

# School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5, 2022 (6:00 - 7:50 p.m.)

Assikinack School Council meeting was held on December 5, 2022 in the library.



1.	<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Lesley Prestwich - <b>Co-Chair</b> Sal eh Aldouri - <b>Co-Chair</b> Kristy Reynolds - <b>Principal</b> Len Dunkley - <b>Vice Principal</b> Denise Haelzle – <b>Secretary</b> Susan Khodau – <b>Volunteer Coordinator</b> Shannon Taylor - <b>Non-Teaching Representative</b>	Sandra Sydor, Barrie Public Library - <b>Community Representative</b>  Sarah Axler-Smith, Steph Thompson, Steph Brown, Cally Wilson, Lisa Smith, Nadia Broley, Tonya Guthrie, Melissa Hansen, Trina M
2.	<b>Welcome:</b> Sal Aldouri and Lesley Prestwich	
3.	<b>Land Acknowledgement:</b> Lisa Smith	
4.	<b>Approval of meeting minutes from October:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All council members reviewed and approved. They will be posted on the school website.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Community Representative Report:</b> Sandra Sydor, Barrie Public Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent 3<sup>rd</sup> location opened in Holly, Assikinack's closest branch is Painswick.</li> <li>The library has plenty of free public activities for kids over the holiday break including Zooteck, Mabel Moon (professional children's entertainer), tech device fun, etc. from Dec 27 through Jan 8.</li> <li>Library cards are free - if you live, work or study in Barrie, you qualify for a library card. Visit Painswick branch for more information.</li> <li>Virtual tutoring support is free and available from licensed teachers Book your Primary, Intermediate or Junior, 1-hour group session at barrielibrary.ca</li> <li>Battle of the Books – organized by school teacher-librarians for Gr 4, 5 6 focusing on Forest of Reading. Drills, challenges, activities, etc. which leads to finals and trophy at 5 Points theatre in April/May.</li> <li><a href="#">Digital Library Feature: Brainfuse HelpNow</a> connects people who want to learn with experts who love to teach! This amazing resource includes LIVE online tutoring for kindergarten up to post-secondary, Adult Learner resources, test prep, and more.</li> <li><b>Library Memberships</b> for Barrie and Oro-Medonte Residents. If you live in Barrie or Oro-Medonte, fill out our online application form and receive your library card number by email to immediately begin accessing our Digital Library resources. Visit us in person with two pieces of identification to pick up your library card and check out books, DVDs, video games, and more. You may also be eligible for a membership if you: Work in Barrie, Attend school in Barrie (from Kindergarten to post-secondary), Own property or a business in Barrie, Belong to Midland or Orillia Public Library AND live in Midland or Orillia. If you have a card, but don't remember</li> </ul>	

	<p>the number or are having problems using it, contact us at 705-728-1010 option #3 or email <a href="mailto:AskUs@barrielibrary.ca">AskUs@barrielibrary.ca</a> <a href="mailto:AskUs@barrielibrary.ca">AskUs@barrielibrary.ca</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tutoring Support Program</b> – Free Teacher-led homework help provided by funding awarded to the SMDCSB, open to all students. Book your Primary, Intermediate or Junior, 1-hour group session at <a href="http://barrielibrary.ca">barrielibrary.ca</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Winter Break Activities</a> – Fabulous Family Fun during the Holiday Break from December 27 to January 8.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Council Report:</b> (Lesley and Sal)</p> <p>DJ Winter Dance date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Likely cashless with tickets used for currency.</li> <li>• Will need volunteers/committee – volunteer list circulated.</li> <li>• Tentative dates Friday, Jan 26 or Feb 3, there will be time blocks for each age group through the day (i.e. kinder in the morning, followed by Primary, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Holiday slide deck (Kristy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual bookshelf for educating through reading about different holidays and celebrations that families can access from home</li> <li>• Kristy will survey the community to ensure everyone is included and put this on the agenda for next year (as we are too late for this season).</li> </ul> <p>10x10 Canopy pop-up tent/logoed flag for teacher use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would like a tent for sporting events as well as a small hand held flag with our school logo. There are 3 vendors on school tender that we can approach for pricing. Shannon will look into pricing</li> </ul> <p>Purchase of new fridge for small kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full fridge needed, no freezer attached, for breakfast items and/or milk program.</li> <li>• Current fridge was donated and is no longer working.</li> <li>• Fridges are also on tender with the school board, Shannon will look into pricing for the fridge as well as current cost for milk program.</li> </ul> <p>Little Caesar's fundraiser kits (Jan-March) need volunteer to coordinate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denise has volunteered to coordinate.</li> </ul> <p>February candy gram committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will use prepackaged items only, volunteers needed to purchase, assemble, etc.</li> <li>• Volunteer list circulated.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Teacher's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-being posters are up around the school.</li> <li>• Holiday food drive ends Dec 9 (also a house colour competition).</li> <li>• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion continues to be celebrated in classrooms.</li> <li>• Musical Fridays ('Feel Good Friday's') have been happening as well. (Music playing outside while students arrive to school in the morning).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New intramurals began last week for juniors and intermediate students (dodgeball)</li> <li>• Literacy “Write to Read” and phonological awareness is happening in classrooms</li> <li>• Student leadership team (mental health and wellbeing) indoor and outdoor events are being planned.</li> <li>• Gifted testing results coming soon.</li> <li>• First character assembly has been held and was successful. Many students were celebrated!</li> <li>• Coming soon . . . PALS outdoor recess - Grade 5/6 students teaching games and social skill building to primary students.</li> <li>• Learning buddies also do crafts, math, science experiments, etc.</li> <li>• Tiffin Centre came for Gr 4.</li> <li>• Outdoorable learning team – Bonnie Andersen brought student teachers who facilitated 100 minutes of outdoor activities with the students.</li> <li>• Innisdale visit happened last week for grade 8 students, it was very successful and Innisdale has a lot to offer.</li> <li>• Family Fun Night: Gr 2 families came to play in the gym and did snack-building with Mrs. Seymour, great response from families!</li> <li>• Gr 3 night will be end of January.</li> <li>• Gr 4 night will be in February.</li> <li>• Gr 5 night will be in March</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Principals Report- K. Reynolds</b></p> <p>Lunchbox Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon inquired with Lunchbox about other options.</li> <li>• 12 oz pasta portion is \$8.50 with 68 cents for the school</li> <li>• Wraps option \$7.75 with 53 cents for the school</li> <li>• We will not be offering any new selections at this time due to cost.</li> <li>• We will reassess at the February Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Parent Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents Reaching Out grant – we can apply for \$500, School Council to decide what specific items/events we will spend the funds on. This is a night out for parents without kids. Tonya is going to complete the form to request the funds.</li> </ul> <p>Mats in the Gym:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 black mats and 2 special-sized mats are needed to be attached to the walls in the gym. The cost is \$4700, including \$200 to repair around an existing area around an electrical outlet.</li> <li>• We would need to move some money around in order to facilitate this purchase.</li> <li>• Voting members approved the re-allocation of funds to cover the mats. (See Financial Report below).</li> </ul>

	<p>Miscellaneous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are able to accept general donations for the school at any time.</li> <li>• Tonya has volunteered to help with Treasury.</li> <li>• Story walk has been postponed or now.</li> <li>• Lesley needs email addresses of parent council members. Please email her at <a href="mailto:councilchairask@scdsb.on.ca">councilchairask@scdsb.on.ca</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Financial Report:</b></p> <p>The School council approved the below to move from the below BN's into BN General School Needs to support the purchase of the gym mats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move BN Activity Days - \$74.95</li> <li>• Move BN Field Trips - \$460.77</li> <li>• Move BN Safety Patrol - \$423.67</li> <li>• Move BN School Clothing - \$15.00</li> <li>• Move BN Technology - \$1825.25</li> </ul> <p>Move the below into BN Commencement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move BN Field Trips- Intermediates - \$756.26</li> </ul> <p>Move the below into BN Athletics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move FR Mabels Labels - \$54.18</li> </ul> <p>Move the below into a new category – “BN Library”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move BN School Year Improvement \$950.00 (to purchase the Forest of Reading books for Battle of the Books)</li> </ul> <p>Move the below into BN Beautification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move BN School Yard Improvement - \$300.00 (outstanding from last meeting)</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Library:</b></p> <p>Mrs. Seymour is excited to run “Battle of the Books” – school council approved purchasing the Forest Of Reading books to support this program. (See above Financial Report)</p>
10.	<p><b>Safety Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent identified a tree in the primary/kindie yard was split. The tree was assessed by an arborist and removed. Students are already writing letters about what we can do to replace the tree.</li> <li>• Cleaned up the perimeter of school and removed graffiti.</li> <li>• Railings on the ramp are being looked into (bent/broken).</li> <li>• The back ramp is being maintained for ice/snow and may have alternating directions open for safety.</li> <li>• Snow falling from the front and kindie area – signage is being put up and the school board is looking into adding something to stop the sliding of the snow.</li> <li>• Playground equipment is closed during winter and not to be used.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><b>Other Business:</b> none</p>

12.	<b>Adjournment:</b> Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm
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<b>Dates of upcoming meetings:</b> <b>February 6, April 3, June 5</b>
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