

New Dundee Public School - School Council Agenda
October 30th 2023 - 7:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.

Topic: New Dundee School Council Virtual Meeting
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1. Introductions and Attendance:

Principal: Liz Arbuckle

Staff: J Grundy

School Council: Jess Durham, Tanya and Michael Farnan, Rob Entz, Kelly Willig, Angie Hallman

Regrets: S Cherry

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:

School community support: two t-shirts \$27.98

Fridge and thank you cards: \$140.11

PIC Grant: \$500 Liz will check with other Wilmot area schools to see about compiling our pic grant funds for a speaker.

4. Principal's Report:

A. Walkie talkies \$459.78 and \$26.09 power bar. They are helpful and going well!

B. Staffing update: Val Urquhart is coming back 80%. Paula Wilson is returning to the classroom over the next few weeks. Jennifer Mesar is on leave of absence

for this school year. Ms Mifsud is remaining in as the LTO for her leave. The school has a CYW one morning a week.

- C. Assemblies - Mr. Grundy is working on a RISE assembly for school culture.
- D. Clubs/ Field Trips/ Events: Kodaly is back! On November 16th they will be singing at Fairview Mall. Each class is also starting to take advantage of field trips. Bussing costs will still be covered by the school council for one trip per class this year.
- E. School improvements - Flag pole has been fixed. Toilets have been acting up and may need to be replaced.
- F. PD days for October/November update: Math and language will be the focus of the next PD day.
- G. Volunteers: Great responses have been coming in for police checks and documents.
- H. Halloween: Costumes are welcome for those who wish to participate.
- I. Progress Reports: Going home soon. Educators are working on them now.
- J. Staff wish lists: Continue to cover one bus trip per year, New gym equipment, wobble stools.
- K. Terry Fox Run Update: The school community raised \$2200 for cancer research.
- L. Remembrance Day (school / community): The school assembly will be held on November 10th in the afternoon. November 4th will be at the park gates. Annette will send out a school day inviting families.
- M. Spirit Wear update: Mr Grundy has been the staff lead on this. There were less orders than last year but this is typical.
- N. Nutrition for learning: Going well and off to a great start! A fundraiser will be considered in the Spring. For now information on donations is going out to a few organizations in the school community.
- O. EQAO 2022 update: Grades 3 and 6 did well and met and/or exceeded the Provincial average.
- P. UW STEM - New Dundee has been wait listed for now. With this said on November 1st New Dundee will have an opportunity again.
- Q. Week of giving: Emily Misfid and Val Urquart are the Educators taking the lead on this. Liz has connected with the Wilmot Family Resource Centre to learn about the local needs.
- R. Photo Retake Day - November 13th

5. Agenda:

- a. Election of roles: Angie Hallman and Kelly Willig: Co-Chairs. Jess Durham: Treasurer.
- b. Staff wish lists for classrooms and school success: School council supports new gym supplies and new early literacy books. Request for more details for the next

meeting on what is needed for the gym.

- c. Book Fair update (Angie and Kelly): Everything is on schedule and organized.
- d. Garden update (Sarah, Kelly and Steph): Defer this topic until March. Kelly, Sarah and Steph will reach out to the broader community in the Spring and ask for plants, mulch and soil. Sarah and Kelly will decorate the urns in front of the school for seasonal joy.
- e. Poinsettia update (Jess) - November 3rd details will go out. On November 15th orders will close. Meadow acres will get the final order on November 17th. November 23rd they will be delivered to the gym. Contact Jess if you can volunteer to help hand them out.
- f. Visual messaging / school improvements: Jess and Kelly will research ways to do the library wall message before the end of December for Ms. Shoe.

Deferred Dundee Dragon art for the gym and kindie hall until January. Dinosaur egg images discussed. These images will be discussed further at the next school council meeting. Jess received several quotes and they came back between \$55 and \$115 per Dundee Dragon image.

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

Adjourned: 8:05pm.

Minutes approved: Moved:Tanya F Seconded: Kelly W

Next meeting dates:

September 18th 7pm, October 30th 7pm, November 13th 7pm, December no meeting, January 29th 7pm, February 26th 7pm, March no meeting, April 29th 7pm, May 27th 7pm June no meeting