

## SVPS School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December, 8, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call

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*Welcome & Sign-In (Persons in Attendance):*

*\*Meeting commenced at 6:34 p.m.*

Meena Sharma, Principal

Joella Connaught, Secretary

Joanne Marcano, Parent Member

Rosanna Edwards, Parent

*Regrets:*

Jackie Ventresca, Vice-Principal

Simone Lewis, Treasurer

Rishma Ramdath-Moorgen, Parent Member

Bridgette Rafuse, Parent & Staff Faculty Rep

Minutes Approved from November 2022 meeting: Yes

### ▪ **School Council Vacancies**

-The position of Chair has been filled by Joanne Marcano. All executive positions have been filled and are as follows below:

<b><i>School Council Position:</i></b>	<b><i>Filled By:</i></b>
Treasurer	Simone Lewis
Secretary	Joella Connaught
Chair/Co-Chair	Joanne Marcano
Parent Members	Rishma Ramdath-Moorgen, Joanne Marcano, Simone Lewis, Joella Connaught

### ▪ **Principal's Report:**

### SIP (School Improvement Plan) Meeting

- The school improvement plan meeting is set for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- The meeting will be held in person and a google form to determine expected number of attendees will be sent out.

### Safe & Caring Committee

- A mentoring program has been created and implemented.
- The program focuses on building leadership and social skills for students.
- Reading buddies program is back in place, with junior and intermediate students supporting primary students with reading.
- A student appreciation and hot chocolate morning has been planned. This will happen the last week before winter break.
- All the above noted was initiated and planned by students and teachers.

### Food Hampers

- The school will be receiving some hamper donations. Families can connect with Miguel Pink, the school community resource to arrange pick up.
- School council members can also let the school admin know of any families that may be interested. First priority goes to SVPS families, but can support others that may be in need.

### Volleyball Tournament

- The grade 8 students attended a volleyball sports tournament and won a game.

### Recognition Assemblies

- These assemblies will be held often throughout the school year and will celebrate learning in classrooms, TDSB Heritage & Character Traits months.
- Good news cards have been brought back and will also be celebrated at the assemblies.
- Parents are encouraged to attend the assemblies if they are able to.

### Holiday Concert

- The holiday concert is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be two showcases to accommodate parents/caregivers work schedules (one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m.)

### Kindness & Caring Tree

-There is a tree placed and decorated in the school lobby. Ornaments on the tree have kind messages written by the school community.

### Chess Club

-Chess club is in place for grade 4 and 5 students on Wednesdays during lunch period.

### Drop-in Program

-Drop-in sports program is in place on Thursdays. Grades 3 to 5 is during the lunch period. Grades 6 to 8 is after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### SSON (School Statement of Needs)

-The document is up for review and update.

-This can be done by School Council Chair acting as parent representative.

-Previous chairs did this, but also asked the school admin to share with wider parent/caregiver community for feedback.

-Aim is to provide document to school community for an opportunity to review and provide feedback.

### ▪ **Other Business**

#### 1. Update on 4-way stop/crosswalk Request:

-Brief discussion was had on pursuing request for a crossing guard.

-There is a separate application for this, school council felt it was a good idea to pursue.

#### 2. Holiday Raffle Event Planning:

-At November meeting, discussion was had on how the event could be facilitated for the 2022-2023 school year, with the idea to host the event in person at the holiday concert prior to concert performances.

-Rishma Ramdath-Moorgen offered to put to the baskets together (5 to 6 baskets)

- **Update:** The event will be planned for February in celebration of Family Day. Planning for the event to take place in January after the winter break.

*\*Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

*Next School Council Meeting to be held: January 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.*

**Items to complete before next school council meeting:**

- Complete December 2022 meeting minutes (Joella Connaught)
- Send copy of 2021-2022 SSON document to Ms. Sharma & Ms. Ventresca (Joella Connaught)
- Connect with city councillor RE: Cross-guard (Ms. Sharma)
- Connect with Ms. Uma for Treasury sign-over (Ms. Sharma, Simone Lewis)