



School Parent Council
 2023-24 - Agenda
 Date: Monday, January 22nd, 2024
 Nottawa Elementary School

Present: Jen Waldock, Melissa Mortimer, Jessica Mateu, Natalie Mobini, Katie Buske, Catrina Walsh, Catherine Hindson, Allan and Cashelle, Jen Kennedy, Beth Smith, Ali Reid, Roslyn, Jessica Bonta, Barbara O’pt Hoog
 Regrets: Lindsay Lund

Meeting Chair: Jim Georgas and Mark Bonta

	Agenda Topic	Discussions, Findings, Conclusion	Action Needed	Timeline
	Call to order Welcoming remarks	- Meeting to order at 6:32 by Mark Bonta		
1.0	Review and Approve Minutes Nov 20th, 2023	1.1 Recent meeting minutes were circulated prior to the meeting for review and comment and resolution to pass the minutes as presented was requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to pass: Jen Waldock - Seconded: Ali Reid - Vote: All in favour 		
2.0	Fundraising Update - Melissa Moritmer, Beth Smith and Catherine Hinderson-Cox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information, updates 	2.1 Experience Auction - it has been held for the past 2 years, done online. We collect items that are experiences “principals chair, kayaking with Mr. Morin” etc. We raised \$2100, the year before \$1500. We used 32auctions.com and usually have at least 15-20 items to bid on and we keep a variety of price points. It would be good for the fundraiser to be attached to something that we are raising the money for. We can support this by any new ideas and getting families involved that have small businesses at our school. Catherine makes sure to give a letter to businesses that thanks them for contributing.		
3.0	Principal’s Report - Melissa Mortimer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information, updates 	“Thank you for joining us virtually this evening. This format is helpful as it allows for folks who can’t make it in person to see what happens at		



		<p>council during our meetings. As a reminder, if you are joining us as a guest you are welcome to listen and give your opinions however only voting members can contribute during the voting portion of our meeting.”</p> <p>3.1 We have lots of activities happening around the school this winter: Yoga club, Cat club, Girls Int. Volleyball, Boys Int. Basketball, Rock Band, Instrumental Band, Ukulele, Choir, Chess club, and the Annual Speech Competition.</p> <p>3.2 Safe and Caring Adults: In working on our School Action Plan, we have a school wide focus on belonging. Ensuring that students feel safe and respected is one of our highest priorities. In December, we surveyed the students to ask if they had a safe, caring adult at our school that they could go to if they were having a bad day, facing a conflict or just needed help. There were 27 students who could not identify an adult to seek support from. To ensure all students have someone they trust at school we have had staff members who have a positive rapport with these students partner up with them and provide them with regular check ins, chats and informal support. In addition we are learning about our buddy bench, how to resolve conflicts in our school yard, and how to build positive relationships. Our school climate data will be collected in May and it will cover student voice, sense of belonging, bullying/conflict resolution and equity/diversity/inclusion questions.</p> <p>Follow up items:</p> <p>3.3 Instagram is live. We are piloting through this month. If it is appealing, we will message the school community and revisit all student permissions and acknowledgements to ensure</p>		
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		<p>we have the correct permissions for student photos, etc.</p> <p>3.4 Outdoor Expansion project fundraiser: We can get large armour stones donated to the school. We can have plaques made up “18x30” through Great Lakes Trophies for a cost (\$992 approx.) and engrave names of families/companies who donate or sponsor a “level”. We can then adhere the plaque to the stones in the yard. We could offer different levels of donation/sponsorship for different plaque representations. It would be labeled with the year so that it could be continued in years to come. If we can install the plaques as a school council then there is no install cost.</p> <p>STONES: examples of donor levels 30 names per stone @ 100 = net \$2000 15 names per stone @ 250 = net \$2750 10 names per stone @ 500 = net \$4000 1 name per corporate sponsor @ 5000 = net \$4000 Math @Home Parent and Caregiver Series 2023-2024</p> <p>We would solicit families to make donations to the Nottawa outside space and they would get recognition for their donation through a tiered level.</p> <p>Motion to Pass: Melissa</p> <p>Vote: 7 voted yes which was majority.</p> <p>Next Steps: the fundraising group will get together and make a plan of the levels. Then we can move forward to decide when we are going to launch this.</p> <p>3.5 Math @Home parent and caregiver series</p> <p>It’s back! The SCDSB math team is pleased to offer three virtual sessions for parents and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support children with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants</p>		
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		<p>will receive a Math @Home kit of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions. Exploring the new SCDSB family math resources Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, 7 to 8 p.m. This session is for parents and caregivers. Join members of the SCDSB math team for a guided exploration of the new SCDSB family math resources. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the resources that are available to support their child's math learning at home. The guided portion of the session will be 45 minutes in length. During the final 15 minutes, the math team will be available to answer questions about the resources available.</p> <p>Tips for engaging in math conversations with your child @Home Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, 7 to 8 p.m. This session is for parents and caregivers and will explore opportunities to discuss math with their child(ren) at home. Participants will learn about how events such as shopping, preparing food, engaging in a building project, or going for a walk can be used as a starting point for math conversations, and will receive prompts to get the discussion rolling. The guided portion of the session will be 45 minutes in length. During the final 15 minutes, the math team will be available to answer questions about the session.</p> <p>Games to support your child's math learning @Home Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7 to 8 p.m. This session is for parents, caregivers, and their children. Playing games at home is a great way to support child(ren)'s math development. In this session, several games will be explored, and participants will have the opportunity to try the games with their children during the session. The guided portion of the session will be 45</p>		
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		<p>minutes in length followed by 15 additional minutes for further game play or to ask questions of our math facilitators. Bring your child(ren) and your math kit to this session!</p> <p>Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a kit of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on the registration form. Use this link to register: https://bit.ly/24MathAtHome. ○ Do you know a student (in grades 6-11) who needs help with math homework? Try live, online math tutoring from an Ontario teacher! It's easy to sign up and is absolutely free! ! https://mathify.tv/learn.com/</p>		
4.0	Financial Report - Melissa Mortimer/ Jennifer Kennedy - updates	<p>4.1 Presentations in schools- We used funds from this line to pay for the MOVE education dance workshops. All grades participated in this workshop. It cost \$800 so we used \$500 from OPHEA to cover the rest of this great workshop.</p> <p>4.2 \$338 Student Subsidy. Will be using these funds to support students who need financial aid to attend trips/activities this year.</p> <p>4.3 General School needs \$2310 - we added \$74.10 from Mabel's labels.</p> <p>4.4 We made \$1281 from the lunch program from December which will be put into athletics, field trips and presentations in school. New things were added to the lunch program.</p> <p>4.5 \$5950 School Yard Improvements- Less pending invoice for repairs. Next big fundraiser for this is the Experience Auction.</p> <p>4.6 \$0 in Technology - we purchased 7 additional chromebooks</p>		



		<p>4.7 \$2523 in Arts - we will be using this to subsidize Maclaren Art Centre workshops. Workshops are scheduled for April 2-4, 2024. The cost is approx. \$13 per student, \$10 from subsidy and \$3 student cost after subsidy applied. 8 classes will be participating.</p>		
5.0	<p>Wellness - Catrina Walsh - Information, updates and ideas</p>	<p>5.1 February is Heart month - therefore heart healthy activities, STEP goals, tips on making your heart healthy, heart healthy food list, valentines day craft or activity.</p>		
6.0	<p>Fun Fair - Jen Waldock</p>	<p>Create a committee and assign roles, decide on a date: June 6th This will be a fundraiser. We need to make sure not to go after the same companies twice. Make sure to communicate with the Fundraiser committee.</p> <p>Committee Members: Roslyn, Jessica M, Natalie, Ali Reid, Mark Bonta, Katie, Allen: cachellef@gmail.com, alileblanc19@gmail.com, roslynacampbell@outlook.com, Nhamzeh12@gmail.com, Kbuske@scdsb.on.ca,</p>		
7.0	<p>Other Business</p>	<p>7.1 No baked goods or food from home for valentines day.</p> <p>7.2 Share and discuss the pros and cons of the instagram account. Jen said that she likes the pictures but not sure if it is needed. Catherine shared that It's a great way to celebrate big groups. Mark said that it is nice to see, we can send more information about upcoming activities as long as it is not too onerous.</p>		
	<p>Closing Comments and Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:35 Next Meeting: Virtual Meeting Monday February 26th - 6:30pm</p>		



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