

Meeting Minutes

Dalewood French Immersion Public School
School Council Meeting
January 23, 2024
6:00pm, Learning Commons

Our Meeting Norms arrive on time ★ be kind, courteous and respectful ★ listen attentively (no sidebar conversations) ★ speak one at a time ★ participate positively ★ keep to the agenda ★ start and end on time

Attending: Mark Coburn, Andrea LaPlante, Cara Cammarata, Ashley Williams, Ashley Ellens, Olivia Hartwig, Jennifer Jinks (Principal), Kristin Willms (Vice-Principal), Mme. Netherway (Teacher Rep)

Regrets: Kristen Black

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Old Business and Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Previous meeting minutes – Nov 2023
 - Ashley W – motion to approve; Ashley E seconded; motion carried
3. Youth Counsellor – Brittany Jackson
 - Youth counsellor sees all students throughout the school year on class-by-class basis
 - Their role is to build mental health skills
 - Core competencies: problem solving, anger management, self-regulation, emotional literacy
 - Engage with students in targeted skill building
 - Coordinate community resources
 - Provide attendance re-engagement (as needed)
 - CASEL requirements to have a program approved; must address main categories
 - Programs offered include:
 - Bounce Back – resiliency
 - Digital Literacy/Citizenship
 - DBT
 - EVERFI's SEL program – character playbook, understanding mental wellness, compassion project
 - Stress Tool
 - Merrell's Strong Start/Kids/Teens – cognitive behaviour therapy based; understanding others feelings, being a good friend, positive thoughts; Gr 2, 2/3 at Dalewood this year
 - Mind Up – mindfulness, brain breaks; Gr 4, 5, 6, 8 target at Dalewood this year

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- Roots of Empathy
- Recess Project/PALS
- Zones of Regulation – primary kids, feelings, 4 colour zones, strategies for addressing emotions
- Any questions/more info on above to be directed to J. Jinks which will be forward to Brittany

4. Fundraising

- Ice Dogs Game
 - 221 tickets sold; ~\$1100 made as fundraiser
 - Money used to buy new school jerseys for sports teams/STEM teams
 - Moving forward \$20 deposit required when given a jersey; help with cost if have to purchase more for non-returned jerseys
 - Will consider Ice Dogs game again next year with anthem and chuck the puck for additional fundraiser
- Family movie night – Feb 8, 2024 in gym
 - Student council organizing voting by students to chose movie to be watched
 - \$5/person on SCO + snack shack will be available (cash purchase at event)
 - Ashley E/Ashley W will send out email asking for volunteers for sub-committee to help with final details/running event
 - Fundraising money will go to playground savings
- Other fundraising events for the year
 - Still considering sports/games night in May/June
 - planning to start in April; let Ashley W know if interested in helping with event; she will set up a subcommittee meeting

5. Purchasing Requests

- Online math tools – mathletics
- \$1000 from council to go to school to help with cost; motioned by Andrea, seconded by Ashley W; approved

6. Financial Report

- Outdoor equipment has been purchased; jerseys in the process of being ordered
- Mark C provided summary of financial status
- Total of \$7892 in council accounts, including Mom's Pantry and most of Ice Dogs fundraising
- \$1279 for outdoor equipment and ~\$2500 for jerseys
- ~\$5392 left in account; will give \$1000 for mathletics (see item 5 above)

7. Principal's Report (Jenn Jinks)

- Quiet meditation/multi-faith room is now open with many students utilizing the space (presentation provided by Kristin Willms)
 - Helps with commitment to inclusion, equity and diversity

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- Athletics:
 - Triple Ball – skills development only sessions ongoing
 - Intermediate Basketball (girls/boys) ongoing
- Other
 - Award of Merit – student driven leadership (Gr 6 – 8) continues all year
 - Mad Science – begins Jan 26 for 6 weeks
 - Lego Robotics – Junior/intermediate teams competition in February (Feb 13)
 - Primary and junior dance clubs; Gr 1 & 2 drawing club

8. New business

- N/A

9. Next Meeting

- March 26 @ 6pm in Learning Commons

Ashley W motioned to adjourn; Ashley E seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Action Items:

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