



## **November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Voting Members Attendance:** Mallory Drysdale, Shauna Rempel, Ashley Wood-Suszko, Alfredo Cabeza, Cameron Westland, Jessica Mason, Kim Welton, Danna Barak, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Goodfellow, Angela Graham, Domitillah Antoinette, Carla de Jong, Andrea Coe, Megan Anderson

Not in attendance: Eugenia Rosenblun-Bourdieu, Jessica Moody, Midori Miyamoto, Natalie De Luca

**Principal:** Lovenia Gorman

**Teacher:** Adeline Koon

### **6:35 : Meeting Opening:**

- Domitilla opens the meeting

### **6:37 : Land Acknowledgement (midori)**

### **6:44: Attendance (Angela)**

- Currently have 15/20 voting members in attendance, which is sufficient for quorum

### **6:46: Executive Election (Domitillah)**

- Vote to amend by-laws
- Increase number of parents in council
- New members added (to be added into Whatsapp chat)
- **Vote to amend 25 - APPROVED**

### **6:55: Principal's Update (Lovenia)**

- Holiday Hamper – organized through TDSB social work program. Supporting a TDSB family that is not in our school. Outside of the council's hamper program.
- Food and Sock Drive – SHAC (school health action committee) organizing
- Smile Drive – cards for people living in long term care within our community
- Sing-A-Long – last week of December. Details to follow.
- School Budget:

- i. Vendors – highly advised to only use vendors who are approved by TDSB. Going to impact musical next year and some of the vendors we’ve used historically.
- ii. *Calming Compass* – work with on a smaller capacity (along with school social worker). Difference between bullying and conflict. There is a parent presentation for \$1,000 that they can do for up to 100 parents/caregivers.
- iii. *Recreate Place* – did the mural a few years ago. Looking at some indoor options at a reasonable cost. Cost TBD. Still need to do sustainability consultation.
- iv. Vulnerable Sector Check – thank you to everyone who has done it so far
- v. Donations to date - \$5,000 in fall fete and \$20 for the Library
- vi. Current budget is based on 408 students but projected increase to 425. \$60K total budget

## 7:00: Budget Discussion

- Organized ourselves on a Nov fiscal. So essentially our fundraising is done for the year ahead
- Spring social will be raising funds for next years
- Musical
  - i. Musical made \$13K of the appr \$20K cost
  - ii. Goes up and down based on what is available (e.g. Ms. Geison)
  - iii. This time next year we’ll have a better idea of what will be available
  - iv. November through May programming
  - v. Balancing out amount of amazing sports
  - vi. \$5K ask
- Movie Night
  - i. Spend is for licensing
  - ii. Makes all the money back in concessions
  - iii. \$2K
- STEM Night
  - i. Midori offered to run (as per Mallory)
  - ii. One night science night opened to the whole school
  - iii. Discussion regarding vendors and costs
  - iv. Maybe draw upon the parent community as vendors instead
  - v. Jess Moody wanted to be part of the STEM committee
  - vi. **ACTION – put a call out to parent who could participate**
  - vii. Discussion of class budget or top up for supplies
  - viii. **\$1,000 (IMPORTANT NOTE: supplies only, no gift cards)**
- Library Learning Commons
  - i. Top priority stuff: \$10K
- Equity and Garden
  - i. \$5K request
  - ii. Biggest spend is \$3K for Earth Eden
  - iii. \$1K for Earth Buddies

- Mental Health and Well-being
  - i. Hawks Nest
  - ii. Variety of mental health pieces
  - iii. Adjust to \$5,200
- Literacy Event
  - i. Adjust to Forest of Reading for \$1,000
- Teacher Supplies
  - i. 27 teachers – match TDSB allocation? \$500?
  - ii. \$10K request
- Tech
  - i. Chromebooks are phased out for grade 5 (now being distributed at grade 7 and 9)
  - ii. Students need to know how to use a Chromebook as of grade 3
  - iii. Teaching digital citizenship is part of the curriculum
  - iv. \$16K
- Scientists in the School
  - i. Bring scientists into the school, generally 1-6
  - ii. \$3,500
- Art
  - i. Andrea and ? volunteered to chair art
  - ii. \$3K
- Instrumental Music
  - i. Lovenia suggested to remove
  - ii. \$0
- Sports Teams & Bussing
  - i. Recess and intramural equipment 985
  - ii. Transportation 1200
  - iii. Discussion of other sport teams (curling, rugby, badminton). Requirement to have a staff volunteer to coach it. Most of teams are 4-6 and it costs a lot to pay for refs and supply teachers during tournaments
  - iv. \$2,500
- Graduation
  - i. \$2,500
- Parent Engagement
  - i. \$500
- Holiday Hampers
  - i. Gift cards for families at the school
  - ii. \$1,500
- Equity Access
  - i. \$1,000
- Special Opportunities
  - i. Intentionally small to be spent ad hoc
  - ii. \$500

- Admin Expenses
  - i. \$500 (offset by TDSB allocation apprx \$300?)
- Other expenses
  - i. Writing workshop (\$350)+Kindie make-a-book (\$150)
- Process
  - i. Every spend needs to have a parent monitoring the budget spend. Needs to have a clearer line of communication to ensure approved budgets are followed
  - ii. **ACTION ITEM: Next meeting – assign a parent to each budget line to ensure lines are spent and tracked.**
- Trim \$15K out of this budget and move some to the spring (outside of Learning Commons)
  - i. -\$5K from the Teacher Supplies. Revisit in the spring
  - ii. Mental Health – lower to \$4,000 (-\$1,200)
  - iii. Music -\$500
  - iv. Discussion about Graduation
    - Initially discussed removing funds entirely for graduation and instead supporting separate fundraising efforts. *Decision made to allocate some funds.*
  - v. Lower Chromebooks
- Voting to Approve the Budget
 

No objections. **MOTION PASSED**
- Idea of fundraising for other schools
  - a. Need to know if we're open to it
  - b. Yes, but need to be up front with it – idea suggested to perhaps tie to the spring social or a specific fundraising activity
  - c. **MOTION PASSED.** Voting on the checkbox on the school non-generated funds. Any opposed? NO. Acknowledge that we would have full authority on amount, timing and usage, but open to the conversation
- **ADJOURNED**