

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

In Attendance

Kate Davis, Keri Glowacki, Rhonda Williams, Meagan Shultz, Lindsay Labrecque, Shane Smith, Marian, Ben Hall, Christa Bridgeman, Carla Shepherd, Sam Sharpe

Approval of agenda and previous minutes: Kate, seconded by Shane– one addition by Rhonda – request for funds.

Welcome

Message from School (Rhonda & Keri)

Had our Winter Concert in December, was a huge success. Standing room only. Special thank you to the music teacher Miss Dickson. This week we have hoop dancing with Elder Shirley, has been going really well. Have been doing hoop dancing, circle dancing and sharing lessons from her culture. Thank you to school council for paying for that residency.

Recorders to be purchased this week, recorder unit will begin in February and a second unit in May. Sound system update: had someone to come in to look at the current system, it's old and the bandwidth is fighting with cell phones so when the gym is full we get that interference – can't use wireless or Bluetooth with it. Will be looking at replacing unit. Also using a lot of mentor text at school – find books with important themes, use those to teach. Looking to purchase more of these books as well.

Clay for kids: Other residency we are hoping to have this year in February. Each class would choose a project to do, can connect it to their curriculum. Each student will make one piece and then paint it, Clay for Kids will fire and glaze them.

Kindergarten registration: started last week. Currently have one morning program currently, may change depending on how registration goes.

Scholastic book fair: Huge success, raised \$3,000 which will buy a lot of new books. Miss May has been busy ordering new books. Were also able to gift some children a book this year – kids that would not typically be able to purchase a book.

Next week: Branton coming over to promote late French immersion program.

New caretaker: Rizza Ramos. Her first day will be January 27.

Parent Council: New Business

1. School Family Fundraiser: Project Kindness gift cards and update

- Big success, overwhelming support for families. Collected more than \$4000 in gift cards, much higher than last year
- Able to support 31 families
- Also dropped off cards in the community, one community member came in to drop off a card and share how happy she was that she received a card
- Still have gift cards to give out throughout the year as needed

2. School Council Grant \$500

- Prepaid Visa card
- Last year we did the dual language books; this year we are looking for something else to use the gift card on
- Lindsay: last year Dalhousie had a therapist do an online forum on anxiety and Paul Davis for social media: Lindsay will find out contact info and bring it back to next meeting

3. Events in 2025

- Movie Night Jan 30
- Winter Dance Feb 27

4. Movie Night (January 30, 2025 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

- Who is in charge?
 - Sam and Kate
- Volunteers
 - Concession
 - Ticket/entry
- Bigger speakers: there is a company that will rent us larger speakers for \$300, Sam can pick them up
- Intermission this year \$10 – make kids sit closer, ask parents to bring camp chair
- Vote for movies this year
- Kate to buy chips and water
- Look to Costco to buy speakers?
- Lindsay can look into a purchasing a speaker
- Kate to purchase license, do sign up genius
- Motion to spend \$1000 on event, all in favour
- Let film company know that we will be using it out of school hours

5. School Dance

- Do we need a school dance this year? Timing is tight. Scheduled for Feb 27 currently but DJ not confirmed. Not a fundraiser, follows closely after movie night.
- Decided that we will pass on Spring dance this year
- Christa will email DJ to confirm we don't need them
- Look into doing a muffin mixer style event again in Spring?

6. Fundraising

- **Update**
 - Next big one will be Purdy's – if somebody would like to shadow Meagan please let her know as this is her last year. Easter is late this year; deadline will be during Spring Break. Pick ups around April 16-17. Meagan will get a workback schedule together.
- **Online Apparel** – still waiting to hear from them. Suggest finding a different company for next year.
- **Skip the Depot:** \$562.12
- **Other:** Apples: Marian – Davison orchards in BC does an apple fundraiser, she contacted them. 15 lb boxes of apples, 80 box minimum. Delivery is available to certain locations, not sure if that's included in cost. \$7-9 profit per box. Waiting to hear back for more details, timelines, delivery options, etc. Will provide more info as she gets it. They do have a wait list.
- **Fun lunch:** can we look at more options for food allergy kids – Lindsay will talk to Meagan about managing it. Requests for McDonald's, Edo and Subway again.

7. Financial Update

- Currently: \$12,245.65 in council account
- Purdy's and Skip the Depot should add another \$2,000
- Not too much to go out: Patroller and Grade 6 grad
- Rhonda: school asks:
 - Dinner for teachers at last learning conferences \$400; all in favour
 - Books for kids from Scholastic (one kid per classroom) \$400; all in favour
 - Sound system: waiting for a quote but expect it will be around \$8,000 (mics and receivers would be around \$3-4,000). Could do a split with the school on cost. (cannot use casino account). Rhonda will bring quote back to Council but we could probably contribute up to \$5,000 – will vote when quote is back.

School Council meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by Shane, seconded by Sam. All in favour.

Meetings: Next meeting Feb 20, 7 p.m. in person