

**Alpine P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**  
**6:30pm - 7:45pm Virtual**

**Welcome**

- Thanks for pivoting to online this evening
- Welcome to all familiar faces

**Principal's Report**

- School as partners with families
- Growth at Alpine with new students and new staff
- Mr. Gordon moved to Highland P.S.
- New teacher 4/5B Tiffany Brown, coming from online and Halton board
- Enjoying activities like intramural basketball and tutoring
- Celebrate new day with Alpine in the morning
- Promoting and celebrating kindness in the school

**Teachers Report**

- Sunita - talked to council previously about bringing entertainment:
  - Junior students - local school trustee Maedith Raedlin (February 15th), Valerie Bradford MP (date TBD), both willing to come talk to students about their role in government
  - Sunita's class attended Outdoor Education at Laurel Creek (free activity and free bus)
    - Grade 5 curriculum - acting on forces and structures
    - Building structures using materials and take temperature inside using body heat in the morning
    - Orienteering activity in the afternoon
- Lisa - Drumfit
  - Whole school split into age groups, 45 minute sessions - yoga balls, movement, mindfulness
  - Planning before March Break
  - \$1100-\$1200, coming to council for funding request once it is booked
  - Will inquire if volunteers are needed as members of council are interested in supporting as well
- Lea
  - Inside Out Day coincides with Bell Let's Talk
  - Teachers offered primary and junior activities learning about calming strategies and acceptance of each other

- New kindergarten registration is open
- Brad - T-shirts
  - Rachel Whistance open to partnering with council about tshirts for students and staff
  - Black, white, navy, or green
  - On demand, more extensive line of sportswear products a possibility in the future
  - School picture with the gear as a keepsake and website banner.

## **Financial Updates**

- Current Balance: \$9736.47
- Recent expenditures: \$403.53 for playground one communication board - another one still pending (working with staff to create the art for a personalized board with additional pics to enhance communication opportunities)
- Budget request: Rocks and Rings - school based curling
  - 2 days of instruction
  - Adapted equipment for use on gym floors
  - Learn basic curling instruction
  - Opportunity to rent the equipment once teachers have learned how to use it
  - Budget request:
    - \$ 847.50 for Rocks and Rings program
    - includes 2 days of curling instruction at end of February for Alpine classes using equipment adapted for gym use
    - 3 days of equipment rental for classes in the spring (after April 10th)
    - Motion moved to accept by Angel, Seconded by Michelle - Motion passed

## **Fundraising update**

- MacMillans
  - Date: next week or following week for forms and then they will be handed out to teachers to send home
  - Due date for the forms will be Feb 22nd which gives us a day to input the orders. Two volunteers are available.
  - March 2nd is our confirmation date and when we can send any late orders.
  - Pick up will be Thursday March 23rd. Volunteers will be needed in the afternoon to hand out to parents.
  - Volunteer needed to call parents with reminders for pick up - Angel volunteered
  - Envelopes provided for money collection

- Rheo Thompson
  - Running after MacMillans
  - Simple pre-order form and then will place orders
  - Hand out forms in March, pick up in April
  - Volunteers determined at next council meeting

## **Sensory Path**

- Comes on a roll of vinyl that needs to be cut off the roll - volunteers needed to do that
- Working on quality of vinyl needed for our floors - Brad requested samples
- Recommended the smooth vinyl. no wax able to be applied like some other schools. Other feedback that they should still have a long life without that wax
- <https://sensorypaths.ca/>
  - Can be customized to incorporate alligator theme for Alpine
  - Wild Walk Hallway Path
- <https://jump2math.ca/product-category/sensory-paths/>
- Google form option to get feedback
- Possibility of including student voice in choosing

## **Newsletter:**

- Suzanne put together newsletter about school council to send out to families
- Newsletter shared describing what council does and updates

## **Questions, Comments, Observations, Vote**

- Lea- Reminder that we still have Stemmler meats in freezer
  - April - available for staff and council
  - Lea to provide an updated list of inventory
- Dawn-pizza days?
  - Agenda item in February
  - Consideration: can we minimize the free advertising? Other food options?
  - Can be prohibitive for some families, and it can reinforce that some are unable to access it for dietary, religious, or financial reasons
  - Christine to research options for next meeting

## **Future Meeting Dates:**

Tue Feb 14, Tue Apr 11, Tue May 9, Tue Jun 13  
(No meeting in March due to March Break)

## **Approval of minutes**