

School Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 22

Welcome and Introductions

Round table introductions

In attendance at the meeting:

Aaron Hawley, Principal

Anita Scaffidi, Vice-Principal

Deirdre Sims, Teacher Rep

Lily Wolderufael, Community Education Liaison

Dianna, parent

Nai, parent

Topics of Discussion

What are your visions for the school council?

What is working and what needs to be improved?

Ideas for engaging the community (ideas to consider include family nights, open house, evening concerts...)

School Council structure (chair, co-chair, secretary, treasurer)

Each school receives a \$500 grant for school council; how would this money best be spent?

Minutes from Meeting

- It will be important to consider how we are getting information out to families in different languages. The weekly updates are helpful but how are our non-english speaking families accessing this information?
Perhaps we can have a 'Family Information Night' where school staff can focus on showing families how to access the information on our website. Parents and families can ask questions (with help from MLO and other translators). A demonstration about how to navigate the school website, see the weekly updates, use school cash online, signal their child's absence etc. would be helpful.
Further to this, giving a demonstration about Google Classroom and how parents can access the classroom information/homework.
- How we want to spend the \$500 grant ; play structure proposal, outdoor learning spaces (gazebo, picnic tables), recess bins and equipment (especially in winter as the play structure is closed).
- The 'thrift store' meet the teacher night was a great success, School Council will look at doing another clothing and outerwear collection to distribute to the community. We are in need of winter outerwear.
- Fundraising - pizza lunch, popcorn, Mabel's labels code

Action Items for next meeting (to be held in January)

- Find out how old the play structure is and if there are plans for updating it
- Does the school council have any funds left over from previous years?
- Coordinate school council dates with neighboring schools so that parents can schedule accordingly.
- Set meeting dates for the remainder of the school year.
- Have Google Meet links available for those who cannot attend in person