

School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2023 (6:00-7: 30 p.m.)



The meeting of Assikinack School Council was held on April 3, 2023, in the library.

1.	Attendees:	
	<p>Lesley Prestwich - Co-Chair Sal eh Aldouri - Co-Chair Kristy Reynolds - Principal Len Dunkley - Vice Principal Michelle Brown - Teacher Representative</p>	<p>Denise Haelzle - Secretary Susan Khodau - Volunteer Coordinator Shannon Taylor - Non-Teaching Representative Barrie Public Library - Community Representative</p> <p>Voting members: Trina Maus, Lisa Smith, Cally Wilson, Lesley Prestwich, Sal Aldouri, Denise Haelzle, Susan Khodau, Tonya Guthrie Sends regrets: Alex Robinson, Nadia Broley, Emily Wake</p>
2.	Welcome- Sal Aldouri and Lesley Prestwich	
3.	Land Acknowledgement: Michelle Brown	
4.	<p>The meeting minutes from February – Waiting for approval. -The following corrections/changes were made: People making donations via school cash online WILL get a tax receipt. -Minutes were approved without objection.</p>	
5.	<p>Community Representative Report: -Megan Sioui from the Barrie Public Library -Megan is a new community librarian for Holly & Painswick -Spring programming is happening now, go to barrielibrary.ca, click on “Events”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Kids Chess 2-4pm at Painswick location • Tues 330-500pm board game drop in for kids/families. • Ready, Set, Read – 1 hour literacy-focused activities 6-7pm Tuesday nights. <p>-Reading program happening throughout summer with prizes -BrainFuse: online tutoring from 2-4pm at downtown branch, junior/school age kids</p> <p><u>Programs</u> Are posted to the library Events Calendar and shared through the Barrie Library program email. You cannot subscribe to the calendar specifically.</p>	

	<p><u>Tutoring</u> Was funded by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. Most recent session ended March 31st. Anyone who has further questions can reach out to: Peggy Hargrave, Principal Supervisor-Tutoring Supports Program 705-722-3555 ext. 344 phargrave@smcdsb.on.ca</p> <p><u>BrainFuse (online tutoring)</u> Link: https://landing.brainfuse.com/authenticate.asp?u=main.barrielibrary.ca.brainfuse.com Getting Started Guide: https://my.nicheacademy.com/digitallibraryacademy/course/19046</p>
6.	<p>Council Report: (Lesley and Sal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mabel labels – If you purchase, please indicate in your order that your child(ren) attend Assikinack. -You can indicate from a dropdown menu online the school you want to support -Lesley will email and ask for paper flyers to insert in Kindergarten orientation bags -We would like to send an email to the entire school reminding them to indicate support for Assikinack on their orders [who is sending this info to Shannon?] • Pick a date for a candy day (only chocolate bars and chips) -We will choose a date, likely the week of June 5. Cash only. Grade by Grade. • Pick a date for the spring dance? Or just do the candy day and do one dance a year as a ‘dance-a-thon?’ -We will not be having a second dance this year; the calendar is very full already for March through June • Popcorn sales on Fridays? -Avron is the vendor, other schools have had success with this vendor. We can order in bulk and sell them for \$2/bag. Storage is an issue. There are three flavours, which Shannon will let us know. We will likely need parent volunteers to sell. • Bradford Greenhouses – Rosebushes? -Lesley will ask about selling bulbs for the fall, rosebushes have been successful in the past. -Lesley is placing this on next year’s Fundraiser list • Kidney Clothes Fundraiser: Clothing and textiles can be dropped off at the school from now until April 20th or dropped off directly until end of December. Dropoff location is 570 Bryne Drive, Unit J - Open Mon-Fri until 4pm. Please label bags with “Assikinack Public School Donation” and the school will receive 13 cents per pound. • Little Caesar Kit Fundraiser – May 1-19 Pizza kits including gluten-free options as well as three different kinds of cookie dough. • Board Game Night - May 18th – we may trial first night with Grade 5 students only. Tonya applied for two grants, we received 1 x \$1000 and 1 x \$500, all will go toward board games which will be catalogued by Mrs. Seymour. Documentation needs to be submitted to the school board by May 31st, as indicated by the grant.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonya has spoken to different vendors offering different discounts and different inventories. We will likely have popcorn/water available for sale as well. • Tech grant submitted Update – Sal Sal has been speaking to the Rotary Club asking for \$18,000 for 30 iPads/tablets, paperwork has been submitted. The school would prefer to make the purchase due to warranties. More info to come. • Cutting Edge has been contacted regarding ordering spirit wear/house colours for Kindergarten Orientation night (Lesley).
7.	<p>Teacher’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Brown: In staff training diversity/equity/inclusion <p>May 16 – Upcoming Parent and Staff Evening KAIROS Blanket Exercise with Indigenous Educators and Elder, teaching our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Parents (only) as well as adult relatives/family members will be welcomed. Google FORM to come.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EQAO (grades 3 and 6 testing) is coming up. - Intramurals for J/I, Intermediate Basketball and wrestling have finished. - PALS program continues. - Visits to Innisdale will be happening in May for Gr 8 students. - Graduation is June 26, 2023. The theme is black and gold.
8.	<p>Principals Report- K. Reynolds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Thank you to all staff for intramural coaching and support -Spike ball has been added and is being introduced to the students -Drills will be happening again for Spring (fire, etc.) -Family fun nights were a great success, thank you to Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Dunkley for their contributions to make these evenings a success - We have had many awareness days that we have celebrated such as “Rock Your Socks Off for Down Syndrome Awareness,” wear purple for “Epilepsy Awareness,” and wear blue for “Autism Awareness.” - Classes once again have been taking learning outside and we had Bonnie Anderson in to support - We had another Library Audit to support what books we are missing to add to our existing library to include all learners and ensure all learners are seen within texts - Grade 8 transition meetings have been taking place <p>Upcoming dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 20 – Character Assembly first thing - April 27 – Spring outdoor OPHEA/Well-Being Activity Day - April 28 – PA DAY - May 10 – Assikinack Articulated Community Event at the school / Grade 7/8 vaccines - May 16 – KAIROS Blanket Activity - May 21 – June 3 – Grade 3 and 6 EQAO will be within this timeframe. - May 24 – Welcome to Kindergarten for our new Blackbirds

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 8 – Jump Rope 4 Heart (Rain Date: June 9th) <p>NEXT YEAR: Looking at using the PRO GRANT towards digital citizenship – Paul Davis</p> <p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financials shared but nothing new to report since the last School Council meeting.
9.	<p>Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates
10.	<p>Safety Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A board member is visiting on Wednesday to view the tarmac/retaining wall issues etc.
11.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mme. Theriault slideshow: Assikinack Articulated – A Showcase of Amazing Accomplishments will be on Wednesday May 10th from 6 to 9pm More information to come.
12.	<p>Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm</p>

Dates of upcoming meetings: June 5, 2023

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