

Suddaby School Council

March 20, 2023

Present: Sarah Taylor, Katherine Akins, Stephanie Meyer, Katha Broschek, Joel Leslie, Mike Patterson, Wendy Saulesleja, Angela Uttley, Tara Bedard, Bailey Stevenson, Sue Campbell

Regrets: Rita Givlin, Nada Mohammed, Anjali Misra, Laura McBride, Lisa Farlowe, Karin Korth, Andrea Maxwell,

Katherine Akins removed as voting member due to becoming a board employee
Sue Campbell joins council

Administrators' Report:

Recent Special Events

Roland Bibeau Concert

Staff and students in grades 1-6 enjoyed a fantastic concert on March 9. Roland kept everyone engaged. Thanks to Mme Hunsberger and Mme Kraft for organizing this event and for teaching students the songs ahead of time.

Spartan Lacrosse

Thanks to Mr. Stuart for organizing this opportunity for our junior students. Great feedback from staff!

I thought lacrosse was excellent. The kids were super engaged.

- the instructors were knowledgeable and charismatic- held student attention
- the games were well organized and run
- they had enough equipment for my whole class
- I think if we could do more sessions (so kids can build on skills a bit) it would be great

Thanks for organizing!

From what I saw (based on ten minutes), I was impressed. Students were engaged, the instructors had a good rapport and were encouraging. Thumbs up from me.

I thought it was good, it was a remarkable difference when the students had proper equipment to use. It really changed how they performed the drills. I have had some interest from my dollies to play outside of school, so that's a start.... The kids thought Johnny(I think that was his name) was very COOL especially when he played goalie.

Mifrah Abid, Muslim Women's Coalition - Guest Speaker

Mifrah Abid who spoke at our last council meeting also spoke to teachers at our March 8th staff meeting.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Grade 5 and 6 Basketball

This extracurricular opportunity ended with a competitive, fun, and energetic staff vs students game on the last Friday before the March break. Thanks to the considerable height advantage, the staff won but not by much! Thanks to Mr Stuart for organizing this event and to Mrs. MW, Mr Read, Mr. Harland, Mrs. Quint, Mr. Stuart, Mrs. Givlin, Mr. Callaghan for their keen participation. Our students were amazing players and spectators and filled the gym with a great deal of fun energy!

Kodaly Choir

This club is led by Mrs. Shantz and is running after school on Tuesdays.

Safe Space Club

This group meets on Day 3 during the first break in the library. Thanks to Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Skornyak, and Mme Hazenberg.

Upcoming Events

April 4 - Junior students to Jessica Vitalis Author Visit at Kitchener Public Library, 11:40 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

April 20, 2023, Spring Kindie Concert, 2:30-3:20 p.m. (Note: this date has changed since this meeting to April 27th)

June 5-9, EQAO Junior

June 12-16, EQAO Primary

June 15, 2023, Welcome to Kindergarten Event 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Pizza

Our students have enjoyed 4 pizza days so far - we have 2 more to go for this round. Thanks to all the staff who have helped, especially Nicole Morton-Westwood and her class. Big thanks also to Katha Broschek for all of her help. We will wait until after Ramadan is completed (April 20th) before starting our next round of 6 pizza days. For our next round of pizza, we do not believe that a Kosher ordering option is needed.

Teacher Report:

Mr. Reid intends to give an introduction to Jazz music for the four Grade 5/6 classes. He requested funds as an honorarium for the performers (excluding himself)

Wendy S. motioned to release \$375 for honorarium. Seconded by Mike P. PASSED

Financial Report:

Budget March 2023

School funds: \$ 18,873.90

Wefi: \$ 4,934.60

Total: \$ 23,808.50

Keep in account: \$ 10,000

Equity initiatives: \$ 3,500

Total to spend: \$ 10,308.50

Can be collected: Factory shoes: \$ 1,095

WRAPSC Report:

No wrapsc meeting for March.

Fundraising Report:

- Goal for fundraising is a new Kindie playground. Lisa F. is taking the lead on determining what to build with Wendy S. assisting. They intend to meet with all the Kindie teachers on Mar 27 to discuss needs.
- It's intended that all fundraising activities are earmarked for this new playground.

Upcoming Initiatives:

1. Make It Sow: On sale until April 5th
2. "Swap Night": Held April 19th
3. Dance-a-thon: April 27th **(change this date TBD once Rita has provided Fundraising team with an alternate date)**

Fun Fair:

"Freezies" will be available at no charge to students during the fun-fair. This will come from the Fun Fair budget approved in February's meeting.

Other treats, eg. Cotton Candy may be arranged for a charge.

No other food will be provided.

Other Business:

Strong Start:

Fall Session has completed, and the Spring session is beginning. This session will focus on SK, and will be 6-10 readers depending on volunteer availability.