# May 3, 2022, 7:00 PM Google Meet

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| **MEETING CALLED BY:**  | Ibilola O – Co-Chair |
| **TYPE OF MEETING**  | Regular School Council  |
| **Secretary:**  | Karen P |
| **STAFF ATTENDANCE:** | Nancy Murovec, Principal, Scott Dickie, Vice Principal |
| **PARENT ATTENDANCE:** | Karen P., Akshay S., Heather M., Ibilola O., Cindy B., Nicholas S., Dorota R., Kim V., Katie S.  |

**CHAIRS UPDATE Lola**

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| **DISCUSSION**  |
| * Welcome and called the meeting to order
* Asked Nancy to read the land acknowledgment
* Reviewed previous minutes and accepted, minutes were motioned. (Motion is deferred as it was not passed)
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**SCHOOL UPDATE Nancy/Scott**

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| **DISCUSSION**  |
| * New bulletin board featuring flowers from each class
* Kindergarten art displayed – warm and cool colour
* Sunny Salute board – awarded for following the Sandhills guide. 150 – 200 awarded in the past six weeks
* The equity and anti-inclusion board changed out every six weeks. For professional development with staff
* Choirs and tutoring have begun
* The Tuck shop is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays. With proceeds, we were able to pay for Rocks & Rings. Students enjoyed it so we purchased three sets of Rocks & Rings for the school
* Other options for tuck shop, particularly to replace frozen yogurt. It is a best-seller; however, it is expensive to sell and is likely not an equitable item. No thoughts now, but will take away
* Sent out a survey to the school community about the year-end celebration. Two main themes arose – meet & greet, and a celebration.
* June 23rd @930am – a celebration
* Outside for Grade 6s
* Grade 6s will go into the gym for a slide deck
* Dance, treats, balloons, photo booth,
* Tour of Westheights after lunch
* Council will sponsor a tree
* On the evening of June 21st – meet & greet for the entire school
* Open house to go to classrooms
* Student work, gym display
* Choir will sing
* Food trucks
* The fence around the kindergarten area was removed after the extension. Have noticed more kids this year running from the area. Will be meeting with facilities to see what the options are to put a new fence up. Would still do forest school
* Safe, caring, and inclusive schools
* Technology sessions – 25 live viewers and 55 you tube views for 1st session; a bit less for follow up session
* In September hoping to hold a session on discriminatory and phobic language at a welcome back event. Noticing language is being used, perhaps without knowing the meaning, but the impact on others is harmful regardless of intent
* GSA – starting one based on requests from students
* Unity pins – hoping for the council to sponsor the purchase of Unity Pins (pronouns) for staff and GSA. Costs $7, and profits go to OK2BME. Can be customized. Would like to purchase 100 pins for $700
* Motion put forward and passed
* Lacrosse – all students to learn from professionals May 25 – 27
* Track and Field – May 31
* Full day
* Continuing to work on equity and inclusion
* Competitive and recreational groups to cater to all levels of athletes
* Competitive group – male and female categories (can participate in the gender group in which they identify)
* Recreational group – male, female and open categories
* Track and field day may have grade 7 and 8 volunteers from Westheights. Haven’t decided yet.
* Regionals on June 9th
* June 1 – will be a polling station
* June 6 – welcome to kindergarten night
* June 7 – Shore organization will be coming in and starting health presentations on human development for junior students
* June 27 – report cards go home
* June 28 – summer holidays begin
* Grad tree – for $300-500
* Motion put forward and passed
* Year-end breakfast for staff? Most are not comfortable meeting in person so will say no to the breakfast.
* Always looking for volunteers for Bingo. Has just been Katie and Heather but need to have backups so we can have coverage. Nancy will put out another note to the school community before the end of the year as bingo nights continue throughout the summer.
* September wayfinding – a reminder to have more clear wayfinding (council members in bright colours to help with direction) on the first day of school. Nicholas is willing to assist.
* Asynchronous voting – have been doing this because we’ve been having virtual meeting. Would like rules around it. Would like to submit that we have 48 hours for questions, and then open for voting after that. Nicholas is putting forward motion and was passed
* Perhaps look at different methods of communication to promote council and bingo. Get a lot of school day messages and it gets lost. Maybe send something home with the kids or use Google Classroom as parents may pay more attention to those items. Include what is involved in the activities like fun fair and Bingo so people understand what is involved and may be more willing to help. Maybe do a table at meet and greet night, and at welcome back to school in September
* Prefer to use school day as it is easy to translate into other languages, so it is the preferred method of communication.
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**FINANCIAL UPDATE Nicholas**

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| **DI DISCUSSION**  |
| * Bingo fund - $5,335.00,
* $1,967 in general account,
* $1059 in greening
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## GREENING INITIATIVE Beth/Scott/Nancy

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| **DISCUSSION**  |
| * Mulching and managing the butterfly garden taken over by Mrs. Gingrich’s class
* St. Dom’s doesn’t have any additional ideas for parking
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**SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT/FUN FAIR SUB-COMMITTEE Beth**

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| **DISCUSSION**  |
| * Fun fair – many parents wanted to start up the fun fair again. Would recommend putting it on the first agenda of the year next year. Look at having a formal subcommittee to plan. Reach out to Lola if interested in joining
* As a group, we decided not to do fundraising events as Bingo supports us, and tuck shop and pizza supplement
* Cob’s bread – a few years ago we had set up an arrangement that if you shopped there and mentioned Sandhills, then 1% would be donated to the school. We thought that had ended and need confirmation from Beth. We would share with our community if it is still active. Haven’t received a cheque in 2.5 years.
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## OTHER BUSINESS Beth

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| **DISCUSSION**  |

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| **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** | 8:03 PM  |
| **NEXT MEETING:**  | Thursday, September 15, 2022 @7:00 |