

Steffie Woima School Council
MEETING MINUTES
Steffie Woima School Staff room
October 22, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Members must be present to vote. Proxies are not permitted.

***indicates items for which a written document/report will be attached/provided**

Those in attendance: Angela Eadie-Gyori, Dawn Normoyle, Megan Weiskopf, Kayla Webb, Janine Waldo, Kate Martin, Andrea Merino, Taryn Thurston

Those attending via Google meet: Trish Hammond, Abby Sarkozi, Kristen Germaine, Sat Stevens

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Megan at 6:33pm

Introduction of Guests and Executive Members

2.0 Review of Agenda

Motion: To accept the Agenda as is by Kate, second by Kayla

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Agenda approved

3.0 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (motion to accept)

Motion: To accept the Minutes from the previous meeting By Kayla, second by Kate

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Minutes approved

4.0 Reports

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 Financial Statements (motion to accept)

Motion: to approve the financial statements as is by

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Financial statements approved

4.1.2 Current account balances:

Balance as of August 31, 2024 \$234.85

4.2 Committees

4.2.1 Fundraising Committee – Kate Martin

- Ukuleles have all been sponsored (within 15 days) and have been ordered. We will need to send payment to the house of music. (we will need to cover some cost as they will need to be tuned once they come so will pay to have that done)

- Name plaques for them are not ready yet, Kayla will attach when they come in.

- Full Fundraising topics to be discussed at fundraising meeting to follow.

4.2.2 Hot Lunch Program- School Advisor

-Leah Inkster is helping to run the program with the office admin.
Volunteers are still needed to help hand out the food.

4.2.3 Breakfast Club-Trish Hammond

- Still lots of children using the bins
- The BP Card fundraiser was a huge success. We still have not got a grand total how much we will receive as the sales at the store went until the middle of October sometime. BPs was very impressed with how many cards we sold. They actually had run out of cards at their store so had to find additional cards at other stores to fill our request. We sold 326 cards altogether which raised \$1,630 that we get 100% of those funds. The store itself also sold cards and they will divide the total sales there amongst the schools that participated. We should know our total by end of this month, beginning of next month.

- The “grant” we thought we were getting from PC is not a grant but actually a program that we need to follow for the funding. Vanessa called about it to find out more info as their link for more info is still not working. We have to provide food for all students in order to qualify. Sounds like we can continue with our bin system that we have with a few minor additions to things (such as fresh fruit and dairy options). Everything will need to be documented closely to show where our spending is going etc. There may be an educational component about nutrition as well we have to incorporate but sounds like we can send it home with kids. We will continue to look more into it to make sure its going to work for us.

4.2.4 Marathon Committee

● Who is interested in being on the committee.

- Kate has a plan of how the marathon is run and timelines for when things need to be done.

- At this point there is nothing that we need right now but will need to do stuff in January for it.

- Kate and Janine said they can try and help organize it but would like help as well. If there is anyone that would like to run it please let them know.

5.0 Standing Business

5.1 Principal’s Report: Mrs. Eadie Gyori & Mrs. Normoyle

- talked briefly last time about budget.
- 94% is staffing and stuff they have no control over
- 6% is for other things they can control
- CESD has put together a land acknowledgement video that we can use. We were able to watch the video at the meeting tonight.
- CESD school survey report - had a 90% satisfactory report. The comments were the large class sizes and the need for EA support.
- 98% satisfaction with a safe and caring school
- Attendance – 72% of our kids are attending 90% or more
125 kids that were at risk (75-89% range)

- when kids miss a lot of school it affects them academically and then also socially
- goal is to get the kids into that 90% range – Admin can help families if they need to get the kids here more regularly (have a plan)
- 96% parent participation
- 92% of kids are connected with an adult at the school
- 88% are satisfied with student engagement – need to look at the ones not engaged and figure how we can get them more engaged
- Learning engagement is a little lower so we are looking at how we can get them engaged more
- quality of education was really high
- Ministerial order on personal devices in schools- CESD and our schools are required to follow. So, no personal devices such as phones, tablets, smart watches. If they bring to school they need to be turned off and stored out of sight.
- Karen Barber and some Evacuees came in and did a walk around and visit in a classroom
- Christmas concerts are looking like they are going to be the second week of December. Probably the 10th and 11th. Kindergarten may be the week before or possibly on the 9th

6.0 New Business

6.1 Parents matter update - Kate Martin

- had a meeting on Oct.9th – they talked about resolving conflict. If parents have a concern, they are to either call or do a face to face with the teacher to resolve the issue (not email).
- talked about the smart devices and the issue with them on buses. They are trying to come up with a new policy about this to make sure that appropriate use is being done
- Talked about complex needs in class rooms
- there were questions about volunteering at schools – this is up to each school
- Supervision at recess –mandate is to have 1 adult for every 3 classes at recess.
- Welcoming safe and inclusive schools’ policy
- Cell phone procedures
- Lock down procedures
- There were questions about internet access for staff at school
- Everyone at the meetings are really liking the cell phone policies as they are seeing kids more engaged and engaging with friends more
- Talked about the new outdoor classroom at Beacon Hill
- discussed popular fundraisers - dances, movie nights, snacks,
- some schools have student representatives that attend the school council meetings

6.2 One Book Whole School

- The publisher sent a list of 40 books and Megan has narrowed it down to 3 books that she thought were the most appropriate for our school/grades

6.2.1 Vote on book *

- Megan sent out the 3 books information to everyone so we can look at them. She will then set up a google form for us to do a vote to decide which book we want so we can get them ordered soon in order to have them for the new year.

6.2.2 Discuss dates

- google form to come out soon so we can order before our next meeting

7.0 Meeting adjourned by Megan at 7:31pm

8.0 Next Meeting of the Steffie Woima School council:

- November 19, 2024 @ 6:30, Steffie Woima School

*** Minutes pending approval at next Council Meeting***