



**March 4, 2024 - Meeting Minutes**

**Principal: Michael Kanalec**

**Voting Members:**

**Co-Chairs: Sara Chow & Japmeen Johal**

**Treasurer: Brooke Hilditch**

**Secretary: Shauna Stokely**

**Communications Coordinators: Christie Ginger-Carson & Jessica Kuhn**

**Equity Liaison: Jessica Jagroo**

**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**

<b>1. Opening</b>
<b>Attendance:</b> In-person: Sara Chow, Japmeen Johal, Jessie Singh, Melissa Bangma, Shauna Stokely, Gina Vivian, Christie Ginger-Carson, Jessica Jagroo, Brooke Hilditch, Alyssa Wenzel  Online: Helen Kwan, Jessica Kuhn, Lara Harris, Amanda Brown, Elaine Dibon-Smith, Reena (Daycare), Lisa Lorifice
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>
<b>Thank you</b> to the Gina for Parking Lot Safety, Pizza Lunch Volunteers, Alyssa organizing the card fundraiser, and Sara for getting donated apples and organizing for the Big Crunch Snack event.
<b>Approval of previous minutes:</b> Alyssa Wenzel, Japmeen Johal, Sara Chow, Shauna Stokely, Jessica Jagroo, Gina Vivian, Christie Ginger-Carson, Jessica Kuhn, Helen Kwan, Lara Harris
<b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Alyssa Wenzel, Japmeen Johal, Sara Chow, Shauna Stokely, Jessica Jagroo, Gina Vivian, Christie Ginger-Carson, Jessica Kuhn, Helen Kwan, Lara Harris

<b>2. Treasurer Report</b>	
<p>Opening Balance: <b>\$22,906.88</b>  Accounts Payable: (\$3,000 teacher spend, \$4,500 class spend, \$500 gr5 committee, \$776.42 mad scientist, \$2,906 astronomy, etc.) - <b>\$21,534.24</b>  → <b>Available: \$1,372.74</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items:</b>  Only ~5 teachers have used the teacher spend so far. Ask for teachers to spend funds. Receipts must be submitted by <b>May 1, 2024</b> for teacher spend.  → Reminder to be sent to teachers to submit receipts by deadline.</p> <p>For experience/class trip spend: reconciliation will be left to the very end of the school year. Maureen to bill Council at the end of the school year.</p>

<b>3. DEI Update</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approached by Alderwood Action After School Committee</b> to collaborate for joint activities and to share costs and increase participation. Discussion of joint goals and priority to have a broad based target instead of targeting a specific group.  -Previous challenges: Attendance can be a barrier - may only have a small group in attendance.  -Suggestion: Handout for parents who couldn't make it</li> <li>2. Goal to increase discussion around International Women's Day and ?keynote speaker (planning for next year), Anti-Bullying. TDSB recognizes 'Pink Shirt Day'.</li> <li>3. <b>Catherine Little Event:</b> All classes came to the library. Teacher feedback - integrated curriculum goals (e.g., process to publish a book, roles; cultural lessons).</li> <li>4. <b>Autism Awareness Day</b> is April 6 - Wear Blue</li> </ol>	<p>Jessica to meet with Catherine (daycare); targeting to put a proposal for event/program for review by the next meeting.</p> <p><b>-Suggestion:</b> Another author experience next year.  -Gina to put in comms request.</p>

<b>4. Council Initiatives</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Big Crunch:</b> Donation from No Frill's (Jeff, Rose, and Herb's - down at Lakeshore and Brown's line). Four cases of apples and a bag of baby carrots. ~\$250 value.</li> <li>2. <b>Math Manipulatives:</b> All distributed to families that attended the session.</li> <li>3. <b>Dance Committee</b> - April 26: send name to the email and you will be</li> </ol>	<p>Sara to pick up tomorrow and bring to the staff room.</p> <p>Outstanding: Feedback session to spend out the \$200 for the grant money prior to May 31. Goal - week after March break as there are not lots of permits for this. Will set up a meeting for the dance committee for further planner. Have</p>

<p>connected to Lisa. -Theme established. Have determined activities, ticket prices, etc.</p> <p><b>4. Movie Night:</b> Give back event to the school community.</p>	<p>reached out for donations in the community who have previously donated. Will ask for donated items - food, prizes, can sponsor an activity station, ?silent auction table.</p> <p>Looking for volunteers to lead the event.</p>
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<p><b>5. Safety</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking: Gina is solo volunteer.</li> <li>• Mr. Kanalac has ordered more signs for the gate between the colas and the parking lot because it should remain closed</li> <li>• Trying to source a confidential commemorative plaque for the memorial tree</li> <li>• Dogs should not be on school property.</li> </ul>	<p>Request for school to also send message regarding no dogs allowed.</p>

<p><b>6. Grade 5 Council Update</b></p>	
<p><b>Dace</b> netted ~\$6,000, but profit was ~\$5700 Grade 5 committee to return the \$500 back to council.</p>	

<p><b>7. Box of Cards Fundraiser</b></p>	
<p><b>Last count:</b> Over 330 orders confirmed and there will still be last minute orders. ~\$4,000 profit. Assume it will take a couple of days past the deadline. Cash online has been extended to Wednesday for payments.</p>	<p><b>Action Items:</b> Alyssa to look at payments and returns to reconcile the lists and follow-up with any families as needed.</p> <p>Media push to sell final ~50 boxes for the tablet and gift certificates. Every 3 boxes that get sold will get the family a ballot to go into a draw.</p>

<p><b>8. Executive Update</b></p>
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1. **International Women's Day:** We celebrate women every day. Most staff are females.  
-Maintaining Madame Rovas' legacy in the creation and maintenance of Young Women On the Move Club (Mme. Brown, Mme Dibon-Smith, and Mme Shezand) that focuses on women, potential with what society and life offers you; females get together away from male counterparts. Club went to Runnymede PS for a Women's Fair Workshop with a Keynote Speaker (AI professional), the students met other women in the Engineering field. Group is working on affirmation posters. Targeted for grades 4-5 students and some grade 3s (depends on capacity).  
-Field trip in the spring with a focus on female entrepreneurs; trying to include boys on this trip so they can also see women in different roles.
2. **Kindergarten Sandbox update:** quote - \$13,622.39 for a properly built sandbox filled with sand. Principal's wishlist has been targeting removing carpets, blinds, etc. with the idea of the items totalling ~\$10,000. This year's wishlist was changed to the sandbox, which has been **approved**. Unknown timing but Mr. Kanalac said that he wants it in operation for September.
3. **Soccer post/baseball diamond update:** soccer posts were removed pre-pandemic on the advice of TDSB playground architect due to big hollows between the posts, ground compacting, and grass being destroyed. Instead schools are purchasing small portable nets so they can be rotated to different areas. Nets are available to use, but most of the time kids are creating their own with natural items/outside clothes.  
-Baseball diamond: unkempt, infield screening needed, weed removal, etc. Mr. Kanalec will talk to TDSB to try and determine whose responsibility this is - TDSB versus City of Toronto.
4. **SLP literacy event update:** Kristin Bouchee - on Thursday, March 28 available to present ~30-45 minutes for **Science of Reading. 5:45-6:30**. Has done many of these presentations. Must be in-person, not virtual.  
Discussion about babysitting challenges, save the date.  
Presentation will for English literacy - target age of K-3ish depending on the reading level of some of the students.  
Will speak to foundations of reading and how families can support literacy activities at home to coincide with school literacy activities.