

November 3rd, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: November 3rd, 2021 | 6:30 p.m. Meeting Location: Castlebar Junior School — via Zoom Zoom Link: https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96612954315

Next meeting: December 1st, 2021

Attendees	Name	Role
School reps	Colleen Bellehumeur Jennifer Delivuk	Principal Teacher (Kindergarten B)
SAC executive	Micah M. Rodrigues	Chair
	Stacey Bowman	Treasurer
	Nicole Helserg	Secretary
Parent reps	In attendance: Alexis Calum Christina Claudio Crystal Dorothy Gordon Kern Khrista Kimberley Lindsay Lisa Nadia Sarah Simone	Regrets: Cynthia Gunjan Hinal Jamie Neeti Zainab

Topic/Discussion	Presenter	Notes
Welcome	Micah	approved by council
Approval of	Rodrigues	
October Minutes		
Chairs' Report	Micah	Teacher stipend \$4215
·	Rodrigues,	Can submit receipts from summer; come from same pot of
	Council	money

		Panago update: spoke with given no lead; they are doing it; same as last year last Thursday of every month except December will be one week earlier; waiting for code; once info solidified will send info to everyone
Principal's Report	Colleen Bellehumeur Principal	Appreciate support of parent council Students doing great job adjusting to cold weather Events: Halloween: no parade; no one on school property due to Covid; kids had fun Indigenous month: this month hosted guest speaker to one class (parent); hoping to expand in following years; resources provided to teachers & ongoing education Happy Diwali: hosted parent for Diwali celebrations in Ms. Delivuk's class Remembrance Day: 1030 virtual celebration; parents welcome Progress reports & parent teacher interviews: Nov. 16 progress reports sent home Nov. 18/19 parent teacher interviews; using an online booking system Teachers will send link on Friday/Monday; first come, first served No grades; progressing well / very well / difficulty + learning skills Kindergartencommunication of learning Scholastic book fair: online; opens on Nov. 10; ends Nov. 24 Mr. McGinn to send info on how to visit website Portion of what you buy goes to school; supplies to library Holiday concert: Awaiting guidelines from TDSB likely outdoor socially distanced event on field Test kits Thank you to everyone for support re: Sick Kids soliva kits Results back in 24 hours One step closer to kids vaccinations—hoping to follow US lead Picture Day Friday is picture day; Dec. 1 retake day
Teacher's Report	Jennifer Delivuk	Grateful for ongoing support Kids diligent with mask wearing Teacher wish list for stipend: • Funds for grade 5 grad; hoping to do a celebration under Covid guidelines



		 Tablets for junior grades & primary grades—estimate—going through board pre-approved for use Containers for roblox Ms. Kim looking into STEAM program; hands on science programs; items including hand saws, drills, glue Kindergarten: bakeware; gross motor/ taking care of environment, e.g., shovels, rakes Need replacement plan for Chrome books to ensure students always have technology
Treasurer's Report - <u>Budget</u> - <u>Bank Statements</u>	Stacey Bowman	No transactions in October Will share bank statements when available
Ad hoc discussion items IXL Update	All members	IXL update Connie: IXL expiring in January; can we purchase a school licence? Group buy? Cost is \$18 per student for the year. Colleen: purchased last year to support teachers & students at home; current very small budget (\$36k) for a range of things including teacher professional development, and supplies, paper, etc. Not in this year's budget and Parent Council cannot purchase curriculum needs Micah: how does admin work? Colleen: Reach out to IXL and they set it up; each teacher got a code Dorothy: Is there an alternative? Staff thoughts? Colleen: a lot of them use prodigy as is free; we can ask teachers to put a list together; e.g., Ms. Kim supports Minecraft education Connie: Licensing minimum buy 25 students for schools for math & English \$18/perstudent Stacey: suggest Connie to draft info for parents; Colleen will send out through weekly update; Micah to review Colleen: you'd purchase through individual as community group Connie: Can teachers suggest other apps please and can consider group buy for others?
Cookie Fundraiser		Fundraising—Cookie fundraiser Betsy: cookie fundraiser to start next week; Nadia has set it up with Terra Cotta; link is online; will be putting up posters next week around school; Colleen to send out information with newsletter to parents Colleen: Can put flyers in back windows for parents Nadia: Nov. 8–22 ordering; flyer will go out Friday; please encourage everyone to share with friends & family



	Distribution: Dec. 6 after school; will need volunteers for distribution; order drop off at 2pm; 45min to organize for a Covid-safe drop off, e.g., each class will have area to pick up Can't pick up? Let us know on order form
Other fundraising	Fundraising—other Micah: looking at online silent auction just before March break; Park Lawn has done it & have reached out to Park Lawn chair for info Similar to basket night at Norseman; each class has themed basket, e.g., before March break road trip theme Parent volunteers from each class to put together baskets Porch pick up Another held later in Spring
	Micah: Holding money back for a potential field trip, scientist in school event. With no pizza lunch funds, not same amount of money Sarah: will send list of donors to Nadia as done before at Norseman Micah: Trying to do one or two more fundraising events to have more wiggle room Colleen: Teachers would rather hold scientist in school; if virtual not same impact Micah: Park Lawn does a Purdys chocolate fundraiser for Easter, Valentine's Day; their feedback is easy to run; good response Micah: Norseman does Plantables Alexis: two indigenous plant nurseries we could consider Micah: Need volunteers for cookie dough, grad committee; email council or fundraise email
Graduation	Graduation Micah: re: graduating classreached out to Facebook council group; money put aside will go to graduating class to use as they wish Other way—giving percentage from May to Sept and use for graduating class Do we have a preference as a council? Lisa: things we will have to pay for this year include big poster that says happy graduation; could be used year after year What are parents comfortable spending? How much? Nadia: good to have a budget to work toward; what fundraising can we tag to it. Lisa: talk to Colleen, Ms. Hibbert, ideas & pricing, put it together so council can do a vote Colleen: lots of ways we can do grad; want to make it special; first year for our school Lisa: book Crooked Cue; sell tickets



	If allowed could do a dance; could sell snacks and glow sticks Colleen: we will think about these things; limited on what we can bring in to sell Lisa: will put together guidelines; January to council vote
Pollinator program update	Pollinator program update Alexis: thank you to everyone who volunteered; we didn't meet our group minimum number; we did not match with being a neighbourhood improvement area; will email with ideas to be involved less costly next year

Action Items	Lead Member	Deadline
IXL note to parents	Connie	Connie to draft note; Colleen to send to parents in weekly email
volunteers needed for cookie dough, grad committee		email castlebarrocks@gmail.com or castlebar.fundraise@gmail.com
guidelines for fundraising (sales)	Lisa	Lisa to draft and council will vote January
learning apps suggestions	Colleen	teachers to be surveyed for best learning apps to complement at home learning (e.g., Prodigy)