

SANDHILLS P.S. COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 30, 2022 7:00 pm Library

MEETING CALLED BY:	Beth R
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular School Council
SECRETARY:	Ana B
STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Nancy Murovec, Principal. Scott Dickie, Vice Principal
PARENT ATTENDANCE:	Beth R, (Chair) Ana B., (Secretary), Shaffeinaaz C-A., Nicholas S., (Treasurer), Asvin P., Kalene T-M., Akshay S., Kim H.

CHAIR UPDATE -Beth

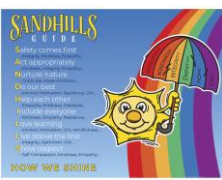
- o Welcome and called the meeting to order
- o Asked Nancy to read the land acknowledgment
- o Welcome and roundtable introduction
- o Reviewed previous minutes and accepted. Minutes were motioned and passed.
- o Reiterated Meeting Norms
- o Looking to mentor a chairperson -if anyone is interested-email Beth

SCHOOL UPDATE- Nancy & Scott

- o Staff updates –
 - o Grade 6 teacher, Mr. Wilson, promoted to vice-principal-sad to see him go but wish him all the best in his new position
 - o Grades 4-5 had an outdoor education trip
 - o Upcoming: In January, Eastside Collegiate will be coming by with a performance for grades 1-6 to watch. The cost is estimated at roughly \$400.
 - o Toasty Toes Campaign successfully raised money and collected socks for those in need.
 - o Safe, Caring and Inclusive Committee will start 12 days of Food Drive in December.
 - o EQAO - Sandhills fared avg.
 - o Grade 3 &6 – We are at board level
 - o Grade 3 - Math scores good
 - o Grade 6 - Math needs improvement
 - o North Star - working to make sure everyone has a chance to succeed & looking at individuals
 - o School is trying to ensure exposure to various cultures, experiences, identities etc.
 - o Week of Winter wonderland activities – 2-Grade six students are leading it.

FINANCIAL UPDATE- Nicholas

- o At the time of the meeting, Nicholas indicated that the
 - o Account Bingo Balance – \$6393 ish
 - o General - \$1492.31
 - o Greening – \$1059.63
 - o **Note:** Any initiatives funded through the Bingo account must be paid directly paid out of that account and cannot be channelled through our other accounts. The city of Kitchener is very strict about this, and it is one of the bingo bylaw stipulations to have a bingo account.



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PARENT ENGAGEMENT- Beth & Nicholas

- o Asked if Council could host a staff appreciation breakfast, and it was approved-Date is December 21, 2022
- o We discussed if Council was interested in hosting an event throughout the year -i.e. Valentine's Dance, and the entrance 'fee' would be to bring a food item for the Food Bank.
 - o Other events throughout the year-math nights, multicultural potluck, French club for parents and students, evening walk in the woods etc. Any ideas to send to Nancy, Beth and Scott and to be discussed with the rest of Council
 - o End-of-year Family Fun Fair-to ensure inclusivity at the WRDSB, the decision is made not to have any other fundraising events except Bingo-so looking for Council to fund the end-of-the-year event
 - o Looking for volunteers to help with events throughout the year, i.e. Valentine dance (decorations, photo booth, setting up and supervising)
- o Looking for a person to lead the Bingo volunteers-Katie can no longer do it. It entails ensuring enough volunteers each month, sending out bingo reminders etc.

GREENING INITIATIVE -Beth, Nancy & Scott

- o Looking for a volunteer to lead this subcommittee

OTHER BUSINESS- Beth

- o Other school committee work:
 - o WRAPC (Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils)
 - o reps from each school council come together to discuss community issues. Connect with Beth if interested
 - o PIC (Parent Involvement Committee). Board level. Get behind-the-scenes knowledge. You need to apply-go to the WRDSB website to see registration info.
 - o School Board meetings are open to the public and are open to everyone. They are virtual, and go to the WRDSB website for the link. They occur on the last working Monday of the month, and the subcommittee (COW) Committee of the Whole occurs second and third working Mondays of each month.
<https://www.wrdsb.ca/trustees/meetings/>. It is open to the public and encourage everyone to go at least once to familiarize themselves with the process.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8:16 pm

NEXT MEETING: February 22, 2022, 7:00 pm