

Minutes of Tecumseth South Central P.S. School Council Meeting

Monday, November 14th, 2022

Start: 6:05 PM

End: 7:28 PM

Members Present:

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| 1. Melissa MacKenzie | 1. Kathryn Spencley |
| 2. Rebecka Mayne | 1. Robin Hryniewski |
| 3. Megan Bender | |
| 4. Sherri Cicirello | |
| 5. Tina Rakovsky | |
| 6. Melissa McKeon | |

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

Members Absent: Anna Lisa Wienecke, Alana Ciolfi, Katherine Hopkins, Krista Elford

Opening and Land Acknowledgement

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Melissa MacKenzie.

Land Acknowledgement completed by Tana Ward.

Approval of Minutes (last meeting)

Melissa McKeon motioned to approve minutes, all agreed.

Teachers' Report, Mrs. Kennedy

- The school has been very busy planning for co-curriculars and the Remembrance Day assembly. There has consistently been someone practicing in the gym.
- For co-curriculars there is a focus on rebuilding after the past few years. Many students don't have the experience of co-curriculars (sports, clubs etc) so many of these groups are starting from scratch with new skills.
- Intermediate Girls' Basketball and Boys' Volleyball tournaments are coming up. Thank you to those teachers that are coaching these teams.
- Ms. Barone is offering extra French lessons for any students that are interested.
- Ms. Barone and Ms Gayle have started a yearbook club.
- Ms. Howland has started a school leadership team. Ms. Howland is also hosting an associate teacher.
- Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that helped with the Remembrance Day Assembly. It went really well and it was nice to be able to have it again.

- Mrs. Leaist and Mrs. Kennedy are hosting choir.

Admin Report, Tana Ward

- Field trip plans have been submitted and approved for the year. Each class will have 2 trips with the exception of some which may've an extra based on board funded excursions.
- Our fundraising plan was submitted and approved. We need to add bank interest to it, have Melissa sign it and submit it again.
- School Action Plan
 - Numeracy Focus - using diagnostic assessments to target the student needs in small group instruction. Professional learning connected to this is being facilitated by Mrs. Margie, our Math Lead, with our J/I staff in late November and early December.
 - Literacy Focus- using diagnostic assessments and new resources (phonetic awareness, sound wall, decodable books) to support early reading development. Professional learning for this is being facilitated by Mrs. Leaist, TL and Literacy Lead, with our PRIMARY staff in December.
 - Safe Schools Focus - ensuring student voice and identities are a priority in our school, allowing for an enhanced sense of belonging. This is being supported by our EQUITY KEY POINT PEOPLE, Mrs. Leaist and Ms. Howland. Ms. Howland is also providing a student leadership opportunity through her CHANGE MAKERS group. In addition, Ms. Cheshire is co-ordinating our OPHEA healthy school certification. Principal and Ms. Cheshire met last week with the PH Nurse to develop plans for that.
 - PALS program - SMDHU partnership being facilitated by Ms. Ayisi and Ms. Briscoe.

Financial Report, Sherris Cicirello

- Lunch Box
 - Subway - Minus cancellations (at least 2)
 - Oct 12- 44
 - Oct 19 - 57
 - Oct 26 - 59
 - Nov 2 - 55
 - Pizza - Minus cancellations (at least 8)
 - Oct 14 - 58
 - Oct 21 - 80
 - Oct 28 - 85
 - Nov 4 - 84
 - Miscommunication happened between LunchBox and New Orleans pizza regarding cost of pizza. Adjustments needs to be made as the cost has went

up significantly and this decreases our profit, even with Lunch Box taking out their share. Discussion was had about options for pizza in the school and all agreed to move ahead with going back to using volunteers to organize pizza upon delivery on Fridays and pass out to each class. If School staff is hesitant, this will be revisited. The new delivery method will be for Nov 25th. All current orders will be cancelled and new orders will need to be made for the remainder of the year.

Fundraising, Megan Bender and Rebecka Mayne

- Drysdale's fundraiser sold 51 wreaths and raised \$335.66 for the school.
- The Card Project had 183 participants and raised \$668.81

Motions

- Use SGF "co-curricular" funds to pay for transportation for cross country team (\$345)
- Use SGF "co-curricular" funds to pay for Art Club supplies (\$121.59) and backdrop painting supplies (\$102.74)
- Use Parent Engagement funds to cover the cost of the "Scavenger hunt" items from the Open House (\$212.46)
- Move \$342.69 from General Needs to School Yard Improvement, bringing school yard improvement to \$2396.10 to pay for gaga ball pit (\$1500 from school reserve budget to cover balance)
- Melissa MacKenzie motioned for approval, all agreed to all above motions.

New/Open Business

- Admin profile is due November 30th. Please forward any input to Melissa MacKenzie.
- Kaleidoscope Event will be happening at the school on Dec 13th, Discussion was had around a council bake sale as well as a craft. Teachers have a variety of activities happening in their classrooms that evening.
- PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant
 - Discussion was had about what type of event we would like to apply for. Ms. Ward has previous experience with a group, Get Real, that offers in person or virtual experience to combat discrimination, provide education and foster acceptance in our schools with a 2SLGBTQ+ focus. All agreed that this was an offering that was very valuable for our school community. Ms Ward is going to ask other schools in our area about co-ordinating with them as well, if there is interest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 by Melissa MacKenzie.

Next meeting: December 5, 2022, 6PM - 7PM (changed to in person, hybrid available if anyone requires. Please notify Tana)