

SMPS School Council Meeting Minutes



November 22, 2023 6:30-8:30 pm

Steve MacLean Public School Library

Present	Name	Position
	James Shouldice	Chair
	Tristin Chi	Vice-Chair
	Atif Rashid	Treasurer
	Patrick De Pape	Secretary
	Laurie Rogers	Volunteer Coordinator
	Ray Tropiano	Pizza Coordinator
	Lili Yan	Webmaster
	Jessica Gwilliam	Parent-at-Large
	Kim Pescod	Parent-at-Large
	Lynn Vanesse	Parent-at-Large
	Marianne Gee	Parent-at-Large
	Tamara Webb	Parent-at-Large
	Christina Gillanders	Principal
	Ben Ovington	Vice-Principal
	Marianne Dietrich	Teacher Representative
	Samantha Lauzon	

Welcome (Tristin)

- Call to Order
- Land Acknowledgement
- Agenda Approved
- September 2023 Meeting Summary Approved

Update from Administration

Overview (Christina)

- Limited spending this year.
- Outdoor education grant:
- Outdoor equipment to be purchased.
- Exploring pavement painting, running track, and targets on the ground for bean bag toss.
- Pricing is reasonable (\$4000-\$5000).
- Scaled site plan for long-lasting impact.
- SIPSA creation by Christina, undergoing training.
- Support for the school with healthy snacks.
- ECE positions are down, 4 unfilled, because it's a challenging job
- Scholastic book fair happening this week.

Staff Update (Marianne)

- Kinders adapting to cold weather, dressing for outdoors.
- Climber closed, using the space underneath.
- Borden ball tryouts ongoing, team formation in December.
- Junior art club fall season wrapping up, new 6-week session in mid-January.
- Student-led Minecraft club in progress.
- Band started, upcoming performance.
- Boys and girls volleyball practice underway.
- Grade 8s considering high school options, Mr. Miles available for questions.
- Stars program is up and running.
- The Remembrance day ceremony involved students from all grades.
- Beauty and the Beast musical starting up, auditions and callbacks completed.
- Discussion about school announcements.

Events

BINGO (Laurie)

- Successful event with 90+ participants.
- Cost breakdown: \$116 for food and markers, \$76 concession profit, \$40 overall cost.

Spirit Wear (Laurie)

• Unable to sell through the school.

• Existing link promotion without new offerings accepted.

Halloween Dance (Samantha)

- 440 attendees.
- Popcorn didn't break even, but gained on glowsticks.
- Overall success, positive feedback from DJ.
- 30-min sensory time.
- Spent under \$1300.

Carnival (Lynn)

- Waiting on quotes.
- Considering replacing Little Rays.
- Plans to keep face painting, add a craft corner.
- RSS comes back.
- Exploring balloon art and taco truck.

Bylaws:

• Appears good, Pat to check if Section 2 and 3.5 are discrepant based on Laurie's comment.

Treasurer Report (Tristin):

- Halloween DJ lost her check.
- Book sales deposits pending, James to investigate outstanding deposits.

January 19th Event:

- Craft night is the most popular from the poll on Facebook.
- Tristin organizing a crafting event at the school:
- Paint night as a possibility.
- Scrap robots with spare parts.
- Picture frame making.

Spring Makers Market:

- Setup on Friday night.
- Running on Saturday from 10 to 4(?).
- Charge for tables.
- Coordinate tables, use school cash online for payments.

Pizza Program (Ray):

- Successful (best day of the week).
- Considering another provider (Dominos) due to quality issues.
- Dominos can deliver at 10:30.
- Ray to set up a new pizza provider, extra pizza bags are \$750.

Any Other Business

- Pat to review Section 2 and 3.5 based on Laurie's comment and provide feedback.
- Explore funding options for extracurricular supplies.
- Investigate replacing the playground structure.
- Look into the possibility of paying for speakers.
- Christina and Ben to provide specific suggestions on spending money.
- Plan and organize a multicultural event for May.
- Confirm and communicate updates made to the website by Tristin.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn (Tristin)

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: January 24th, 2024