

Suddaby School Council Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2022

Present: Stephanie Meyer, Katherine Akins (virtual), Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Tara Bedard, Katha Broschek, Joel leslie, Wendy Saulesleja, Andrea Maxwell, Karin Korth, Anjali Misra, Laura McBride, Lisa Farlowe (virtual)

Regrets: Mike Patterson, Angela Uttley, Nada Mohammed, Ross Graham

Financial Report:

Budget November 2022

School funds: 17,950.98 \$

Wefi: 6,769.71 \$

Total: 24,720.69 \$

Keep in account: 10 000 \$

Equity initiatives: 3 500 \$

Total to spend: 11,220.69 \$

Still to add: Movie night: 433.35 \$

Can be collected: Factory shoes: 850 \$

Wefi is a shared account with the school, so some of that money is technically not ours.

Administrators' report

FSL Update: This message highlights upcoming changes to Core French and French Immersion programming in the WRDSB. The Board approved the [Elementary French as a Second Language Programming Review \(FSL\) consultation recommendations](#) in June 2022. As a result, the WRDSB will begin a Grade 2 French Immersion entry point starting September 2024 (for students born in 2017). Therefore, the 2023/2024 school year will be the first without a Grade 1 French Immersion entry point. Instead, ALL Grade 1 students in the 2023/24 school year will receive 2 periods of Core French daily. Grades 2-8 instruction in French Immersion will also increase to 58%. There will be no changes to the registration process.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we can submit them to the WRDSB on your behalf.

Dance-a-thon Celebration: Thanks to our very generous community, our dance-a-thon raised about \$7500 which will go to support student and school initiatives.

2022 EQAO Results

| | Reading | Writing | Math |
|---------------|---------|---------|------|
| Suddaby Gr. 3 | 75 | 72 | 53 |
| WRDSB | 72 | 63 | 58 |
| Province | 73 | 65 | 59 |
| Suddaby Gr. 6 | 85 | 85 | 49 |
| WRDSB | 85 | 85 | 49 |
| Province | 85 | 84 | 47 |

Our contextual data seems to be missing for our grade 3 students. During our session on the EQAO results at our meeting with our Superintendent, it was emphasized that the results are not really comparable with previous results as the assessments were so different (e.g, this was the first online version, and not everyone wrote the same questions etc).

ISR or Individual Student Reports will be sent home with our grade 4 students along with their report cards. We have sent the grade 6 ISR sheets off to their grade 7 schools and hope those will also go home along with progress reports.

Bus Evacuation Training: We had the whole school bus training on November 17th. Two buses came to our school so that students could learn valuable safety information.

Humane Society Visits: Today was our first of 2 visits with Wrigley and Kristie from the Humane Society. Many of our classes got to meet Wrigley, who is adorable. Other classes will get to see the presentation tomorrow. Thanks to all families who were able to send in a donation to support the Humane Society visits.

Construction Update: There are still bits and pieces being finished, plus planning is underway for the next phase of construction. The joys of having an older building!

Bethany Church Mitten Drive: We wish to express our sincere thanks to Bethany Church, who will again be holding a mitten drive for Suddaby students in need.

Movie Night Feedback: It was terrific to see the gym filled with our very excited students and their families. Thanks to the school council for organizing this evening. Thanks to Mrs. M-W for setting up the technology needed.

Many students left the gym to use washrooms elsewhere in the school resulting in a lack of supervision and additional cleaning. To better support our custodians, at future movie nights we

will need to ensure that students remain in the gym and use the washrooms in the gym. (The second washroom in the gym was unavailable due to the windows being stored in the boys' changeroom.) Volunteers will need to be stationed at each of the gym doors to monitor.

Event Planning: In an effort to facilitate more fruitful, positive, and *inclusive* discussions at the council meetings, we have created this event planning form. As the admin, we expect all events will be looked at with a critical eye with regard to equity and inclusion and that everyone planning events is making a genuine effort to have traditional events become more inclusive. This event planning form is a draft that we may choose to further revise as we plan more events.

Suddaby School Event Planning

Event planning forms should be completed well in advance to allow for thoughtful discussion at council meetings.

The movie night that was planned for April 6, 2023, falls on Holy Thursday in the Christian calendar and will need to be rescheduled/dropped.

Pizza: Spoke with AAA Pizza to gain an understanding of cost, logistics, etc. Large pizza (8 slices) with one topping would be \$11.00, and the same-sized gluten-free pizza with one topping would be \$14.50. They still have the same topping and cheese options that we offered last time. They do not have an online ordering mechanism that would work for school use. A Council member will be looking into improving the order form for future use.

Follow-up discussion:

- The Equity Officer at the WRDSB was asked to provide guidance as to what is and is not permissible, what standards events should be held to; they declined to do so.
- Can we offer varying items that supplement to Pizza Day - e.g. Samosa Day, Falafel Day, Dumpling Day

Teachers' Report:

Mrs. Shantz will be putting together an Outdoor Winter Showcase and concert on the tarmac behind the school. This will be taking place 14th, from 6:00-7:30. She requests \$500 for lighting/equipment toward this endeavor.

Motion to release \$500 for Outdoor Winter Showcase expenses PASSED

Communications Report:

- 118 people have joined the Suddaby Council Facebook page

- Request for advance notice of upcoming events so they can be posted on FB simultaneous to the Schoolday announcement

WRAPSC Report:

- Best practices regarding grant applications discussed
- How other councils spend money raised is considered a “judgement call”; spending must “enhance education”. Examples of other schools’ purchases include musical instruments and art supplies.
- The Coalition of Muslim Women of KW, and anti-hate network, offer training regarding Equity and Universal Design - will follow up, enquire about availability and cost of training

Fundraising Report:

- “Windows for Kids” have sold 11 more windows, with bids on an additional 12.
- Movie Night - sold snacks, proceeds have yet to be tallied.
Could we add a “Senior Movie Night” showing movies of more interest to Gr 4,5,6?
- Spirit Wear: Civilian Printing can print shirts for approximately \$6 each, using a student-led design and “cleaning it up” prior to printing. Single colour designs are recommended.
Timeframe - spring 2023

Other Business: Community Event

- Swap meet: a community-building event in which students may donate their books, games, puzzles or (possibly) clothes, these will be organized for a swap meet by Council members. Details and date(s) TBD, aiming for Spring 2023.

Other Business: Strongstart

- Strongstart has 11 children so far this year. More volunteers would allow more children to participate. If interested in volunteering with the Strongstart program, please contact: kakins@rogers.ca

Motion:

To remove Sam as a voting member of council as per her request.
Approved virtually.