

New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting October 16, 2018

Attendance: Mrs. Hagey-Nichols, Mr. Heer, Rebecca B, Noel J, Terry Y, Marina D, Dave M, Brittany L
Regrets: Angie H, Julie B, Anita C, Meghan C

1. Election of School Council positions

- **Co-Chairs** – nomination: Rebecca Byers & Noel Jull. Seconded by Dave M.
- **Secretary** – no nominations, **VACANT**. The task of taking minutes will rotate among attendees until the position is filled.
- **Treasurer** – Given Ms. Boshart continues to manage the account and finances, the role of Treasurer does not need to be filled, however a Grants Lead is require to liaise with Ms. Boshart and oversee the various grant opportunities and applications
- **Grants Lead** – Julie B may be able to assist with this. **To confirm**

2. Follow-up from past meeting

- Fall garden cleanup still pending – Mrs. Hagey-Nichols will inquire with Mrs. Mesar if the Eco Club can assist. Perhaps a joint community/school effort?
- If there are Treasures cards remaining after the campaign orders are closed, we can have them available for purchase in the office.
- Meet the Teacher night went well overall, though the impression was that attendance was better last year. There was a long delay with the second pizza delivery and a lot of leftover pizza as result. Leftover apples were donated to a food bank and cookies saved in the freezer for future use. Many people did not understand that the East Side Mario's food was free for sampling.
 - Consider moving the date to the 2nd week of the school year as in the past as there were a number of conflicts reported with the date.
 - We should reconsider serving food next year as it is a fair amount of work to coordinate, especially so early in the school year. It is also difficult to get sufficient volunteers.
 - Could we instead, invite all the school's hot-lunch vendors to offer food to sample and/or purchase?
 - **Make plans for next year's meet the teacher at the May 2019 meeting.**

3. School Council financial report

- October balance is ~\$3,000.00
- Deposits include \$350.00 for Meet the Teacher pizza payments and \$25 for Mabel's Labels.
- Withdrawals include \$896.00 for Meet the Teacher expenses, \$895 for classroom recess sports equipment.
- Meet the Teacher was run at a loss of nearly \$550.00.
- Continuation of PRO and PIC grants is uncertain for this year.

4. Principal's report

- All required drills (fire, locktown, tornado) went well.
- Halloween - costumes are optional, no weapons or masks please.
- *We Scare Hunger* food drive is trying to amass over 500 items for the food bank.
- Photo retake day is November 1st.
- Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th.
- Report cards go home November 12th. These are the interim progress reports only.
- A new fence was installed between the parking lot and the playground. The board covered the cost. There is a raised section so that soccer balls and the like don't make it onto the road.
- A safety assessment of the gym has found that the mats which should be used to surround the perimeter of the space cannot attach to the wall anymore. The Velcro has worn such that the mats no longer stick. Approximately \$2,800.00 will be required to refurbish the Velcro on the existing mats so that the entire gym can be properly protected. If these funds cannot be secured from the Board or other sources, School Council may be requested to cover this cost.
- [EQAO 2017-18 results](#): NDPS's Grade 3 results are higher than Board and provincial averages in all areas (Reading, Writing, Math). All Grade 6 results are in line or higher than the averages. Math scores at the Grade 6 level continue to be low across the province. One important point is that students who elect not to take the EQAO test, result in a 0 score towards the cohort. So if 4 students from a small group do not participate, those 0 scores disproportionately effect the scores of the whole.
- The Board has mandated that Math be the main focus of all School Improvement Plans once again this year.

5. Results of Parent Survey

- 28 responses received from families of all grade levels. There were a lot of positive comments and suggestions for school council activities. Math night, movie nights and fun fairs were popular ideas.
- Summary of the survey results: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-SZH2TKQ/>.
- For future surveys, include input on Meet the Teacher night and collect suggestions for School Council spending.

6. 2018/19 school year activity discussion

Math Night

- November 15th, 2018.
- Tables have been ordered.
- Angie H. & Mrs. Boshart will co-operate to work out prizes.
- Table setup volunteers are required for the 14th.
- Volunteers would be required to assist with the tracking/stamping element of the evening, if staff cannot cover all the stations. **Mrs. Hagey-Nichols to confirm.**

Movie Night

- Looking at either Friday, February 1st or 22nd. **Confirm date and movie selection at a future meeting.**

Parent/community engagement events

- A spring-time outdoor fair/carnival type event has been suggested, perhaps in connection with the school's 90th birthday or Earth Day in April. Could make it a more simplified version of the past Fun Fairs – with family/kid activities and food trucks.
- This would require a fair amount of planning and coordination so will require additional volunteers to form a sub-committee. **Request for interested volunteers through School Day.**

Fundraising

- Fund raising goals: possibly \$2800 for gym mat refurbishment, new technology, as well as the usual expenses such as field trip bussing, Grade 6 grad trip and gifts.
- Bag-2-School will run again in January and May. Will once again co-ordinate a common date with the other Wilmot schools.
- New idea for this year, courtesy of the parent survey: We will run a raffle and sell tickets for front row seats at the school Christmas concert. Could sell tickets on Math Night and during Parent/Teacher interview dates. Have two draws for 2 sets of 4 seats. \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10.
- Given Treasures card campaign and Dance-a-thon already confirmed, we will hold off on planning further fundraising until firm needs/targets are established.
- Suggestion made to move the fundraising discussion to a sub-group and announce this meeting on School Day.

7. 2018/19 School Council meeting dates

All meetings to begin at 7pm.

- Tuesday November 20, 2018
- Tuesday Jan. 15, 2019
- Tuesday Feb. 19, 2019
- Tuesday Mar. 19, 2019
- Tuesday Apr. 16, 2019
- Tuesday May 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:45