

Suddaby School Council Minutes

April 25, 2022

Attendance: Andrea Maxwell, Kate Leslie, Katha Broschek, Katherine Akins, Stephanie Meyer, Wendy Saulesleja, Angela Uttley, Anjali Misra, Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor

Regrets: Tara Bedard, Karin Korth, and Nadia Ursaki

Financial Report:

April 2022:

Total budget: 39 147.67

Keep in account: 10 000

Outdoor equipment: 2 000

Thank you bench: 1 000

Equity initiatives: 5 000

Schoolyard: 8 559.59

Total to spend: 12 588.08

No changes since March!

Factory shoes: 1 135.00

Admin Report

School Clubs

School Clubs	Staff Leaders	Grades	Dates/Meetings
Safe Space	Mrs. Skornyak Mrs. Lynch Mme. Hazenberg Mrs. Maxwell	1-6	Day 4 11:00 p.m. in the gym

Chess Club	Mr. Johnston	2-6	Day 1 11:00 a.m. gr. 2-3 1:40 p.m. Gr 4-6
Chess Club	Mr. Read Student volunteers	1	Day 2 2:00 p.m. in the gym
Running Club *permission forms needed as the run is off school property and after hours	Mr. Callaghan Mrs. Shultz Ms. Shaw Mrs. McLaughlin	3-6	Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30-4:10 p.m.
Kodaly Choir	Mrs. Shantz	4-6	Tuesdays after school
ECO Club	Mrs. Snyder Mme Hazenberg	2-6	TBD

We are grateful to our staff for their generous gift of time and talents and to our students for their awesome enthusiasm for getting involved.

Tutoring

Early literacy tutoring for a small group of students in grades 1-2 continues Monday to Thursday after school thanks to Mrs. Farahdel. We are very excited to have received a new teaching resource which includes decodable readers which looks awesome!

Mme Hazenberg has volunteered to do French tutoring for grades 2-3 students and we are waiting to see if Suddaby will be one of the schools that is selected.

Summer Learning

3 weeks, July 4-22, SK-grade 5, approximately 20 students per class, 12 sites for SK-2 (Primary) 6 for Grades 3-5 (Junior)

Suddaby's primary students will go to Westmount and our junior students will go to King Edward by bus. Suddaby students will be picked up and dropped off at Suddaby school each day.

The primary focus will be on early reading.

The junior focus will be on numeracy.

Staff are currently compiling lists of the students they would recommend. After that we will prioritize needs and then reach out to families.

FI Review Consultation Meetings

Suddaby was very well represented at the admin/staff consultation meeting and our participating staff members asked great questions! Information has gone out on School Day for parent sessions and we encourage all interested families to participate.

The proposal is that effective September 2023, FI would begin in grade 2. All grade one students would have an hour each day of French instruction/learning in French. The amount of French in grades two to six would increase from 50% to 58% to make sure the required minutes of French instruction are met.

School Council suggested timetabling students together when appropriate for increased student well-being. Teacher contacts were discussed. Opportunities for students include clubs and outdoor times at nutrition breaks where students are able to be together. There were also questions about French teacher staffing.

Grade 6 Celebration - June 23, 2022, in the afternoon

The grade 6 team is planning a grade 6 celebration to mark our grade 6 Stars last year at Suddaby. It is a big group graduating this year. As we move to be more mindfully inclusive and celebrate each one of our grads, we are no longer offering awards or printing certificates for students. What remains is a focus on celebrating and honouring our Stars with the popular slideshow including baby pictures, speeches from admin and classroom teachers, a display of student art, and student performances followed by cupcakes and punch. We will likely hold our celebration across the street at Bethany Church to avoid complications due to the construction. The usual Suddaby Dress Policy will apply and regular school clothes are welcome.

Construction Update

May 2, 2022, the summer construction project begins. Air conditioning is being installed on the top floor and new heritage windows are being installed in the front. A section of the tarmac will be fenced off. Initially, we are losing the use of the special education offices and room 24 and the staff room. After a month, the staffroom and room 24 should be available again and we will lose the use of the library for the month of June. This was the least disruptive plan for students. The hope is to be completed before the return to school in September. Staff will not be allowed in the building over the summer.

Playground

The creative playground is open again and staff are also beginning to use the outdoor classroom with their classes.

EQAO Update

EQAO is online this year. There are 4 sessions in language and 4 sessions in math, for both the Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments. Educators who are involved with the assessment have looked at the Framework, which covers suggested timing and the material that will be covered. They have also done Board PD at the last staff meeting. There is a sample test, which provides access to the online tools, and sample questions from both the language and math sections. Sample answers from both the language and math sections are also available to educators. As an EQAO team, we will be meeting next week to further discuss logistics and finalize dates.

Volunteers in the School and Police Vulnerable Sector Checks

This is covered in procedure 1415, which is entitled the Use of Volunteers. This procedure references administrators ensuring that volunteers are screened and that a reference is verified. It includes the forms for these tasks. It also references volunteers completing a police vulnerable sector check "if supervising students who are not in direct proximity of a staff

member or if deemed necessary by the principal.” The fee is \$20 for volunteers to receive this check and we’ve created a letter that volunteers can show when paying. If this creates a barrier for prospective volunteers, please reach out to Rita or Sarah.

School Council discussed the barriers that exist (cost, location to pick up checks, the timing of pickups.) Questions were raised about whether this was equitable. Rita will forward these concerns to our Superintendent.

Rain Bell Protocol

We have 3 educators supervising outside in the mornings, as a part of our supervision schedule. We have allocated all of our supervision time, including SMACA. If we move students inside when it is raining in the morning, we would have 1 educator per floor and no supervision outside. This would also create cohorts of a significant number. The application of the current COVID protocols in place including sanitizing before entering the building would be less stringent. Hopefully, we will be able to revert to past practice in the fall.

School Council shared that spending time in the rain in the mornings is quite difficult. Andrea shared how the rain bell protocol worked before the pandemic and the resulting protocols (sanitizing and consistent door entry).

Pizza Day

We are going to try doing a pizza day each week for 6 weeks. This will start on May 12th and end on June 16th. We are going to use AAA Pizza and Wings. Their costing is competitive and they have options that our Stars may require, such as gluten-free crust, Halal cheese and pepperoni, and vegan and lactose-free cheeses.

We will take orders on School-Day and will have an option for caregivers to donate pizza slices for others. We will also have an option for caregivers to request pizza for their student(s) if they are unable to pay.

School Council asked about nutrition facts and about whether this can be peanut free. Sarah will call AAA Pizza and Wings to find out.

Welcome To Kindergarten

This event is planned for June 2nd, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. It will be in person. The event will start in the gym with introductions and an opening slide show and then move into several of the kindergarten classrooms.

Send'em Off Smiling

Suddaby parents who would like to support this program are encouraged to go to <http://sendemoff.ca/how-you-can-help/> The program needs volunteers, shoppers, and financial support. Our very own CYW, Sarah Smith, is taking on a leadership role at SOS next year.

Fundraising

We are trying to increase student voice at Suddaby. Ideally, our fundraisers will focus on charities that impact our Suddaby Stars or ones that they become aware of during their learning. For example, we have a group of grade 6 students who want to fundraise to plant a tree as their parting gift. This idea was generated by the students and efforts will be led by them. Earlier this year, one class raised money for The Healing of the Seven Generations.

Council had asked about doing a dance-a-thon for Ray of Hope which is a wonderful local charity doing great work in our community. However, this involves our students in meeting adult goals.

Could we support Ray of Hope as a group of Suddaby adults instead?

School Council asked about a fundraising club. Another suggestion was student reps, which they thought may allow more communication between the School Council and the different classes.

Teacher Report

-25 to 30 students attend Safe Space Club.

-Outdoor equipment has been ordered and it's on the way.

-Safe Space Club has asked for between \$100 to \$200 in books. Kate Leslie put forward the motion and Katha and Katherine seconded. Everyone voted yes. (Angela, Katha, Katherine, Stephanie, Anjali, and Kate voted yes.) Will send out an email to other School Council members.

Communications

Questions about social media for the School Council. There is no official School Council social media, but there is a Facebook group that some members are on. Does the page need to be public? There is also an unofficial Suddaby playground Facebook page. Rita will need to look up the policy about social media. Can the School Council have a separate Twitter page? Would social media help caregivers access news?

Fundraising Report:

Gaga Pit

School Council wondered if this factored in the survey results. Gaga pit will need to be on the grass because it can't go on the tarmac because of snow removal. Discussion about where the gaga pit will go. Fundraising will start again next year.