

# SANDHILLS P.S. COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

February 22, 2022 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting due to weather

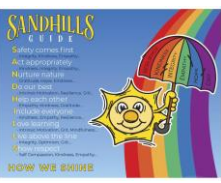
<b>MEETING CALLED BY:</b>	Beth R
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Regular School Council
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Cheryl R. for Ana B.
<b>STAFF ATTENDANCE:</b>	Nancy Murovec, Principal
<b>PARENT ATTENDANCE:</b>	Beth R, (Chair) Cheryl R., Akshay S., Asvin P., Kalene T., Kim H., Nicholas S., (Treasurer), Joanna M., Shaffinaaz C-A.

### CHAIR UPDATE -Beth

- o Welcome and called the meeting to order
- o Asked Nancy to read the land acknowledgment-we will be asking for volunteers in the reading of the Territorial Acknowledgement at future council meetings
- o Welcome and roundtable introduction
- o Reviewed previous minutes and accepted. Minutes were motioned and passed.

### SCHOOL UPDATE- Nancy

- o Staff updates –
  - New Staff in K6 ~ Ms. Kras is experienced
  - Will be receiving a 4th extended day section as the after-school population is quite large. Gabriela Jimenez Lopez will start on March 6
  - Choir sang at the Rangers game on December 9
  - During the week of January 10th, we had Humane Society presentations for all of our classes, and we used tuck shop money to pay
  - Mid-January we engaged in a Lexia Pilot project with all of our Grade 3 classes, if a ¾ split, the 4s are also participating
    - o language-based instruction part of structured literacy, which is an online program
    - o seeing improvement in student's reading
    - o ensured headsets were available to everyone via tuck shop money
  - February is Black History month, and Scott has started a Black Brilliance Group, which co-created an assembly held this past Friday
  - Report cards and IEPs went home on the 15th of this month
  - Coming up:
    - o School Dance on Tuesday, February 28
    - o March 3 will be a colour house activity day outside; if snow hopefully we can use our snowshoes which have arrived - obtained a full class set for both primary and junior grades
    - o On March 7, Brainwaves presentations(about properly fitted helmets) will begin with Grades 1-3, then on March 21, the Kindergarten classes
- Purchased the snow shoes a class set for k-primary and a class set for juniors for a total of \$4047.30
- Pro Grant recommendation: STEM Science night \$300 per station; application is due this Friday
- We did receive the middle year's development MDi survey results, this was conducted back in November and December for our junior students; focus on:
  - o Social-emotional development
  - o Physical health and wellbeing



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- Connectedness
- Use of after-school time
- School experiences
- NOT a good result for our school - data was skewed as only 2 of 12 classes participated
- have a BIEP (Board Improvement and Equity Plan) in place which is ministry mandated (similar to a report card for the school board) and is to help us determine our impact of our strategic plan.
- Our strategic plan has 4 areas of focus:
  - **Achievement**
  - **Sovereignty, human rights, and equity**
  - **Mental health, wellbeing and engagement**
  - **Pathways and transitions**
- The board has indicators to see if we are meeting our goals in these 4 areas
- Some examples of criteria are:
  - % of students who are reading at grade level by the end of grade 2
  - % of students who meet or exceed the provincial standard on grade 3 and 6 EQAO and on grade 9 EQAO mathematics
  - % of human rights complaints
  - % of students receiving modifications
  - % of students in grades 4-12 who feel school is inclusive and a safe environment
  - % of students graduating

### FINANCIAL UPDATE- Nicholas

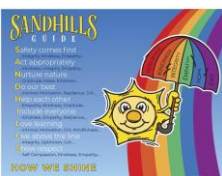
- Nicholas shared account status:
  - Bingo Balance – \$4,168.97
  - General - \$955.56
  - Greening – \$1,059.63
  - DJ for Dance - \$536.75
  - Snowshoes- \$4,047.30
  - **Note:** Any initiatives funded through the Bingo account must be paid directly out of that account and cannot be channelled through 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.

### GREENING INITIATIVE -Beth, Nancy & Scott

- Looking for a volunteer to lead this subcommittee

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT- Beth

- **Spring Forward Dance** is coming up on Tues. Feb 28th with DJ Professor Jamz
  - Sandra W. will be crafting the decorations and has donated her time and materials towards it
  - Cheryl R. has solicited support from 3 former Sandhills alumni (Gr. 8 students)
  - Beth R. will be purchasing snacks and juice boxes to be sold for under \$1.00



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- Ana has put together posters which also outline the requirement for parent/guardian to accompany them and also indicates that snacks will be available for purchase
- Nancy will post to School Day that there will be snacks/drinks for sale
- Kim suggested tea/coffee for parents to be sold at a nominal cost

### o Yearbook Committee

- student lead and supported by the school council; realistically not enough time to run this school year, but can re-visit in the next school year
- Nancy's position is that due to costs, it's not an inclusive option

### o Grade 6 Celebration

- on March staff meeting agenda to pick a date (will be sometime in June) based on the timing of EQAO testing
- not an official graduation - certificate for completing time at Sandhills; done first thing in the morning
- consideration to continue tree planting tradition

### o Fun Fair

- end of year celebration for all classes
- ideas put forward by Ana
- time consuming and costly, however important as a Sandhills community building
- was previously a fundraising event which included rides, fire trucks, animals
- doesn't have to be large scale as done in previous years
- allows for people to have an opportunity to come out and have fun
- Nancy would support Open House with a few other elements; Beth to send out an interest finder to the council members to help out with organizing along with Ana

### o Bingo

- Heather M has graciously taken on the volunteer assignments and coordination

## OTHER BUSINESS- Beth

- Other school committee work:
  - WRAPC (Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils)
    - reps from each school council come together to discuss community issues.
    - Kalene has attended; observing what other councils are doing; every meeting, there have been presentations from community partners (Healing from the Seven Generations)
  - BINGO - more opportunities opening up; if under the OLG umbrella, there would be more options available with machines- there is a volunteer-led board-looking for members -Beth can no longer do it as her term ends in June. It has to be a parent/caregiver that has a child at Sandhills PS.
  - PIC – is looking for members-go on the WRDSB website for more information
  - PRO Grant - Beth to complete the application

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** 8:03 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** April 19, 2023, 7:00 - 8:00 pm