

New Dundee Public School - School Council Agenda
February 26th 2024 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.

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

Principal: Laura Hagey-Nichlos

Staff: Jonathon Grundy

School Council: Angie H, Jess D, Steph B, Kelly W, Sarah C, Tanya F

Regrets: Paula W, Rob E

Student: Michaela F

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. Principal's Report:

- A. Staffing update: Ms. Hagey-Nichols last day as Interim Principal will be Friday March 1st. We Welcome Ms. Laura Griffin as interim Principal for one week until we welcome Mr. Craig Bell for the rest of the 2023/2024 school year.
- B. Assemblies: Staff are holding the launch of the R.I.S.E. code of conduct assembly after March Break. School council offered support, if educators leading the schools new code of conduct, feel there is a need for support.
- C. Clubs/ Field Trips/ Events: Ms Wilson has continued to lead the Kodaly through many practices and in the next several weeks there will be preparations for the upcoming show in April. Kindies are heading to Benjamin Tree Farm April 2nd for an exciting opportunity for outdoor education.
- D. School Improvements: Acquiring carpets for each class to assist with the wet and muddy footwear in the school is still in the quote gathering process. This item is deferred to the next agenda to be updated by the new admin.
- E. PD day update: No update
- F. Volunteers update: Thank you to the volunteers who continue to serve the dragons den. There are six wonderful volunteers undergoing training for the Strong Start program.
- G. Grade 6 transition planning update: Angie has reached out to Sandy at SAB and there will be further organizing for this between the schools after March Break. Angie will bring Mr. Bell up to speed on historical events regarding the transition concerns from parents.
- H. Repainting outdoor lines this Spring still planned? Laura has investigated this and feels it can be bumped to the agenda for the next school year.
- I. Nutrition for learning: The bracelet sales resulted in \$117 raised. Great job everyone!
- J. Strong Start update: Training for the volunteers is underway and they will be ready to start shortly.
- K. New language curriculum update for K to 9: Laura has provided an update that UFLI (<https://ufl.edu/foundations/toolbox/>) decoding tool is used by many New Dundee staff. This resource is part of the new curriculum. The EMPOWER power program at New Dundee is run by Christina Baxter. It is a decoding and spelling program for grades 2 to 5 and includes 110 lessons in the program. Christina has great success with the learners who are working through

these lessons.

4 . Financial report update - (Jess)

5. Agenda:

- a. Vote on final budget for gym equipment to be replaced:
Jess D motioned for \$2,000 from Wefi Funds.
Steph B seconded the motion.
No members objected to the motion.
Successfully carried and supported by all voting members.
- b. Garden planning update (Sarah and Steph): Sarah C has contacted Kitchener Forest Products. The owner, a previous grad, will be donating mulch to our gardens this Spring. Sarah C offered to pick up the mulch and deliver it to the school on the garden workday. Additionally, a local family has generously offered to donate a significant dollar value in plants to our school's garden in memory of a loved one. Sara C and Steph B will work with the donor family about trees and plants. They will also investigate information about it being a waystation garden. <https://schools.wrdsb.ca/environmental-education/nearby-nature/monarch-waystations/>. May 4th or 5th will likely be the garden makeover date. Once this is confirmed we will ask the community for help. <https://schools.wrdsb.ca/environmental-education/nearby-nature/monarch-waystations/>
- c. Dundee Dragon Art: (Rob): Deferred to next agenda.
- d. Nutrition for learning update: Melanie contacted Angie and let her know that they are interested in starting a dairy program at the school. This would be offered for two days a week and a community volunteer would be needed to manage the dairy. Angie will investigate the question that came up if this would increase the cost of the program that we need to fundraise for this program.
- e. Dance A thon update: (Steph B, Jess D, Angie H)
It was another great school event. The students had fun and were dancing their hearts out! Approximately \$2,000 was raised.
- f. Fall Fair Speaker: Council discussed and decided that there is no interest in having a guest speaker at this time.

- g. Bags 2 School: Laura informed the school council that Bags 2 School still owes us money from the last collection and that all suggestions point to the organization no longer being in business. Jess will investigate Value Village as a replacement fundraiser for the next meeting. (<https://fundrive.savers.com>)
- h. WRAPSC meeting update / Pro grant update: The next WRAPSC meeting is April 2nd, 7pm, at Forest Heights Collegiate. If you would like to join Angie send her an email and let her know. The PRO Grant planning is well underway with all of the Wilmot Township Public Schools. More details coming soon. Save The date for May 7th 2024.
- i. Rheo Fundraisers update: Jess D and Steph B have done a wonderful job organizing and getting the order forms out.
- j. Vote for year end field trip bus expenses: Carried to next meeting. Estimated at \$250 a bus for eight classes.
- k. Care Committee update: Thank you cards went to the Dance A Thon volunteers. They will issue a thank you card to Kitchener Forest Products on the Mulch donation.

If you would like to add something to the agenda please email it to ahallmanrmt@gmail.com or school administrator.

Adjourned: 8:09 pm

Minutes approved: Steph B, Sarah C

New Items for next meeting: Kelly W - New Fundraising ideas for 2024/2025.

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**