

Spring Valley School Council Meeting:

Date & Time: 2025-04-24 7:00 PM

Location: Spring Valley Library

Attendees: Principal-Barbara Mcvittie, Tina Verbinnen, Leslie Montreuil, Nadine Parry, Alla Rovner Bida, Sobia Amir, Adam Kappheim, Mark Busser, Allison Law, Hope McDowell

Introductions and Attendance

- The meeting began with a discussion about attendance, with a sheet being circulated for everyone to sign and provide their email addresses.
- New attendees were welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Land Acknowledgement

Review of Previous Meeting and Action Items

- The group briefly reviewed the last meeting's action items, noting that some have been completed while others are still in progress.

Upcoming Events

1. Paul Davis Presentation (June 23rd)
 - The council is organizing a presentation with Paul Davis on June 23rd.
 - Outreach to other schools:
 - Frank Panabaker school has been contacted to see if they want to participate or contribute funds.
 - Frank Panabaker has already used their pro-grant but may have other funds available.
 - Funding:
 - The council expects to receive \$900 from the pro grant.
 - Additional funds may be contributed by other schools or topped up by the council if necessary.
 - The date and arrangements with Paul Davis are confirmed; awaiting final response from Frank Panabaker
- Vince Martorelli Event (May 8th)
 - Vince Martorelli will be presenting on May 8th (Thursday), two weeks from the meeting date.

- Venue:
 - Depending on attendance, the event will be held in the library or the gym.
- Door Prize:
 - Three children's books on anxiety, fidget items, and light-up items have been ordered for a door prize basket, totaling just over \$200.
 - Leslie or another volunteer will help assemble the basket.
- Promotion:
 - Alex will be asked to set up an online sign-up link as soon as possible.
 - Reminders will be sent to parents regularly.
 - A paper flyer (possibly a half-sheet) will also be created and sent home with students to increase awareness and encourage registration.
 - The flyer will mention the door prize basket.
- RSVP:
 - Online sign-up will help track expected attendance.

Communication and Promotion Strategies

- Multiple channels will be used to promote upcoming events:
 - Email reminders to parents.
 - Paper flyers sent home with students, which teachers can place in student agendas.
- The goal is to maximize awareness and attendance for the events.

Fundraising Initiatives

1. Bake Sale
 - The recent bake sale was highly successful, raising just under \$2,400
- Picnic Barbecue
 - The picnic barbecue was discussed, with further details to be provided by the fundraising committee
 - The barbecue is scheduled for May 29th.
 - All details are being finalized, and this is the last fundraiser of the year alongside the big yellow bag initiative.
 - Last year's barbecue netted about 2,200 after expenses; similar results are expected this year.
- Book Fair
 - No additional book fair will be held this year.

- There was one book fair in the fall; some years there are two, but not this year.
- Big Yellow Bag Fundraiser
 - The "big yellow bag" fundraiser is active; a flyer has been created by Alex.
 - The flyer needs to be sent out via school messenger or email.
 - The fundraiser involves parents ordering soil or mulch online using a code, with direct delivery to their homes.
 - Suggestion to display the code on the school's front screen for increased visibility, though the screen is not fully functional.
 - No additional work is required from the school aside from sharing the code.
- Plant Fundraiser
 - The plant fundraiser is discontinued as the company no longer offers the program.
- Shoe Factory Fundraiser
 - Mentioned as a potential idea for next year, possibly for back-to-school season.
- Donut Fundraiser (Rodriguez Wholesale Donuts, Inc.)
 - A new donut fundraising opportunity was presented by Rodriguez Wholesale Donuts, Inc. (donutfundraiser.ca).
 - The company is Canadian, uses Canadian ingredients, and offers a variety of donuts and muffins.
 - Free delivery is available if signed up now, even for fall events.
 - No contract or upfront cost to participate.
 - Muffins may be included in the fall.
 - Product and Profit Details:
 - Dozen honey dip donuts: \$14, school receives \$5.
 - Dozen chocolate dip donuts: \$16, school receives \$5.50.
 - Variety pack (3 each of 4 types): \$20, school receives \$7 (35% profit margin).
 - 30 assorted "munchkins": \$12, school receives \$5.
 - Comparison with Krispy Kreme:
 - Krispy Kreme: Bought for \$8, sold for \$12, \$4 profit per dozen.
 - Rodriguez donuts are larger and offer more variety.
 - Last year's Krispy Kreme fundraiser was profitable, raising about 1,200.
 - Allergy Considerations: Not a concern as products are not consumed at school.
 - Decision: Positive feedback from taste testing; plan to book Rodriguez for the fall fundraiser.
- Fall Fair and Open House

- Discussion about hosting a fall fair in conjunction with the open house.
 - Timing depends on enrollment and possible reorganization; typically third week of September if no reorg.
 - Ideas include offering treats, small games, and a parent council sign-up table.

Equipment and School Purchases Updates

1. Canopies

- The new canopies are in production and look impressive, featuring a green wall with the Spring Valley Wolves logo on all four sides.
- The goal is to have them ready by the end of May; production is underway and the purchase order has been paid.
- Canopies were obtained at a discounted price
- **Jerseys**
 - Jerseys have been ordered and are awaiting delivery; turnaround time is expected to be short.
- **iPads**
 - All ordered iPads have arrived.
 - Serial numbers are being logged into inventory.
 - Distribution to primary classes is expected by next week.
- **Kinder Area Equipment**
 - The equipment for the kindergarten area is scheduled for delivery between mid-May and mid-June, with installation before the end of June.
 - Jason will assemble the equipment upon delivery.
 - Items ordered include:
 - Playhouse with an extra part resembling a storefront counter.
 - Large sandbox.
 - Low-grade slide with steps and platform areas.
 - Platforms for placement around trees.
- **Audio-Visual Equipment**
 - A recommended set of audio-visual equipment was purchased from Long and McQuaid for \$14,298.58.
 - The purchase includes sound and lights; a professional musician (Tom Biggis) will assist with setup.
 - A light controller board is still needed, estimated at \$400–\$600.
 - The supplier will provide two types of speakers for testing in the gym.
 - Delivery is expected before graduation.

- Voting: Not enough members present for a vote; decision to conduct an e-vote via email.

Academic and Staffing Updates

1. EQAO Testing
 - Practice tests are underway.
 - iPad inventory and test platforms are being prepared.
 - EQAO will take place the last week of May and the first week of June.
 - The process is now less burdensome due to the online platform.
- Staffing for 2025-2026
 - One additional class will be added, increasing the total to 19 classes.
 - A Grade 6-7 position has been posted; interviews and hiring will occur next week.
 - Classroom allocation is under review, with options including the art room, science room, and French room.
 - French may be moved to a cart to free up a classroom.
 - The art and science rooms may be swapped to better accommodate robotics and art needs.
 - Timetable adjustments are being considered, including possible rotary for Grades 7 and 8.
- Enrollment Data
 - Enrollment increased from 419 at the end of last year to 442 currently.
 - Primary class sizes are at or slightly above cap (20-21 students per class).
 - If growth continues, all available classrooms will be filled before considering portables.
 - The kindergarten room remains available for future use if needed.

Field Trips and Events

- End-of-Year Trips
 - Destinations include Christie's Conservation Area, the Longhouse and Iroquois Village, and a new Pixar movie for younger students.
 - A play date is scheduled for June 20th, the day after graduation (June 19th).
- Graduation and Commencement
 - Lawn signs and certificates have been ordered for graduates.
 - Graduation at Carmen's: \$2,800.
 - Awards and plaques: \$700.

- Total: \$3,500.

Student Activities and Achievements

- Clubs and Competitions
 - The junior checkers team placed third under Mrs. Mcleans guidance.
 - Swimming, hockey, and basketball are ongoing.
 - Junior girls' basketball team is undefeated and in first place.
 - Junior boys' basketball team is in second place with one loss out of seven games (loss was to Mount Hope).
 - Jump Rope for Heart is starting, with Courtney Eckstein (former Canadian skipping team member) leading a kickoff assembly.
- Staff Professional Development
 - Ongoing focus on human rights.
 - Three teachers attended literacy PD; junior teachers have attended math PD.
 - Robotics club is preparing for the Skills Ontario competition.
 - The dance group and talent show are active, with the talent show scheduled before graduation.
- Band and Music
 - The school band will attend Band Fest and is awaiting approval to participate in the Wonderland music festival.

Meeting Scheduling

- May 15th at 6:00 p.m.: Barbecue picnic committee meeting (informal, open to contributors).
- June 12th at 7:00 p.m.: Final school council meeting of the year.

Action Items

- [] Contact Frank Panabaker school for final confirmation on participation and possible funding for the Paul Davis event.
- [] Set up and distribute online sign-up link for the Vince Martorelli event (Alex).
- [] Create and send out a paper flyer for the Vince Martorelli event.
- [] Assemble the door prize basket for the Vince Martorelli event.
- [] Log iPad serial numbers and distribute to primary classes.
- [] Monitor delivery and assembly of kinder area equipment.
- [] Send out the big yellow bag fundraiser flyer via school messenger or email.
- [] Attempt to display the big yellow bag code on the school's front screen.
- [] Book Rodriguez Wholesale Donuts, Inc. for the fall donut fundraiser.
- [] Conduct an e-vote via email for the audio-visual equipment purchase.
- [] Send digital copies of POs for canopies and jerseys for record-keeping.

☐ Tom to finalize the number of flutes, clarinets, and mouthpieces needed based on student polling.

☐ Continue to purchase reeds as needed.

☐ Explore and decide on alternative solutions for choir stands due to storage limitations.

☐ Finalize classroom allocations and potential room swaps for the 2025-2026 school year.

☐ Organize and communicate details for end-of-year trips and play date.

☐ Confirm superintendent approval for band participation in the Wonderland music festival.

☐ Schedule and communicate details for the May 15th barbecue picnic meeting and June 12th council meeting.