

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 2024 02 07 Wednesday	
Time: 5:00-6:00 pm	
Summary	Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome/Sign In• Attendance of participants• Sharing Agenda• Approval of Minutes from previous meeting	<p>Please type your full name in the chat so we can take attendance of the participants. Thank you!</p> <p>2023 12 13 General Council Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Nishanthala Pauline Nedrick Kristen Browne Grace Hartmann</p>
Administrators' Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School activities Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sports- grade 7&8 students were joined by three other schools to learn basketball skills and play friendly games (December 13/23). Mr.Kitney taught an in-house girls basketball league. They learned all about skills and were able to play games. (Two weeks before and two weeks after the school break). Mr.Gilbert has been coaching the gr 7&8 volleyball league. The grade 7&8 baseball team has an upcoming tournament day on February 14th/24 at Alexander Sterling school.○ Ski Trip- The grade 4-8 students went on a ski trip on Feb 7/24. Approximately 99 students have attended and sessions take place for three consecutive weeks.○ Extra-Curricular Activities- The primary grades have been taking part in yoga classes 2x a week in the primary pod area where they learn simple yoga activities. They are able to bring their own yoga mat or use one from the school. O/T fitness (fun indoor fitness with kids) took part in January 25/24. This was a very well managed event with age appropriate stations, agility challenges,etc. The wellness committee helped out by leading teams and completing any needed tasks. While this event took place, the Meadowdale Math team was able to have a professional learning day. Another session will be taking place on

March 7/24. The school's Eco-Lab has been working on a few things. They put in a request for a bike rack and it was just installed last week. They are now looking at the possibility of hosting bike safety and maintenance sessions. The school council had a Food Drive initiative before the holiday break. The student president and grade 8 rep helped Ms.Nedrick deliver the items to the food bank. The council has also started a "We glove you" bin where new or gently used gloves, snow pants, hats, etc can all be donated. This bin has been a hit and has helped many students, especially with the ski lesson outings. The gr 7&8 wellness group (under the leadership of Mr. Mahone), have helped out in school activities including our OT fitness day, recess bags and planning upcoming events. They meet regularly. The "I belong Girls group) is a Big Brother/ Big Sister initiative/ 30 week program that Ms.Hebert applied for and is now in session. A facilitator comes in during lunch each Monday. They focus on leadership, different topic discussions, etc. There are currently 15-18 girls in attendance. The Cultural dance group meets every Wednesday and Friday (Thursday and Friday while skiing lessons take place). This group is supervised by Ms.Nedrick and Ms.Khan. Grade 4-8 students can take part and every month is a new dance. This is a great way for students to learn about culture, heritage, dance, etc.

- Term 1 Report Card/ Parent-Teacher Conferences- Report cards will be sent home next week. Interviews will be happening next week as well (Thursday evening and Friday morning).
- Scholastic Book Fair- flyers went home last week. Book fair takes place from February 12- February 16/24. Students can purchase books during recess time or after school between 315-4pm. Please use primary doors during after school hours. Library will be open until 6pm on the Thursday night and will also be open Friday morning for purchases while parent/teacher interviews are being done. Bookfair money will be used for our library resources.
- School Spirit Wear- Razorback t-shirts will soon be available again for purchase in a low cost, fundraising effort. More information to follow. Razorback hoodies will be postponed until the Fall season.

- Fundraising

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<p>Council</p>	
<p>Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council discussed the possibility of having a paint night and a DIY terrarium craft night. We are looking at hosting the events in the school gymnasium. Dates TBA. ● Kristen will create a flyer as an invitation once dates are set. Nish will create a poll to send out to families on the dates and time they would prefer ASAP. March 3, 4 or 5th for paint night and May 9 or 10 for the terrarium night. For paint night, we will try to collect and use recycled items as well (pop bottles, empty fruit sauce containers, etc). ● Price of event will be discussed and hopefully be kept low as we will also try to keep the costs of the materials on the lower side as well. It will be a limited number of seats, so the event will have to be capped at a certain number.
<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising activities and focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ suggestions https://www.fundscrip.com/ ○ Next fundraising target will be for students to be able to visit different art museums and different activities. Funds will help cover admission, etc. ○ Funds can also go towards Scientist in School sessions.
<p>Discussions/Questions</p>	<p>A question was asked about Meadowdale’s school musical and if one would be happening this year. Ms.Hartmann mentioned that one of the lead teachers is currently on maternity leave and that it is a lot of hands-on work to make these shows possible. Moving forward, the school will have one of these large musical events every three years or so. Michelle mentioned that when creating our special events flyer, we should also make note of where our fundraising money will be distributed within the school.</p>

Next Meeting Date	2nd Wednesday of the month: Proposal: March 6, 2024 instead of March 13 (March Break) Decided: March 20 to meet