

**New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting Notes  
September 19th 2022 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Topic: New Dundee School Council**

**Time: Sep 19, 2022 07:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Angie H, Katie B, Tany F, Michael F, Sara T, Rebecca B and Kelly W**

**Welcome / Territory Acknowledgment:**

**As we gather virtually this evening would like to honor the existence of the 1st peoples by acknowledging that we are on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga peoples and New Dundee Public School occupies the land of the between the lakes treaty from 1792. As learners we continue to understand this place has significance to the 1st peoples because of the rolling hills, forests, flat land, along with the proximity to the Nith and Grand River that is fed by the Great Lakes. Settlers need to take responsibility to continue our education and honour of the first peoples. Let's work to honor the dish with one spoon covenant a peace agreement made between the indigenous nations before the settlers arrived. It characterizes our collective responsibility to each other and to Mother Earth. We should only take what we need and leave enough for future generations.**

**1. Financial Report update**

**\$4, 839.00**

**Principal's Report:**

- 1. An excellent start to the new school year.**
- 2. Open House was Thurs. Sept 15--awesome to welcome families into the school!**
- 3. New Staff:**
  - a. Emily Mifsud--K1, room 10**
  - b. Sabiha Hamid--K2 morning DECE (6:45am to 2:15pm)**
  - c. Diane McGill--gr 1/2A**
  - d. Emily Upshaw--gr 1/2B**

- e. Kirsten Schultz--junior music and dance and drama (3 afternoons a week)
  - f. Leah Carleton-- gr 5 (Ms DeJong has not returned as of yet)
- Annette Boshart and Jeff Heer have returned full time

**4. School Numbers: 170 students in total**

**Class numbers:**

**Kindergarten: 15, 29**

**gr 1/2 18, 20**

**gr 2/3, 20**

**Gr 3/4, 21**

**Gr 4/5, 22**

**Gr 5/6, 25**

**5. Hot lunches: Working with ESNS (elementary school nutrition services)**

a. Once a week, alternating Wednesdays between pizza (\$2.50/slice) and Pita Pit (reg/\$7.75, GF/\$8.50 and smoothie \$2.50)

Ms Brown will review adding a pizza day the last day before a school break.

b. Starting Oct 5 with pizza, a hard copy of info goes home Tuesday

c. Parents pay ESNS directly, ESNS pays suppliers, there is commission on every lunch sold (we receive about 50 cents per lunch)

d. Equity considerations--we will keep an eye on who may want some hot lunches, but, for whatever reason cannot arrange. We will draw the money from the "commission".

**6. Terry Fox Run, Wed Sept 21, 1 to 2 pm. Fundraising is done directly through the Terry Fox website.**

**7. Fire drills this week**

**8. Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30. Staff and students can consider making a picture, writing a note to residential school survivors and they will be delivered on the 30th.**

**9. Library--fully open and operating.**

**10. Home Reading--working with teachers on this to begin**

**11. Book Fair--this Nov., one week, will need volunteers for nutrition breaks and one evening. School council is prepared to support one book upto \$2 a child so that every student goes home with a book.**

## **12.Halloween**

**Halloween is an excellent opportunity to talk about what has been done in the past and what we can do going forward, with equity and care.**

**WRDSB considerations.**

- **Not everyone celebrates Halloween.**
- **We know that the celebration of Halloween can have an exclusionary or discriminatory impact.**
- **Some Halloween costumes, decorations, and practices have caused harm to Indigenous, Black and other racialized communities through the appropriation of ceremonial dress, and the mocking of racialized identities & ethnoreligious groups.**

**At New Dundee P.S., we are committed to fostering a school culture that is respectful of diverse identities and follows the health and safety guidelines from Public Health. This means examining our practices with a focus on safety and carefully considering different perspectives. With this in mind:**

**Halloween at New Dundee P.S.1. Please do not send treats from home.**

**2. We are having orange and black day Monday Oct 31. Costumes are also allowed. No masks that cover the entire face and no weapons.**

**3. If a costume is worn at school, the costume must not be discriminatory, representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, or violate the health and safety of other students. For important information to deepen understanding, please read the following article from Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group (LSPIRG) entitled, #IAmNotACostume LSPRIG's campaign.**

**Putting good intentions into action. We commit to looking at previously practiced traditions in a new light and changing our approaches with equity as our compass. We work together to create an environment where every child feels included, safe, valued, and treated with dignity.**

**13.EQAO - information will be available later this Fall.**

**14.Dance-a-thon looks promising to return for Valentine's Day. School council will reach out to the Waterloo Oxford Student Activities department to see if any previous Dundee Dragons are interested in participating.**

**15. Kodaly choir and Dragon Run looks promising to return again this Spring.**

**16. We are going to be preparing for a poinsettia winter fundraiser**

**17. Ms. Brown will connect with staff around busing needs for the year and class wish list items.**

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Fri. Sept 30-- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day**

**Sun. Oct 2--Custodian Appreciation Day**

**Oct 4 -5--Yom Kippur**

**Wed, Oct 5--World Teacher Day**

**Mon. Oct 10--Thanksgiving Monday**

**Tues. Oct 18--ECE Appreciation Day**

**Mon. Oct 24-- PD Day and Municipal Elections**

**Mon. Oct 24--Diwali**

**Mon. Oct 31--Halloween**

**15. Investigate what other schools are doing for fundraisers to avoid competition. School council plans to bring back the poinsettia.**

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

**Lets Tree Wilmot collaboration project**

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Monday October 17th 7pm**

**November 14th 7pm**

**December no meeting**

**Do you have a topic you would like added to the next council meeting?**

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