

W.H. Ballard School Council Minutes

Date: Thursday June 12th, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Learning Commons

Attendees: Holly Kerwin, Jessica Jones, Joe Felix, Bob Hurst, Jenny Buac, Taylor Simic, Kathleen Lannigan, Holly Coish, Catherine Keck

Regrets: Nikki Young, Miles Weafer, Natasha Taylor

Overview

The meeting covered school fundraisers, fundraiser money allocations, bike racks and buddy bench.

Fundraiser Report

- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser- sold 527 dozen with profit of \$3151.00
- Dominos fundraiser raised \$780.00
- Expenses (ride smart program, helping with graduation, buddy bench purchase)
- Total funds remaining for school council \$4945.30

Guest Speakers

Mrs. Skirrow, Reading Specialist K-3

- Spoke about Reading Resources-Sylla Sense Decodable Text
- 420 decodable texts
- Decodable text contains regular words that align with the phonics skills students are learning
- Books have engaging stories and photos
- Help build confidence in the children
- Canadian company
- 70 titles, 6 copies of every title
- Decodable text corresponds with UFLI K-3
- Helps with the new curriculum

Mrs. Roper, Gym/Sports Equipment

- Spoke about needing a heavy-duty shade tent for sporting events and for use around the school
- Will have our W.H. Ballard logo on it
- Potential Sponsorship from the company

Teachers Emailed Wish List Requests

M. Kovac- class set of iPads

F. Alfano- a rug for the library
M. Sormaz-2 bean bag chairs (helping kids with sensory needs), visual turning timer
K. Montpetit- iPad or laptops, headphones
L. Molnar- Decodable text, math manipulatives
L. Lootsma-games painted on kinder pens, math manipulatives or stem building items
B. Brown 24X48 activity table, 20 new bins for manipulative storage cubby
S. Antonucci- 4 iPad, decodable text
J. Dingwell- tuff tray with stand

Fund Allocation

Council Voted and are purchasing
-Heavy duty shade tent-Ms. Roper
-Reading Resources-Decodable text - Ms. Skirrow
-2 Bean Bag Chairs-M. Sormaz
-Tuff tray with stand- J. Dingwell

School Improvements

-Bike rack was installed on the back playground
-Buddy bench to be installed soon

Next Meeting

-Nominations to take place at first council meeting on Thursday September 25th 2025