

## SANDHILLS P.S. COUNCIL MEETING

## **MINUTES**

October 4th 2023 7:00 pm Library

MEETING CALLED BY:	Rose, Acting Principal
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular School Council
SECRETARY:	Ana B (temporary) Rajvi (volunteered)
STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Rose, Acting Principal. Scott Dickie, Vice Principal, Staff Rep, Jill Kraus
PARENT ATTENDANCE:	Matt, Hashim, Asma, Nadia, Akshay, Andrea, Ana,Kim, Kristen, Jill, Joanna, Nicholas, Kiana,
	Taneah, Cheryl, Rajvi, Peter, Leanne

#### **School Council Declarations**

- o *Co-Chairs* Ana Birsan and Cheryl Rampersaud declared
- o Treasurer Nicholas Smith declared
- o Secretary Rajvi volunteered....Ana offered to assist if needed
- o **Staff Rep -** Jill Kraus

## Principal's Report

- Looking for volunteers sign up sheet was sent around at meeting
  - o especially for Bingo (it's the top way we fundraise)--dates: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 29
  - o School Traveling Planning Committee/parking
    - How can we educate people on doing what's right in regards to getting to school (we are a walking school)
      - Make a video about where it's okay to park & where not to park
      - Trying to contact bylaw
      - Walking School Bus → needs to be a parent initiative. A few people in the community would volunteer, there would be a set meeting time and from there they would walk together as a group.
    - If anyone is interested in taking this on / signing up for email Scott Dickie.
  - o Greening/Gardens
    - The front entrance / monarch garden at the back of the school. Helping to beautify the school
    - If anyone is interested in that → email the co-chairs if interested
  - o Welcoming in new families
    - A point of contact for new parents coming in with answering questions etc. to new families in the neighborhood email the co-chairs if interested
  - o WRAPSC REp
  - o Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools Committee
  - 29 classes (from Kindie to Grade 6) Down one class from last year.



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- We are always in need for volunteers for field trips
  - You do need a Police Check. (estimated 3 weeks)
  - A suggestion was made to subsidize the \$20 fee for those who might find the cost prohibitive to be revisited
  - o letters are available from the main office that can be used when applying
- Nutrition for Learning (NFL)
  - Children can grab food from boxes without asking any questions NFL's philosophy is that "our food is there for ANY student who wants it"
  - We may be asked to help with some NFL fundraising
- Tuck shop
  - Other big generator of funds
  - Find cheaper options
    - Reliant on someone else going to like costco
- Pizza:
  - o A suggestion was made to offer to sponsor a slice for others next time. (Same for school trips)
  - Will follow up for next time
  - We should send out an info.
- Technology:
  - Got a refresh to meet school board guidelines.

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE- Nicholas**

- o At the time of the meeting, Nicholas indicated that the following funds were available:
  - o Account Bingo Balance \$4899.01 (up 934)
    - o Can only be spent on something that benefits the whole schools
    - We've bought snow shoes in the past and paid for stationary bikes.
    - Still need to reconcile \$250.00 (we had two vendors who weren't official companies and thus, could not invoice us)
  - General \$1,423.38.00
  - o Greening \$1,059.53 (for the school)
  - First motion is to repay Principal Crits for the mulching of front gardens 349.85
    - Everyone agreed
  - Second motion: a more complete process on how to go about requests for funds / reimbursement. To prevent what happened with the vendors last year.
    - o Peter seconded. All agreed.



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GREENING INITIATIVE
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n/a

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT-

o n/A

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

o n/A

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** 8

8:30pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 

November 22nd 2023, 7:00 pm

# Future Meeting Dates: Tentative:

- November 22
- Feb 28
- April 24
- May 22