

New Dundee Public School - School Council Agenda
September 18th 2023 - 7:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.

Topic: New Dundee School Council Virtual Meeting
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Time: Sep 18, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Introductions and Attendance:

Principal: Liz Abuckle

School Council: Angie Hallman, Kelly Wilg, Sara Cherry, Robert Entz, Tanya Farnan,
Stephanie Breikopf

Regrets: Jonathan Grundy, Paula Wilson, Kristy Cokrane

2. 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.

3. Financial report update:

4. Principal's Report:

- A. Class reshuffling - New students registered during the summer
23 kindies in each class now
- B. School enrolment numbers - 175 students
- C. New staff this year :
Nicola Giralt new EA

Emily Misfid covering a leave in (JK/SK)
Joyce Nunn covering a leave in (3/4)

- D. Extended Day Numbers - numbers consistent with previous years
 - E. September assemblies - Terry Fox assembly this Friday
 - F. Fall Clubs - Grades 5/6 office helping, Singing OCanada for Firebirds and Kitchener Rangers.
 - G. School improvements for the year by the board office. Chair rails will be coming to the office.
 - H. PD days for September / October: October 6th/9th
 - I. Volunteers - Please see the school day letter about this. The school board has a policy on police checks. Please contact the office for a letter that should assist you in having the fee waived for this.
 - J. Hot lunch ordering has started. Please see ESNS for ordering details. If you need meal support for your child please reach out to the office.
 - K. New Dundee School and the Firebirds Hockey association will be collaborating for a Thanksgiving food drive. All food donations will be collected at the school and the hockey association will handle pick up and drop off. Families will receive a free pass to a game for this collaboration project.
5. Agenda:
- a. Fall Fair - passes went home for families and the grade four tour will be reviewed again next year.
 - b. Staff wish lists for classrooms and school success. This will be on the October agenda to allow staff some time to discuss this.
 - c. Ms. Arbuckle asked the school council to support funding \$1,000 toward more walkie talkies for school safety.
Motions: Kelly. W, moved and Tanya. F, second. Carried unanimously with vote for expenditure.
 - d. Terry Fox Run - Online donations and Toonies for Terry will be collected this Friday

- e. Spirit wear sales this school year? Staff will discuss at their staff meeting and the school community will discuss if there is interest. This will be on the October agenda.
- f. Orange Shirt Day events / activities happening at the school. Each class will have discussions and staff will continue the discussions beyond September 30th.
- g. Summer vegetable garden success. Thanks to Kelly W and family for their attentive care. We will need a summer contact for the school to have the watering canteen refilled (add to June agenda).
- h. Front garden thank you notes to summer volunteers - Kathleen Gardner (note sent home with Sarah Cherry), Rosemary Arthurs (New Dundee Pottery). Fall school garden clean up will be organized by Sarah C and Kelly W. Kelly will ask for community help on FaceBook.
- L. School improvements by council and staff library wall message, gym, dinosaur eggs for student success discussed. Will be added to the October agenda. Jess D will email Westmount Designs to research the quote standing from last year.
- M. School council roles at the next meeting. Email Angie or Liz with your interest if you would like to take on a role or learn about the commitment: Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasures, Care Committee.
- N. Book Fair- We have school council support and Angie will email Melanie S to confirm next steps.
- O. Nutrition for Learning: Jess D has picked up the fridge - Thank you! The school will have a soft start with dry foods and then work our way to perishable food items that can include boiled eggs.
- P. Fundraisers discussed were Poinsettia sales, Sew Rustic Mothers Day candles. Sarah C will send more details for the October meeting on candles fundraiser. Angie H will follow up with Meadow Acres Re:Poincellta fundraiser.

6. Upcoming Celebration Days September:

- 6th Read a book day
- 8th Literacy Day
- 10th Suicide Prevention Day
- 15th Rosh Hashanah
- 23rd International Sign Language Day
- 24th World Rivers Day
- 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Hispanic Awareness Month

If you would like to add something to the agenda please email it to ahallmanrmt@gmail.com or liz_arbuckle@wrdsb.ca

Adjourned 7:58p.m.

Minutes approved - (moved by Rob Entz, Second by Tanya Farnan)