

General Brock School Council Meeting

School Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
5:00 PM School Library

Meeting Minutes

1. Intro, Land Acknowledgement and Sign-In. Attendees:
2. School Council Updates:
 - Treasurer Update: Handout was provided regarding money raised and money spent by parent council:
 - a. Pizza Lunch: Total Earnings \$2, 491.80
 - Thank you to all our volunteers, pizza lunches are running smoothly
 - Thank you to admin for providing baggies and delivery of pizza to students who had ordered and not received their slices
 - b. Winter Fair & Bake Sale: Total Earnings \$564.80
 - The winter fair was a great success!
 - Thank you to Ms. Suzie for the décor
 - Thank you to parent council for volunteering their time to sell the baked goods
 - Thank you to all the parents who volunteered baked goods. There were enough baked goods to continue the sale the following day
 - Parents/ Families gave great feedback and would like more bake sales
 - c. Cookie (TerraCotta) Sales: Total Earnings \$626
 - Fairly simple to organize and set up
 - Recommended that fundraiser should be used every other year to keep families interested
 - Pick-up may be simplified:
 - May be separated from student exit
 - Order forms should accompany orders at dispatch
 - Pick-up should be a separate day from other events/ bake sales
 - d. Scientists in the class: Cost (\$922.65)
 - For kindergarten classes - Successfully run since 2016
 - e. Sports/ Jerseys: Cost (\$625) + (\$33)
 - School will pay \$625
 - Hockey Balls \$33
 - Requested game ball be bought for \$100
 - f. Allocated funds: \$10, 000 allocated to park and unused due to park not going over budget
 - Allocated funds have been used for sports and jerseys in item (e.)

- Allocated funds have been budgeted for future events/ classroom funding. Discussion was had detailing minutia of event planning
3. TDSB School Generated Funds Financial Plan is due at the end of the month.
Future events discussed:
- Family Event - Possible bake sale following School Play (Spring)
 - School Fundraiser - Continued Pizza lunches
 - School Fundraiser - Valentine's Day Candy Grams!
 - Thank you to parent council for providing heart shaped lollipops!
 - Possible photos with the Easter bunny (Donation/ fundraising?) Additional Bake sale?
 - Outdoor playday
 - Parent Council funds Free samosa's/ Freezies
 - Family Event - Cultural Event day (Possible)
 - Holi (middle of March Break)
 - Previous cultural presentations were exchanged between Presteign Elementary School and General Brock (Greek & South Asian Heritages)
 - Family Event - Movie night (Possible Movie night under the stars)
 - Possible fundraising with snacks
 - Funding for Babysitting courses for GR. 8 Students
 - (possible opening up to GR. 7 based on interest cap)
 - Requires permit and staff volunteer
 - Certificate received
 - 24 children in previous year
 - Teaches 1st aid, diaper changes, child care etc.
 - Prefer during school hours/ P.A. Day versus weekend
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4. Spirit Wear! Coming Soon!
- New vendor - Shark
 - Old vendor - TDSB Complaint form
 - Store will feature O.G. Logo (Blue & Yellow) and new BROCK Tees (various colours)
5. School Improvement Plan - Staff
- Literacy programs have been going well in all primary grades
 - Thank you to our volunteer staff working 1-on-1 with students that may need improvement
 - Focus on Indigenous Education in classrooms
 - Virtual Land Acknowledgements have been implemented
 - Focus on personal stories on the use of land have been used to get students to think about being the stewards of the First Nations lands
 - Tea & Talk - First "tea and talk" was held and provided parent/ caregiver feedback:
 - Focus on career paths especially for students entering high school
 - Possible input from community members, parents, staff etc.

- Success of field trip focused on Trades
 - Success of Organized sports/ Arts/ Music Extracurricular Activities
6. Appreciation Day for all the staff members volunteering their time and effort in engagements outside of the 9-4 hours
 7. Special Thanks to Ms. Statton and Ms. Radulovic for fostering an environment where school staff/ community members are able to volunteer and feel appreciated while removing barriers to run extracurricular programs. You have made an incredible team garnering school spirit to our already wonderful General Brock Family