



January 15, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

Principal: Michael Kanalac

Voting Members:

Co-Chairs: Sara Chow & Japmeen Johal

Treasurer: Brooke Hilditch

Secretary: Shauna Stokely

Communications Coordinators: Christie Ginger-Carson & Jessica Kuhn

Equity Liaison: *Vacant*

Safe and Caring Schools Representative: Gina Vivian

Parent Liaison: Jessie Singh

Fundraising Chair: Alyssa Wenzel

Voting Members: Lara Harris, Helen Kwan, Megan Lau

Teacher Representative: Bev Myhal

Support Staff Representative: Linda Regan-Boriska

1. Opening
Attendance: In-person: Sara Chow, Japmeen Johal, Bev Myhal, Gina Vivian, Meagan Lau, Shauna Stokely, Jessie Singh, Melissa Bangma, Colin D’Mello Online: Elaine Dibon-Smith, Stacey Lortz, Christie Ginger-Carson, Jessica Kuhn, Sarah Harwood, Amanda Brown, Lara Flynn, Helen Kwan, Alyssa Wenzel, Deanna Di Biasio, Lisa Lorefice
Land Acknowledgement
Thank you Pizza Volunteers, Safety volunteers, Poinsettia volunteers
Approval of previous minutes: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa
Approval of Agenda: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa

2. Treasurer Report

Opening balance : Largely unchanged from previous, with the deduction of 1 pizza lunch cost

AVAILABLE to use:~\$6,000

BUT: planning for next year:

→ Anticipate a carryover of ~\$2,500-\$3,000 for BBQ

→ Anticipate a communication bags spend (end of year): ~\$500

→ End of Year Awards: \$10 for character awards so approximate ~\$220 total

So really current total to spend: ~\$2780

3. Updates

ExtraEd Courses → some full. Starting this week. Will monitor success and feedback.

Council clean up of Community Room kitchen

→ Will do inventory of supplies.

→ Room available from 7am to 6pm or can operate under Girl Guide permit on Wednesday nights. No other community groups use that space at present.

Action Items:

Parents: E-mail council if you have feedback re ExtraEd.

→ Council will determine timing of this offline.

→ Comms team will post asking for additional cleaning volunteers if possible

4. Council Positions

Vacant Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion position

→ The work is not solo and some parts of this position have already been completed for this term

→Co-chairs reached out to possible interested parents, but this was unsuccessful

→ If there is any interest, this can be a great way to get involved

Action Items:

Any parents who are interested, please reach out to the SAB Council email.

Comms: will send a message in class chats

5. Grade 5 Council Update

-Grade 5 dance: Feb 9

Tickets sold at door: \$5/person or \$20/family. Lots of food and activities for the whole family. Flyer went home with information

Action Items:

Committee to call out for volunteers as needed

6. Parking update

<p>-Signs have arrived to put on all 3 gates to keep them closed.</p> <p>-Pylons are ordered to reduce entry/exit to single lanes and/or to reduce parking where buses are.</p> <p>-Ongoing reminders for parents where it is ok to park for drop-off/pick-up.</p> <p>-Feedback that east lot is much busier, but improved safety in the west lot</p> <p>-Suggestions for drumming up volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Repost → Asking people personally, especially parents who are there in person for a while chatting → Council challenge: Bring a friend → In-person signage: ?kids making signs that are child driven - sandwich boards, kinder fence areas, double doors for entry & visuals 	<p>Action Items: Signs to be installed.</p> <p>Ongoing volunteers needed to help with parking AM: 8:15-8:40 PM 2:45-3:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Comms Request seeking volunteers → Ms. Lortz & Ms. Myhall will get their students buddied to help create signs/flyer visuals. Mr. Kanalac agreed to print these for distribution.
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<p>7. Autism Update</p>	
<p>ASD Primary class (grades 1, 2, & 3): Raise awareness about neurodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Universal human rights for all - statements read → April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day. Canada has Autism Awareness Month in October. → Suggestion: wear blue on April 2 to mark the date. As per Mr. Kanalac, this day is already noted - flag is raised and there are additional announcements to note the Autism awareness, will show special Sesame Street feature for kids in K-grade1/2, and the puzzle project. →Council can fund stickers and kids can bring in money to purchase stickers. Not trying to do a focused fundraiser for the ASD class as that class gets the funding and support they need from the school/board. That class has a special whiteboard, ipads, chromebooks, etc. So suggestion for making fundraiser for Autism Speaks. →Some integration has been occurring for recess, and also special assemblies (e.g., Mad Science) 	<p>Action Items: Council to source blue stickers for April 2?</p>

<p>8. Proposals for funding</p>	
<p>1. Catherine Little - DEI spend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Booked for Feb 12 with Ms. Botham → Ask for \$500 for a half day presentation. Will have 3 different assemblies 	<p>Vote: \$500 spend → PASSED: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa, Christie</p>

<p>2. Carnaval proposal: Participation is school wide. Request is for funding for pancake mix, reusable plates, consumables like styrofoam cups. Michael's perspective: Don't have access to the two costco items (pancake mix, Total spend \$350</p>	<p>\$350 spend → PASSED: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa, Christie</p>
<p>3. Extend the teacher allotment to the newly hired EA: Previous \$100 discretionary spend vote passed but new staff member was not part of that. Request to include her in this funding.</p>	<p>\$100 spend → PASSED: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa, Christie</p>
<p>4. Carryover for Curriculum Night BBQ (for 2024-2025 school year): \$2500</p>	<p>\$2,500 spend → PASSED: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa, Christie</p>
<p>5. Carryover Zipper Communication Bags & Character Award - \$720</p>	<p>\$720 spend → PASSED: Sara, Japmeen, Jessica, Jessie, Shauna, Gina, Bev, Lara, Helen, Megan, Alyssa, Christie</p>
<p>SO current total: \$2330 remaining</p>	

8.A Seeking additional proposals for funding

→ Request from council to teachers/staff: How can we support academic success with funding/programs/supplies? How can we support special education (not the ASD class in particular but special education at large).

→ Trevor Brown is going to present to the entire staff and there will be a school wide audit of math manipulatives in each class. Possibly going to need funding for additional math manipulatives if the school's numeracy budget runs out.

→ Council can anticipate an ask for Angel Fund for spring swimming program

→ For literacy: Ms. Lortz stated that parents need to make nightly reading a ritual and spend time with their child, asking open-ended comprehension questions, helping them map sounds to letters, and seeing if issue is at decoding or fluency, etc. instead of having student do workbooks independently

- Follow-up online comment: Supporting foundational reading skills such as decoding, fluency, etc., may not well understood by parents

9. Fundraising Proposals for Council

<p>-Box of cards: most profit and interest →Alyssa agreed to spearhead this fundraiser. →Will take steps to widely communicate that families can opt out →Request: To include staff in fundraising messaging</p> <p>-Art show: suggested to defer to next school year as plan to transition to music next year.</p>	<p>Michael Kanalac: approved fundraiser</p>	<p>Alyssa to connect with Michael to confirm dates, communications; other council members to support</p>
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<p>10. April 26: Gym booked</p>	
<p>-Movie vs Dance: i.e., Fundraiser (dance) vs Community event (movie) -If funds are raised, will need meeting afterwards to decide on funds so idea to have dance in April and movie in May</p>	<p>Action Items: -?Michael Kanalac to book gym for additional date in May. This will cancel a community permit -Further discussion and planning deferred to offline and/or future council meeting</p>

<p>Principals Update (By Michael Kanalac)</p>
<p>Parents supporting literacy: Michael will ask TDSB Speech-Language Pathologist to come put on a free short workshop for parents around supporting reading at home</p> <p>Camera update: in queue. \$7-9K in reserve in the budget as SAB has to cover 50% of the cost.</p> <p>Kindergarten Garden update: TDSB landscaping department: work order for a quote. They won't come until the spring. <i>Wishlist: 6ft by 6ft of not pressure treated wood showing up in that same back corner spot</i></p> <p>Staffing: EA position filled</p> <p>Skating started today</p> <p>Extra Ed started today. Each day is a learning curve to make sure that all students know their programs, meeting spot, etc.</p> <p>Literacy committee working hard for next week's literacy event</p> <p>Carnaval: huge undertaking. Thank you to Mme Mahaney and her team for that endeavor.</p> <p>PD day for this Friday: assessment period. First report card coming on February 12.</p>

Spring swim for grades 3-5. Michael is working with the Superintendent. Plan for Tuesdays starting March 24 with the pool.

