

School Council Meeting MINUTES



Monday, February 5, 2024 (6:00-7:30 pm)

The meeting of Assikinack School Council was held on February 5th, 2024 in the library.

1.	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	Voting members: Denise Haelzle, Sarah Axler-Smith, Sarah McKinnon, Melissa Hansen Non-Voting Members present: Cesia Green, Steph Thompson, Lesley Prestwich, Lindy Blewitt
2.	Land Acknowledgement, Welcome	
3.	<p>Fundraiser Update: (Denise) Garden Gallery Poinsettias raised \$438.06. Next year we will try moving the ordering period to start after Halloween and getting the plants delivered to the school directly, rather than coupons to pick up plants at Garden Gallery.</p> <p>Lunchbox options: Via the Board, we attempted to get a pancake option for hot lunch from: Cora's, Jack's Pancake Factory, Wimpy's, Stacked (both locations), Gibby G's, Denny's, The Breakfast House and Sunset Grill. All declined. We have contacted Wok Box and Freshii for options as they do school lunches.</p> <p>Freshii: Wraps, power bowls, salads, cheesy chicken pockets, etc. Prices are approx. \$8.00 BEFORE we add on fundraising. We will re-visit these options early next year. Board approved so no allergies. Speak about LunchBox at April/June meeting to be prepared for next year.</p> <p>Domino's Raise the Dough happening tonight (Feb 5). \$5 from every order placed tonight goes directly to the school.</p> <p>Fudge from Northwest Fudge Factory (thanks Tonya!) \$8 for 1/2lb container, Book Fair #2 happening May 8th along with the silent auction, Mmm Donuts can buy coupons to redeem at location, and End of Year "treat" day (April-ish) (chips, candy, pop etc. on carts going class to class, everything will be \$2, cash only).</p> <p>Popcorn is still a huge hit!</p> <p>Grade 8 volunteer/leadership fundraising. Grade 8's did candy-grams and that money went towards commencement. After-party/dinner would be organized by parent(s) outside of school involvement for graduation. The school provides the commencement ceremony and refreshments (punch and cake) after the commencement is over.</p>	

4.	<p>Volunteer Update: (Sarah and Susan)</p> <p>Lots more volunteers added. Enough volunteers for current projects. Volunteers added to the library to help organize. Started sub-reading program. Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Carriere, Ms. Marshall. Reading program entails reading to smaller kindergarten groups, play games, go over sight words in a smaller group setting. 1-1 reading for specific students that need a little extra assistance. If there were more volunteers we could celebrate kids who excel at reading as well. A friendly reminder that volunteers cannot volunteer in your own child's class. (other than fieldtrips).</p> <p>Volunteer process could be streamlined, it can be confusing about which steps need to be completed and when. Maybe a PDF with a checklist of things to be completed before your profile is finished.</p> <p>Dance/dance-a-thon with glowsticks! (More information to come)</p> <p>Quotes for playground ideas discussed at previous meeting still to be shared. (mud kitchens, sandbox, scooters) and mature trees. Mr. Jay looking into grant for trees.</p>
4.	<p>Teacher's Report and Library Report: Michelle Brown, librarian</p> <p>Big interactive Indigenous map in the gym. Comes with lessons and things tied to the curriculum but is hands on learning which makes it fun and meaningful.</p> <p>Battle of the books is on with meetings and practices. Books have been pulled from circulation so members can really practice. T-shirts for the team using overstock Assikinack shirts.</p> <p>Students from all classes making Valentines for seniors. School-wide, lots of opportunities to make cards, can make more than one, make them at home and bring them to school as well.</p> <p>May 8th is health and wellness/arts night. Families can come in and see art in the hallways. Community partners will come in, Kinark, health unit, Barrie Library. Book fair will be on the same night. Different stations, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, yoga, board games, silent auction, create your own nutritious snack to talk about nutrition and promote healthy eating.</p> <p>Eat well funds are currently \$0 until next installment. (an area that we may need to support with fundraised money)</p> <p>Silent auction – send out an eblast to parents to put a call out for donations (small businesses, parents donating goods or services). (Each class making a raffle basket as backup plan if we don't receive much for silent auction).</p> <p>Track and field – we are looking at selling Gatorade, chips, freezies etc at our school meet. (More details to come)</p>
6.	<p>Principals Report- K. Reynolds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved money into categories – ready to purchase 6-10 chrome books with the tech money - Thanked School Council for everything they are doing! - Referred to the February School Newsletter that went out today and wanted to continue the focus on gratitude towards the School Council and Staff at Assikinack. Celebrated everything

	<p>that is happening in the school and noted hearing School Councils voice and how staff and the school have stepped up with teams and clubs and more fieldtrip opportunities for grades K-8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared the importance of spreading kindness and focusing on the positives that are happening in our building. We have a lot of greatness and positives to celebrate! - Lots of fieldtrips happening and planned. More details, information and permission forms will come out to families once buses and costs are confirmed. This is a 'sneak peek' at the amazing opportunities that have happened or are planned and upcoming: Kindie: Rounds Ranch Grade 1: Simcoe Museum Grade 2: Simcoe Museum Grade 3: Swim to survive and Simcoe Museum Grade 4 – Scanlon Creek (2 times at school and one visit to Scanlon), Georgian College Theatre and Simcoe County Museum Grade 5: Georgian College Theatre, Simcoe County Museum and Springwater Park Grade 6: Georgian College Theatre and Simcoe County Museum Grade 7's – SCDSB trip for team building and low ropes and swim to survive Grade 8's – Innisdale (for grade 8 transition opportunities and trades), Maplevue Heights – Work Boot Careers, Shsm (cancelled to be rebooked due to a bus/weather day) and Toronto – Blue Jays Game etc... - Some sports and clubs so far – Junior and intermediate sports teams – flag football, Int basketball and volley ball for both boys and girls. Junior girls volleyball, junior boys volleyball and junior girls basketball - Clubs – Equity Alliance team, lego, mindful colouring, reading club, battle of the books, OPHEA/leadership club (aligned with Innisdale), tech team, ECO team, Recycling Team, Green Team and much more . . . - Many staff have and are giving time to tournaments and games outside of school working time. Please take time to thank teachers for all that they are doing to support our students and our school community. Kindness is free and it goes a long way! 😊 #PayItForward
7.	<p>OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Leslie) Can we add another kidney clothes fundraiser pick up date and have donations brought to the school? Suggest this happens before March Break. Clothes need to be at the school by March 6th. Pickup date would be March 8th. Kidney would come pickup clothes from the school. Send an E-blast about this separately. Send a Mabels Labels blast in May/June before summer camps etc. (Denise will share wording to Shannon)
8.	Dates of upcoming meetings: June 3
9.	Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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