



# South Meadow Elementary School

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## School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Feb 24, 2025

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** In person and Online

### **South Meadow Staff:**

Jennifer Harvey (Principal)

Nassim Assadian (Vice Principal)

Andrew Zanatta (Teacher)

### **School Council Members:**

Chair: Cheryl Martinez

Vice Chair: Andrea Smith

Treasurer: Natalia Njegovan

Secretary: Suzana Mijatovic Bacigalupo

Voting Members:

- Diana Miskovic
- Natalia Njegovan
- Antonia Grmusa
- Janella Bellio
- Juliana Mrkobrada

### **1. Welcome and Attendance**

### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

Read by Andrea Smith

### **3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Pre meeting vote- Mentioned by: Janella Bellio

Seconded by: Juliana Mrkobrada



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## 4. Principal report/update – Mrs. Jennifer Harvey

### Enrollment

- student population is 591
- staffing & enrollment process for 2025-26 is beginning

### Sports Teams/Clubs

- Checkers Club (Mrs. Plenderleith, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Erskine)
- Indoor Girls & Boys Soccer (Ms. Geroux, Mrs. Sirianni, Mr. Zanatta)
- Junior Boys & Girls Basketball (Mr Kendall, Mr. Pulchinski, Mrs Kellner)
- Swim team (Ms. Geroux & Mrs. Marchis)
- Basketball (Sr girls & boys) (Mr Kendall, Mrs. Kellner )
- Crotchet club (Ms. Gordon)
- School Play – Wizard of Oz (Mrs. Foltarz, Mrs. Pink, Mrs. Marchis, Mr Hayter, Ms Robins, Mrs. Staples)

### Boundary Review

- South Meadow boundary not affected
- Boundary north of highway will be reverted to Collegiate

### Wizard of Oz:

- More than likely run at end of May
- Council is liaising directly with staff in charge

### Snow/Ice Updates

- Contractors – don't have ability to haul out snow – just pushing
- If too much ice, can't salt entire back playground, we stay in
- Rules – no throwing snow, staying off the snow piles, small ice patches

### Fundraising in the School:

- Pizza – proceeds are used to purchase iPads/laptops for students
- Popcorn – Grad/year end trips
- Dielman's (fall) – partially paid for School Play Scripts



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- o We just received the funds for the Holiday Fundraiser from Dieleman with \$1,168.04 - going towards the script for the play which was over \$1500.
- School Council Spring - Signed up with Dielman's for the spring Fundraiser - funds going towards helping with school trips as the buses are very expensive.
- Subs – very successful. school play/trips
- Parent café at open house - funds will go towards school trips and a portion towards Walk N Wheels prizes.

## Spring Open House

- Education week – May 8- 9<sup>th</sup> (aiming for Thursday)
- book fair – in gym – will need some volunteers
- library – used for daycare
- Parent engagement for learning at home. Math games – is there parent interest in learning about games done in classes to help with math practice at home? Thinking of a theme for the night as kids go around to classes.
- Parent Café will run
  - o Test smoothie at Parent Café
  - o Sample or sell

## Designated soccer fields (junior, senior)

- No aggressive play
- Keeping the game in the designated spots

## 5. AST (Active School Travel) Update- Cheryl Martinez

- Our goal is to get more students using travel modes that are active, safe, and sustainable.
- This means more children walking, wheeling (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, wheel chair) or taking the school bus or public transit for all or part way of their journey to and from school each day.
- Coming Up AST Events:
  - o Spring into Spring Month is April which is an annual celebration of the new season, encouraging participants to spend more time being active outdoors throughout the month of April.

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- o Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- o Walk & Wheels Wednesdays will be back again in June for the first 3 Wednesdays we will have
- o Walk & Wheels awareness with prizes of course! We can start collecting donations asap.
- Communication for each event will be sent out in advance to encourage participation.
- We will need to start collecting prizes for the student's participation and we will need to start a sub-committee.
- Please email the school council if you have anything you may be able to donate as prizes or would like to volunteer your time Parent Engagement Pro Grant Update.

## 6. Parent engagement program – April

- Our application has been approved for an engaging parent/guardian mingling night to bring together our parent/guardian school community. We are working on this currently and will share more info shortly. We will base our next informal sub-committee meeting on this event.

**7. Q&A** -Parents can pre-submit question that are answered at School Council meetings. The following are questions submitted for Feb 24, 2025, meeting.

Q: Some parents find Cash online has too many emails sent to as reminders. Others have had no email sent to them.

A: Recommendation – Check your account profile within your Cash online account > click 'manage email notifications'. This gives you the option to turn 'email notifications' on or off.

Q: Some parents have all options combined into one and have the option to order all food items for the month.

A: Difficult process to manage for staff coordinating the different events. This is why they are all done separately.

Q: Another issue parents have is being able to know whether they already ordered the product.



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A: Check order history in your Cash Online account - will show all previous orders with the dates of each food order. If you're having troubles, sometimes it's easier to do account profile updates on a computer rather than on a phone.

Parents – please feel free to bring your questions to Cheryl Martinez, Chair of Parent School Council @ [southmeadowSC@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:southmeadowSC@hwdsb.on.ca) . We'll try to have them addressed during our next

Parent Council meeting. **Meeting Adjournment: 6:58pm**

- Mentioned by: Andrea Smith      Seconded by: Natalia Njegovan