

New Dundee Public School - School Council Agenda
January 29th 2024 - 7:00 p.m.to 8:52 p.m.

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

Principal: Ms. Laura Hagey- Nichols

Staff: Mr Grundy, Ms Wilson

School Council: Angie H, Stephanie B, Kelly W, Tanya F, Sarah L

Student: Michael F

Regrets: Rob E

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.

2. Principal's Report:

- A. Carnival: Due to competing priorities in the school Carnival will not be taking place this year. It will still be acknowledged by each class and we look forward to reviewing bringing it back next school year. New French curriculum is coming out as well..
- B. Staffing update: Welcome to the Dragons Den Ms. Rebecca Siebert in the role of Librarian. We say goodbye to Ms Rebecca Arnburg ECE. We still do not have a permanent Principal assigned and we thank Laura Hagey-Nichols who will be

with the school until the end of February.

- C. Assemblies: Mr Grundy along with some staff and students have been preparing for the Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Community plan. There will be an assembly in the coming weeks.
- D. Clubs/ Field Trips/ Events: Staff have offered some Intramurals for the students in blocks for grades. Thanks to the community and fundraising efforts nearly every class has used up their allocated funds to cover the cost of bussing for field trips. Some of these have been; Benjamin Tree Farm, Registry Theater, Goldie Locks, Sugar Bush.
- E. School Improvements: New toilet has been installed in the boys washroom. Ms Hagey-Nichols will be replacing boot mats for classes.
- F. PD day update: The last PD day was focused on assessment, evaluations and report cards. Please note that due to new software there is a delay in them being sent home. This is across the Board not just at New Dundee.
- G. Volunteers: StrongStart - Several volunteers stepped up and it is going well!
- H. Grade 6 planning started with SAB? Ms Hagey-Nichols suggested that Angie will reach out to the SAB admin to start the conversation and make first step greetings. Ms Hagey-Nichols will start the conversation with NDPS staff.
- I. Report Cards: The will be sent home on February 16th.
- J. Staff wish lists: Staff have compiled the list of items needed for the gymnasium. We will vote on how much to spend on this after the dance-a-thon
- K. Repainting outdoor lines this Spring still planned?
- L. Ms. Hagey-Nichols will be reviewing this and prepare to report back at the next meeting with the line conditions.
- M. Nutrition for learning: Council voted to use \$1,000 from WEFI toward Nutrition for Learning. Moved by Tanya Seconded by Jess. We will also be selling bracelets on Valentines Day.
- N. UW STEM update: The students have been loving this opportunity. Going well with great feedback! Tanya F reported that we need to rebook this again asap. Ms Hagey-Nichols indicated that she would investigate this.

- O. Week of giving update: Was a great success! Val had a van full of donations for the Wilmot Family Resource Centre. Great job to the NDPS School community.
- P. Strong Start: Going well! There has been a great response from the community regarding volunteers to make the program a success.
- Q. New language curriculum update for K to 9: It has now been changed to a one mark format. French will likely be headed into this direction as well. This will be added to the next agenda to discuss in greater detail.

3. Agenda:

- a. Chair update (Angie)
The position of chair can only be for non WRDSB members.
- b. Vote on final list for gym equipment to be replaced: Staff have compiled the list of items needed for the gymnasium. We will vote on how much to spend on this after the dance-a-thon
- c. Book Fair update (Angie): We are waiting on Scholastic to correct an error in the toolkit. Once that is completed Melanie can order the books for the school.
- d. Garden planning (Sarah and Steph): Spring Garden Day will be planned for a day in April. Sarah volunteered to contact Meadow Acres, KW Tree Barber. Breeze Wood Floors in Dundee to see if they would donate mulch.
- e. Poinsettia update (Jess): \$458.00 raised for the school. Jess feels that this is a very simple fundraiser with a great ROI for the school. She is happy to continue this again next year.
- f. Dundee Dragon Art: Mr Grundy, Ms De Naeyer, are the staff leading the Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Community plan. A community member has volunteered to donate some vinyl to support the vision of the school environment and messaging. Angie will send an email with an introduction between the community member and the staff leading the project.
- g. Nutrition for learning update: Council voted to use \$1,000 from WEFI toward Nutrition for Learning. (Moved by Tanya F, Seconded by Jess D). We will also be selling bracelets on Valentines Day to support the program.

- h. Dance A thon: Steph B and Jess D will purchase glow items to sell and create a price list. Once completed it will be posted on school day. We will have 2 classes going into the gym at a time for 30 minutes beginning at 12:00 until 2:00. Angie H, Jess D and Kelly W will be there to set up and sell items that will be sold for \$1 - \$5. Staff will sell the bracelets \$2 each. Kelly W will bring a light from home. Mr Mac will set up the audio equipment. We will have students return to the dragon den to run the music.
 - i. Fall Fair Speaker at the next Meeting? Council comments included curiosity about what the topics would be. Angie will send an email to inquire.
 - j. Bags 2 School: JessD will investigate this before the next council meeting and report back. She will reach out to FG. and see about collaborating a pick up date if they are doing it again this year. Can we arrange a pick up for May 21st to 24th?
 - k. WRAPSC meeting update / Pro grant update: Angie attended the WRAPSC meeting and the focus was on the pro grant requirements for the 2024 year. All primary schools in Wilmot are collaborating on bringing in a speaker(s) on the topics outlined in the grant application. The grant application was submitted to the PIC committee.
 - l. Fundraisers: Several ideas were discussed and it was voted on to move ahead with Rheo Thompson for the end of March. There is no upfront cost. This was discussed today we are going to do the Rheo fundraiser on February 26 to March 5 there will be some paper copies if needed but we will be using school day hopefully for the majority of the sales (Annette is going to set this up)all orders will be returned to Rheo no later then march 8 with an approximate 2 week turn around time or sooner so families will have there chocolate before Easter. We wanted to make it inclusive for all so we reduced the amount of items to be sold, so there will be mint smoothies, a 1/2 lbs box of the small mint smoothies, a five inch chocolate bunny and a bunny head sucker. and we can process it through School Day. Jess and Steph will work with Admin on processes and report back at the next meeting.(Steph B moved, Jess D second)
 - m. STEM: The students have been loving this opportunity. Going well with great feedback! Tanya F reported that we need to rebook this again asap. Ms Hagey-Nichols indicated that she would investigate this.
4. Financial report update -Jess D - NDPS Treasurer:
Bus Trips:

Rms 3,4,7 = \$407.61

Rms 1,2,9 (will be in Feb) = \$254.77

This expense must come out of the funds raised by School Council. That will bring our end total down to \$ 1193.69

Walkie Talkies:

\$459.78

This expense can come from the WEFI account so that would bring that total to:

\$5355.17

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

Adjourned: 8:52pm

Minutes approved: Moved by Sara L and seconded by 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**