 2. Will need volunteers to help run and we will be looking for donations for prizes. Will also look at vendors for donations.

Community Engagement Project Bioswale

1. Discussion was made about processes, grants, and labor needed.
 - Current costs approximately \$10,000.
 - Looking for fundraising donations and volunteers to help cover costs along with grants. (example friends of landscapers)
 - Green community will be involved in the process and will also help find grants that are needed to help fund the project.
 - Architect is in the works to develop the plan.
 - Donations will be needed for flowers and plants with some of this coming from Winona Gardens.
 - Will be an outdoor classroom for students to learn about the eco/bio system and give students the opportunity to help take care of the Bioswale.

Fundraising

1. Discussion of fundraising ideas. With popcorn and pizza already being done by the school.
 - Popcorn with proceeds going towards commencement and subsidizing trips.
 - Pizza being twice a month this year with the proceeds going towards more i-pads.
2. Box cards were added to the plan with the proceeds going towards the Bioswale project. Motioned by Cheryl, second by Atul, and carried.
3. Parent Cafe to sell snacks was added to the plan with the proceeds going to the Bioswale project. Motioned by Cheryl, second by Atul, and carried.
4. Discussion of other fundraising ideas to be further discussed with a proposal to be finalized by the end of May.

5. Fundraising committees for boxed cards were created with Andrea, Atul, Djurdja along with helpers, Natalija, Juliana, and overseen by Cheryl.

Teacher report - Andrew Zanatta

1. Reminder that the sport schedule is sent via the howler.
2. Parents wishing to volunteer need to get a Police Vulnerable Check and to please remind people that would like to volunteer to help on sport trips.

Motion to close at 820pm proposed by Nicole and seconded by Cheryl

Next Meeting – December 5th

Meeting adjourned