

Tecumseth South Central Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5th, 2022

Members Present:

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| 1.) Melissa Mckeon | 5.) Krista Elford | 9.) Rebecka Mayne |
| 2.) Robin Hryniewski | 6.) Megan Bender | 10.) Kathryn Spencley |
| 3.) Melissa MacKenzie | 7.) Katherine Hopkins | 11.) Tina Rakovsky |
| 4.) Sherri Cicirello | 8.) Alana Ciolfi | |

Members Absent: Anna Lisa Wienecke

Staff Members Present: Tana Ward (Principal)
Marianne Kennedy (Teacher Representative)

Opening

Meeting called to order by Chair, Melissa MacKenzie at 6:07 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved for November 2022. Sherri Cicirello motioned to approve minutes, all agreed.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Kennedy

- Intermediate girls' basketball and intermediate boys' volleyball tournaments happened in late November. Coaches Santo and Lalonde were proud of their teams' efforts and the great sportsmanship that they demonstrated throughout the day.
- Parents' Night Out November 29, 2022. A dedicated group of eight grade 8 volunteers planned activities and games for a large group of over 50 participants from JK to Grade 5. The grade 8s were responsible for serving the meal, decorating the gym, welcoming the younger students and tidying up afterwards. Thank you to staff helpers Mrs. Leait, Mr. Lalonde, Ms. Ward and Mrs. Kennedy for volunteering their evening to co-host this fun event.
- There was great participation in our November Spirit Day, Comfy Cozy Day, on November 25.
- The student body is excited about Kaleidoscope and all of the fun activities that have been planned for the evening.
- Pizza: it was a bit tricky to tell if the pizza in the boxes was cheese or pepperoni. We discussed labeling the boxes in a more clear way, and perhaps getting a few extra boxes to help with sorting.

Admin Report: Tana Ward

- EQAO data from 2021/22 school year was shared with council. Grade 3 cohort (21 students) scored 90.5% in reading, 71.4% in writing and 66.7% in math. Grade 6 cohort (12 students) scored 75% in reading, 75% in writing and 50% in math.
- School goals in math, in particular the impact of small group instruction to target student needs, will help support some of the needs presented with this data. Classroom teachers are participating in math focused PLCs.
- S.O. Maltby is visiting on Friday.
- Trustee Bates is visiting the following Friday.
- This Friday new school websites will be launched board wide.
- Reading instruction moving towards decodable texts which will support the new Science of Reading approach with a focus on phonics and phonemic awareness.
- New SCDSB advisory on December holiday celebrations encourages schools to ensure equitable representation of all holidays, religions and faiths. There will be a survey sent to families to ensure representation of all students.
- Education sector is experiencing some staffing shortages, particularly occasional teaching staff. If anyone is interested in interviewing as an unqualified teaching supply for emergencies, email Ms. Ward.
- We have added more offerings to our snack program (fruit, boiled eggs) based on advice from a nutritionist.

Financial Report: Sherri Cicirello

- Revenue total for October's lunch program \$362.80.
- Currently in deficit for general school needs (but money will be added shortly).

Fundraising Report: Megan Bender

- Wreath sales went really well. Drysdale's improved quality and organization over last year. Profit: \$335.00.
- Next fundraiser will be a bake sale at the upcoming Kaleidoscope event.

New/Open Business

- Parent council will be hosting a crafting activity for the Kaleidoscope event (wood snowman). If you have any items to donate, please contact Melissa Mackenzie.
- Sherri Cicirello will be running the bake sale. Anna Lisa will also help.
- Melissa McKeon will assist at the craft station. Other council members will take turns volunteering.
- A parent is asking about a school hockey team. Ms. Ward asked a parent to find out if any other schools in the area were interested. Some things to consider: the ice time would be at the school's expense, we do not have jerseys. Other considerations: students versus staff/parents game.
- PRO grant due January 20th.

Items to be discussed in February:

- Big box of cards fundraiser to be discussed in February.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6th at 6:00PM (If inclement weather, the meeting will be held virtually from 6:30 - 7:30).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm by Melissa Mackenzie.