

**New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting Notes
January 19th 2023 - 7:00pm**

Topic: New Dundee School Council

Attendance: Jess D, Katie B (staff), Tanya F, Kelly W, Rebecca B, P Wilson (staff), J Grundy(staff).

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.

Financial Report update:

See attached

Principal's Report:

Covered by K. Brown and summary reflected below.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Holiday Concert Follow up: The afternoon show had 160 people. The evening show had 200 people. Much thanks to the staff for keeping this tradition going that families really enjoy. Everything went well.**

2. Book Fair Follow Up: The fair was a success. Ms. Shoe is working with Scholastic to obtain credits received to furnish the library. Plans for next year's comments included having the classes come down one at a time to shop and requesting / using order forms for books not in stock.
3. Poinsettia Follow Up: The fundraiser went well and we raised \$800. Plans for next year. Adjust order form to reflect that you have to pick one teacher and ask for only one order per family. As well as look at other greenhouse options. Investigate what other school councils have done in the Region.
4. Spirit wear: This being led by Mr Grundy. January 17th sales will open up. Orders will be open for 10 days and close on Friday the 27th. It will take three weeks for orders to arrive. School council will sort out the orders. The average price for youth shirts will be \$14 and adult shirts will be \$15.
5. Dance-a-thon: Forms will be going home soon.
6. Carnival: Mr Grundy has started planning. More details coming soon. The date will most likely be February 24th.
7. Week of Joy: Went well. Over 10 boxes were delivered to the Wilmot family resource center.
8. Class trips covered by school council: Kindies are the only ones left to use the bussing credit.
9. Art on walls: School council was not successful in the Wilmot Grant. Westmount signs quoted us at \$65.00. This will be added to the next agenda.
10. Staff wish list update: Soil for garden, Badminton nets and rackets, Spring outdoor equipment, Dolls that are culturally diverse for kindergarten, Cones for the Dragon Run.
11. Hot lunch update: Going well.
12. Spring open house: Add to next agenda.
13. Flip Give update: Add to next agenda.

14. Cold Weather School Policy: Minus 20 - 27 is what triggers protocols for inside recess.
15. Report Cards: Go home on February 15th. There are no formal parent teacher interviews. At any point reach out to your child's teacher for a meeting.
16. Staffing updates: Mr Carr has started as our new music teacher and drama teacher. Things are going well. There are no updates on grade 6 LTO at this time.
17. Care Committee updates: Winter Break cards were handed out and were well received and appreciated. EA appreciation cards are going out this week.
18. Finger cymbals Update: They have arrived and are ready for the music teacher to explore with the students.
19. Mitten dryers: No extras needed at this time.

Next meeting will be held on Monday February 27th at 7pm.