



School Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Meeting Location: In-person, ONE World

Attendance

Katie Big-Canoe, Acting Secretary
Amber Giffen, Treasurer
Matthew Stolk, Parent Member
Jannelle Yoon
Maly Bun-Lebert
Kyla Kennedy
Veronique Forbes-Mellis
Erma Schadenberg
Pamela Hart, Vice Principal
Julia Lantos, Staff Member Representative
Sylvie Blais, Principal

Regrets

Colleen Kelsey, Secretary

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Returning and new members introduced themselves.
- This meeting served as both last meeting for 2023/24 and first meeting for 2024/25
- Thank you to our outgoing Chair, Rob Ayres for his service to our School Council.

2. School Council Elections (Sylvie Blais)

- The new 2024/25 School Council Members and roles are:
Colleen Kelsey, Chair
Katie Big-Canoe, Vice-Chair
Maly Bun-Lebert, Secretary
Erma Schadenberg, Treasurer
Amber Giffen, Parent Member
Matthew Stolk, Parent Member
Jannelle Yoon, Parent Member
Kyla Kennedy, Parent Member
Veronique Forbes-Mellis, Parent Member

3. 2024/25 School Council Meetings

- The council will meet 5 times over the course of the school year
- Meetings will alternate between in-person and virtual format, with links shared via newsletters, social media, and school messenger in advance of the virtual meetings.
- Upcoming meeting dates
 - November 19, 2024 (virtual)
 - January 21, 2025 (in-person)
 - April 15, 2025 (virtual)
 - June 3, 2025 (in-person)



4. Treasurer's Report (Amber Giffen)

- Amber Giffen provided an overview of the financial report, including:
 - We have received a \$15K grant from President's Choice to support our Hungry Wolves (Breakfast Program) and Snack Bin Program
 - Snack Bin Program costs ~\$1,5K/month to run and will be supported by an additional \$7K grant we have received from OSNP
 - It was reiterated that ALL students, regardless of need, are welcome to participate in the breakfast and snack programs.
- The fundraising committee ran 5 fundraisers last year and raised ~\$5K. \$1K went to the naturalized playground
 - Upcoming fundraisers:
 - Fresh From the Farm Produce (begins Sept 30)
 - Big Box of Cards (Oct 15-25)
 - Fudge (Nov 11-22)
 - Mitchell's Soup Company (Jan 13-24)
 - Muskoka Coffee (Mar 17-28)
 - Sweet and Salty (Apr 14-25)
 - Popcorn will be last Fridays of the month, except for Dec (13) & May (23)

5. Admin Report

- **Meet the Family Night (Sylvie Blais)**
 - Wednesday October 2, 4:00-6:00pm
 - Families are welcome to order pizza via School Cash Online
 - Drop into classrooms to meet teachers
- **School Vision (Sylvie Blais)**
 - French Oral Tradition – expectation that students and teachers will communicate in French when at school
 - Each grade has a list of 10 expressions that students should know. These are posted in classrooms and align with the DELF (French competency assessment)
- **Peer Mediators (Pam Hart)**
 - This is a Grade 6 leadership initiative offered by St. Leonard's. This year, all grade 6 students are participating.
 - 6 training sessions, with one already complete.
 - Peer mediators will be available in the yard to help students navigate smaller problems via restorative practices (e.g. communication & conflict resolution)
- **Parent Education (Pam Hart)**
 - School board offered online/social media awareness for parents
- **Indigenous Committee Report (Sylvie Blais)**
 - The student members of the committee met twice this month to plan activities/learning leading up to NDTR, and the school assembly on Sept 30.
 - Committee will continue this important work throughout the school year.
- **10th Anniversary of LAFI**
 - Next Spring we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of our school with celebratory activities and events. Stay tuned!

6. Confirmation of Next Meeting

- School Council: Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm – TEAMS link to be shared