

ATTENDEES

Name	Role	In Attendance
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Rachel Parker	Co-Chair	Y
Kelly Antoine	Co-Chair	Y
Madelaine Hamilton	Treasurer	Y
Daniel Segal	Treasurer	Y
Cleo Buster	Secretary	Y
Heather Cockburn	Advocacy	Y
Zoe Lamothe	Fundraising Lead	N
Melissa De Moya	Fundraising Lead	Y
Steve Gimza	Ward 16 Council Rep	Y
Breanne Gimza	Communications Lead	Y
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Coordinator	N
VOTING MEMBERS		
Sabena Brannan	Member-at-large	Y
Shannon Butcher	Member-at-large	Y
Charlotte Chevallier	Member-at-large	Y
Victor Kis	Member-at-large	Y
Danielle Rombough	Member-at-large	Y
Lucy Saunders	Member-at-large	Y
Polly Vandenberg	Member-at-large	Y
Robyn Vanpee	Member-at-large	N
SCHOOL STAFF		
Aileen Burke-Tsakmakas	Principal	Y
Amanda Anderson	Vice Principal	Y
Rob Taylor		N
Lydia Bracht		N
Kelly Ritsakis		Y
Agapi Zegas		Y
Mike Alexopoulos		Y
Eleni Karapapas		Y

SCHOOL COMMUNITY		
Flynn Paquin		Y
Amy Tam		Y
Melissa Frost		Y
Nadire Yilmaz		Y
Hoben Gebrekinden		Y
Patricia Simoes		Y
Loretta Lau		Y
Jaime Yamashita		Y
Maria Flamenjo		Y

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome remarks and Land Acknowledgement (Rachel Parker)

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés, de la Confédération Haudenosaunee et du Wendat. Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Inuit.

1. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:

- Melissa motioned to approve the October SAC meeting minutes. Heather seconded. **Minutes approved.**

2. School Update:

Updates provided by: Aileen Burke-Tsakmakas (Principal), Amanda Anderson (VP), Ms. Zegas (Gr.3), Mr. Alexopoulos – Phys. Ed., Ms. Ritsakis/ POR, & Eleni Karapapas (Gr.1)

- General Updates:
 - Trying to keep the weekly newsletter shorter/ more concise (easier to read)
 - Report cards go home next Wednesday, Nov. 13th, Parent Teacher Interviews will take place Thursday/ Friday, Nov. 14th & 15th
 - Turf Field Design Workshop is being held on Nov. 21st. / school, day care, parents all involved in this
 - New scooter rack is in place at the front of the school. Please remind your children that scooters are not allowed in the school building or in the school yard

- Grade 3 SeHCAT Assessment is complete. (This is a screener for all students to assess reading, language, literacy, & numeracy.)
- Schoolyard:
 - Issues coming into the office from kids are from the schoolyard: soccer, and baseball injuries.
 - Mr. Taylor is offering free gym time by class to try to offset the space limitations in the schoolyard.
 - Staff are trying to be vigilant about watching the schoolyard during free time play with constant monitoring.
- Achievement focus:
 - New language curriculum - Learning through phonics, primary new training – assessment that will be used across the TDSB to track Kindergarten through Grade 2. Process to start this year.
 - Board is funding this initiative and sending in outside support to cover the class while the teacher does the assessments one-on-one.
 - Screenings will be shared with parents in February 2025.
- Ms. Ritsakis reviewed the school Goals: Sense of Joy, Belonging, & Engagement while at school
- Jump Math:
 - Continuing the Pilot program with Jump Math
 - CAT 4 / CAT 5 tests are complete - Families will be getting data back in January/February 2025
 - This is the third year that Jump Math is being funded. After this year the school will have to make a decision on whether to continue with Jump Math.
- Dance-a-thon:
 - A huge thank you to the community! This raised \$23,000.
 - Staff are going over the school's needs and then will be report back to the SAC with what the money will be spent on.
- New Superintendent in place: Anastasia Poulis

3. Fundraising Update (Melissa DeMoya):

- Pumpkins and Bake Sale:
 - Event was a success - Net about \$2k in funds
 - Recommendations that have come in for next year: More Lactose Free/ Gluten Free options at the bake sale, option for fruit
 - Separate lines for people who want to purchase on the day vs. those who pre-bought pumpkins and treats
 - Lower limit of tickets for bake sale per student next year to allow for more students to take part
 - Wagons were used for set-up, which made it very quick.
- Pizza Lunch
 - Nov. 27th – Eleni/Team to confirm – Communications will go out this week. Trying to avoid field trips 26th, 27th, 28th?
 - (Note: Post-meeting, the Final Date was confirmed as November 28th)

4. School 100th Anniversary – Robyn/Lucy

- Ran out of time to discuss this, will be added to December agenda.

5. **Financial Update** (Madelaine Hamilton):

- Did not review exact numbers, but very healthy budget of about \$31,000 not including recent revenue from the Pumpkin patch/bake sale
- Existing pre-allocated expense of \$3,800 Play-Eh Bench/picnic tables – still needs a decision
- (Note: Did not review in meeting, but for reference, current budget numbers as of Nov 4th pre-votes was \$35,500)

6. **Teacher Allocation:**

- This is the number one ask from the school admin for SAC fund usage
- 28 Home Room classrooms this year, and 7 full-time teachers + 2 part-time total, non-homeroom staff (total of 37 teachers overall)
- Last year \$125 was the amount that was provided, with some larger classes receiving an additional amount due to more students. Last year all teachers used this funding allocation.
- Teachers used the money on art supplies, software licenses, paper towels, hand sanitizer, soap, other classroom supplies.
- TDSB funds are very restrictive to use for classrooms as they have to use TDSB approved vendors
- SAC to confirm who to email receipts to.
- Deadline is May 1st for receipts – Dan and Madelaine confirmed this

VOTE: Melissa motioned to vote for \$200/ classroom.

Total is \$7,400 /37 Teachers.

APPROVED

7. **Additional Outstanding Votes:**

- Some requests for club funding have come in from teachers.
- Administration has suggested that club funding should be allocated on a case-by-case basis rather than allocating a set amount to all clubs (as not all clubs need funding in a given year)
- **Chess Club:**
 - \$115.20 Reimbursement for chess boards and chess pieces, 25 kids. Run by teacher volunteers.

VOTE: Heather motioned to vote for \$115.20 for the Chess Club.

APPROVED

- **Dungeon & Dragons**
 - Would like to buy Books from non-big box store, estimates about \$58-\$85 a book, books have rules, strategies, etc.
 - Very popular club, good turn-out. Trying to branch out and support other clubs vs. only athletics.

VOTE: motion to vote for up to \$350 for the Dungeon & Dragons Club.

APPROVED

- **Outstanding coffee expense:**
 - Coffee from parent /care giver welcome at start of school year

VOTE: motion to approve coffee expenses for \$113

APPROVED

8. Schedule:

- Council Meetings will be held on Tuesdays going forward
- Next meeting is **virtual only - December 10th @ 6:30pm**
- (Note: Full meeting schedule is shared below for information purposes, not discussed during meeting) All meetings start at 6:30pm.
 - Tuesday, December 10th (virtual only)
 - Tuesday, January 14th
 - Tuesday, February 4th
 - Tuesday, March 4th (virtual only)
 - Tuesday, April 1st
 - Tuesday, May 6th
 - Tuesday, June 10th

9. Other Business:

- Meeting schedule: for in-person meetings, there will always be childcare available & there will always be an online/virtual option
- It was noted that currently there is no monetary threshold for voting in the SAC by-laws. Madelaine is going to work on creating a new by-law for this. There used to be a threshold of \$500 – anything below that did not require a vote.
- Suggestion to add a vote on upcoming meeting for AV equipment to allow for better facilitation of hybrid meetings

10. Adjournment:

- Polly motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shannon seconded.

Minutes prepared by Cleo Buster

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