




School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023 (6:00-7:30 pm)

The meeting of Assikinack School Council was held on November 6, 2023 in the library.

1.	<p>Attendees: Denise Haelzle - Chair Kristy Reynolds- Principal Steve Schaus- Vice Principal Michelle Brown - Teacher Representative Shannon Taylor - Non-Teaching Representative Sarah McKinnon – Secretary Susan Khodau & Sarah Axler-Smith – Volunteer Coordinators Tonya Guthrie - Treasurer</p>	<p>Voting members: Denise Haelzle, Susan Khodau, Sarah Axler-Smith, Tonya Guthrie, Sarah McKinnon, Nadia Broley, Melissa Hansen</p> <p>Non-Voting Members present: Steph Thompson, Cesia Green, Jill Neskovski, Sal Aldouri, Sarah Semple</p>
2.	Land Acknowledgement, Welcome	
3.	<p>Fundraiser Update: (Denise)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garden Gallery Due TOMORROW, not doing the best so far. Better luck sending plants to the school next year maybe, rather than delivery to garden. - Candy Grams in December - School dance/dance-a-thon Jan/Feb - Fundraising for specific items rather than to the school as a whole - Early Feb. Dominoes ‘raise the dough’ fundraiser, ask for "Assikinack Special" 2 med, cheesy bread \$24. One day only. Send flyer home with students, put on neighborhood facebook page. Maybe another in the spring. - FUDGE - fundraisers, large orders, delivery before Easter, 40% kickback, ship to school, 14 flavours, specials. Waiting to confirm when Fudge company becomes an approved vendor. - Raffle/auction/50-50 - Denise working on lottery license - 2nd Book fair in May. Last was \$4700 raised. - After book fair - MmmDonuts \$5 back from half dozen - End of year treat day - Big Box of Cards, 30 cards, \$11 back from box, \$30/box, booked into January as of now - Textiles - labeled for Assikinack available to donate - Kidney Clothes, \$0.13/lb - Mention on blast different types of textiles accepted - Mabels Labels continues all year - Booster Juice has suspended fundraising for the moment. <p>Hot Lunch Update: (Denise)</p> <p>Looking for another vendor. First we contact lunchbox and then lunchbox contacts vendors. We are looking into a pancake option. Always extra pizza in freezer for those without lunch, but hard to designate money specifically for hot lunch.</p>	
4.	Volunteer Update: (Sarah and Susan)	

4.	<p>Sent email to parents asking for volunteers. We have more volunteers and jobs for volunteers, more now than ever. Bigger list of approved volunteers, many missing things from application. Parents have been emailed by Shannon on what is missing and what to do to complete the process. Parents reading with kids during school hours. 3 volunteers so far for that program.</p> <p>Teacher's Report and Library Report: Michelle Brown, librarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday Nov 10 - many classes/students participating - Nov. 8 is I Read Canadian Day - highlighting Canadian authors/books - Gifted screening ongoing this week. Practiced last week. All grade 3's tested with parent permission. - Forest of Reading was down for two weeks, catalogue is open now. - Battle of the Books - club starting soon, books don't change much year to year, slideshow from last year, can bring 12 students total. Almost won last year. - Scholastic book orders going home with class code for the library, home by Friday Nov 10. - Gaps in needs/wants for library – Miss. Brown is seeing what we have currently and how quickly they are moved through by the students. - Miss. Brown is asking teacher/librarian group if there are any gently used materials/tech that isn't being used to reduce costs and expand library resources. - Donations for road map/carpets for robot cars to drive on - Miss. Brown bought carts with bookfair money for books to exchange through classrooms. Benchmark books can be put on the carts to enhance classroom reading programs.
5.	<p>Principals Report- K. Reynolds</p> <p> <u>Dates to Remember</u></p> <p>November 10th – Remembrance Ceremony November 9th - Progress Reports Home November 13-17th Student-Led Conferences November 17th ~ PA Day No School</p> <p>Upcoming meetings: Feb. 5, Apr. 2, June 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JR Girls Volleyball is going well. We appreciate Nadia (parent volunteer) along with Mrs. Carriere for coaching the team. - Intermediate girls basketball and intermediate boys volleyball teams – thank you to Mr. Jay, Mr. Furchner and Mr. Berry for coaching. - Lots of teams and clubs going on – lego club, mindful club, leadership, Battle of the Books, OPHEA team and more - Eco Team - Eco schools with bronze level achievement. Eco code for the school, shared during character assembly and posted on the bulletin board. <p style="text-align: center;"> We make a promise on this day, To save the Earth in any way. We can bring a waste-free lunch, And help the World a whole bunch. To save on paper use each day, GOOS paper will be the way. Special days will help us learn, And Earth's trust is what we'll earn. </p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming - 'Winter Wonderland' – Mr. Furchner and Mme Theriault will be organizing and hosting performances by classes in the school, artwork in the hallways, Tuesday/Wednesday of the last week before the winter break. - PA Day Nov 17, math, equity and inclusion. Equity walk around the school to see how different other people see things. May need to put up more to help others to feel included. Hanukkah/Christmas/Kwanza up in December. Happy to showcase pieces from all different cultures. Miss. Brown was great at front running that. - School Action Equity Plan - wellbeing, inclusion, teaching/math/reading goals. Miss. Brown is putting up unlearn posters, STEAM robots etc. with funds from bookfair, OSMOS included in coding (math/language/fractions) - THANK YOU DENISE for work on fundraisers, research, implementation. - Sandbox with pergola for front yard. Would be closed in at the top for shade. Sustainability walk looking into donated trees. Equipment was supposed to be gone on Halloween. Less cost to top up sand. - Looked into scooters for kindie yard, as well as mud kitchen. - In and Out arrows paved in parking lot. Kristy looking into kiss-n-ride, but parking lot is too small for a fully functioning Kiss n Ride but what we have is working. We appreciate caregivers following the rules which is allowing it to run smoothly. THANK YOU!
6.	OTHER BUSINESS: N/A
7.	Dates of upcoming meetings: February 5, April 2, June 3
8.	Meeting was adjourned at 7pm

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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