

**Castlebar Junior School
School Council**

Meeting #4 -- Minutes

January 15, 2020

6:30pm

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Next meeting: February 5, 2020

Attendees	Name	Role
School reps	Colleen Bellehumeur	Principal
SAC executive	George Baiden Nicole Tam Dorothy Milne	Co-chair Treasurer Secretary
Parent reps	Lisa Anketell Kim Barker Stacey Bowman Nadia Douglas Catherine Farrell Tania Goeke Gordon Greaves Lisa Greaves Zahra Kahn Crystal MacKay Nadia Mall Sarah Olinski Betsy Orłowski Andy Pabari Claudio Renini Lindsay Young Adam Shubat	

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1. Introduction (George Baiden)

- Approval of December 4, 2019 meeting minutes: **Approved**

2. Chair report (George Baiden)

- **Website update**
 - Tabled until Feb 5 meeting

3. Principal's report (Ms. Bellehumeur)

- **Holiday concert:**
 - Occurred Dec 12th, 2019, standing room only
 - Thank you to Mr. McGinn and staff
 - Thank you to school community for attending the whole concert, to people who walked to the concert so traffic congestion wasn't too bad, and for not posting pictures on social media
 - Up for discussion if next year the concert will be during the day or in the evening (advantages to both)
- **Holiday singalong:**
 - Well-attended; next year potential change in format for students to sit with their families to sing
- **Construction update:**
 - All classes are back in their classrooms
 - Still some small items to be completed (universal bathroom, boiler room, some finishing work)
- **Church parking lot:**
 - Thank you to the church across the street for allowing parents to park in the morning and afternoon for drop-off and pickup
 - Please do not park in the lot after a heavy snowfall so the church can have the snow removed
 - Please avoid parking on the curb, it disrupts flow of traffic and busses
- **Pizza lunch:**
 - Flawless execution, no improvements needed
 - Thank you to volunteers who come to help
 - Next round, people will be strongly encouraged to use Cash Online to pay
- **Literacy day:**
 - January 29, 2020; Arts Express celebration (free performances that include math and art activities)
- **Math manipulatives:**
 - Will be catalogued and available for all classes to use
 - Not all items may appear to be math-related, but they are!
- **Official mascot:**
 - Claudio and Betsy worked together to create mock-ups of several designs (see **Logo** update below)

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- **Upcoming dates:**

- **Jan 17:** PA day
- **Jan 22:** Pizza day
- **Jan 31:** Teamwork assembly
- **Feb 3:** Kindergarten online registration opens
- **Feb 5:** Next School Council meeting
- **Feb 11:** Reports go home
- **Feb 17:** Family Day holiday
- **Feb 18-21:** In-school registration for Kindergarten (Note: for those who register online, registration is not complete until you come into the school)
- **Feb 19:** Visit from Officer Nevis
- **Feb 19:** Pizza day
- **Feb 26:** Pink Shirt Day
- **March 4:** Pizza day
- **March 16-20:** March Break

4. X Movement Presentation (Conor from X Movement)

- X Movement is an Australian company that has been working in schools for ten years; Conor presented information about the programs they offer which focus on getting kids active, doing something different, and working on mindfulness (for more information, visit: <https://www.xmovement.com/>)
- Ms. Bellehumeur's previous school used the programs and had very positive feedback
- Council to consider funding X Movement as one possibility for funding of an in-school activity (see **Other notes** below)

Other notes:

- After Conor left, George said he will research costs and details of other opportunities for in-school activities including "Scientists in the Classroom" and "Arts Express" (prologue); he will present findings at Feb 5 meeting
- Ms. Bellehumeur requested Council keep in mind the technology plan for the near future when considering how to spend funds; she will report back with more information about the technology plan at Feb 5 meeting
- Discussion about whether to vote on funding bussing for field trips *or* in-class activities (given the possibility that with the current job action, there may not be field trips in the near future); Vote at Feb 5 meeting after all options have been presented, and perhaps the job action situation will have changed

5. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Tam)

- **Field trip bussing funding:**
 - Tabled until Feb 5 meeting
- **Fun fair funds:**

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- Cheque has not yet been received from Norseman
- **Cookie dough funds**
 - Nadia following up about receiving proceeds from the December cookie dough fundraiser
- **Council funds**
 - Current balance: \$10891
 - Math manipulatives (\$2000) not included in current balance (will be reflected in next month's report)
 - Projected end of year balance: \$10891

6. Fundraising

- **Spirit wear**
 - Betsy to put together an order form; suggestion to call the sale of spirit wear a "STEM fundraiser," and all profits could be earmarked for STEM materials
- **Valentines Candy Grams**
 - Fundraising team to figure out logistics, report back at Feb 5 meeting
 - Vote: **Approved** [tentative] (18 in favour, 1 abstained)

7. Logo (Betsy Orlowski and Claudio Renini)

- Betsy and Claudio presented several designs for a Castlebar logo and small accent
- Betsy, Claudio, and Ms. Bellehumeur are going to narrow down the options to 2-3 choices and then the students will get to pick
- Narrowed down list of choices to be presented at Feb 5 meeting

8. Events (All)

- **School Grand Opening** (Ms. Bellehumeur)
 - Event will happen in May, date TBD
 - Revisit at Feb 5 meeting
- **Family night** (Lisa Trang)
 - Game night options: Game Schooled and Presswood Entertainment
 - Two possible dates: February 28 or March 6
 - To be put to an online vote

Upcoming meeting dates:

- February 5th, 2020
- March 4th, 2020
- April 1st, 2020
- May 6th, 2020
- June 3rd, 2020

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