



## January 21, 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, Jessica Moody, Midori Miyamoto, Natalie De Luca

**Not in attendance:**

**Principal:** Lovenia Gorman

**Teacher:** Adeline Koon (online)

**6:37 :** Meeting Opening & Land Acknowledgement (Domitillah)

**6:39: Approval of previous meeting's minutes (Domitillah)**

**6:40: Principal's Update (Lovenia)**

- Bullying prevention plan rolling out to all classes on conflict resolution and bullying prevention; starting now until end of school year; how to support students best; change use of language and overuse; meaning of conflict vs bullying; encouraging families to review plan together
- Indoor mural:
  - Possibility of mural on inside of school; Recreate Place; connected to learning Commons; same company as outdoor mural; proposal
  - School board has approved location; priming of walls and adhesives
  - Group will come and engage with class; all classes
  - Recreate place would work with teachers and class in engagement sessions in library
  - Work together to find concept and theme for mural
  - Artist to come in and paint along with children
  - Intention of mural is to be interactive - outside of main office and wraps around main office to library - something children can add to tree related to belonging and mattering; celebration
  - All classes to be involved in creation of mural, and constantly interactive; however only one class will be involved in actual painting of mural; interactive and interchangeable

- \$14K - share costs of mural with budget - school council ask is \$4000 - approval is needed sooner than later
- Volunteering - faster and easier process for approval; check weekly updates
- Extracurriculars - many available grades 1-6 ; some have started others to come; done by teachers on own time
- Junior grades - more options available; Primary grade fewer but still some available
  - Student health committee, earth buddies, cards club, library helpers, choir, forest reading, Homework club, dungeons and dragons, rainbow club
  - Primary girls at bat; choir, dance club cross country, walking club (wednesday morning)
- Donations for December: some money has been donated; specifically to be donated to tech and art
- Met with nutrition program from TDSB; Howard earmarked for funding in phase 4 - Sept/Oct 2026. To include morning snack; fruit, whole grain , protein- provided for all students
  - Only partially funded by TDSB; school will have to contribute some amount

#### **6:54: Financial Update (Alfredo)**

- Things are progressing, \$40000 net of all outstanding cheques
- There should be at least one council member in each committee. *Example: Movie Night*
- Budgets - could use help with allocation from november have leads for most; could also use help with understanding pace of budgets
- Taking guess on what budget will be comparing from last year's
- Want to be able to allocate money
- Art committee - \$3000 allocated; need to understand how funds will be spent; needs to be spent by March 2026
- Mural request : Committee doesn't have \$4700 - all money has been allocated; have allocated more than actual funds expected to be raised; will need to figure out where money is coming from; can mural be part of library commons fundraising since it is attached;
- when doing Readathon - can it be included in fundraising for mural and learning commons
- **7:00 Direct ask possible for raising funds for the mural?** Pooling of art funds; classes involved can have separate fundraising event afterwards
- Can money from council allocated for tech be moved around elsewhere

#### **7:15: Committee and Club updates (Domitillah)**

- Barbershop - wanted to make more, but news didn't spread as much as possible \$205 + 100; free hair with tip going to school fundraiser
- Need to get fundraising ideas out earlier to give families time to spread the word; can't be advertised from school directly - cannot go through TDSB - can go through Class Reps
- Donations can go through school cash online (for library commons) can e-transfer council email for other donations

- 7:19 Adeline; teachers would like to know which committees are approved and how much do they get; teachers unclear what got approved and if they can go ahead with certain things
- Alfredo to put together summary - have approved larger categories (tech, science, garden, health and wellbeing) - if they want to get money they need to partner with committee that is getting money
- Jungle Sport (4 days \$4700 also dependant on time within the year)- was asked but a lot of unknown as to costs
- \$1000 left in sports committee
- Teachers need to confirm date and usage of money - if teachers are going to book scientists in school, need to inform by Feb 28 otherwise if not, money will be reallocated

#### **7:34 Other business**

- Grad committee - budget 2000; any constraints?
- Recruit grade 6 parents; parents already reached out wanting to volunteer
- Grade 6 parent volunteers needed in English; working with class reps to get in contact with them
- Council has funds to help with hoodies - can dip into equity funds to help out any families that need it
- Hoping to cover yearbook; hoodies to be purchased - option to buy for oneself and another
- Mandy to host graduation after party - separate from TDSB; pay what you can event; all invited
- new grant stream for outdoor play Toronto foundation - capital infrastructure; scooter racks, kindergarten playground; closes end of February; look into who can apply; parents can do on behalf of school, later get signature from Lovenia

#### **7:42 Alfredo**

- Spiritwear purchases
- Waterbottles; backpacks
- Fundraising possibilities; but also just interest
- Need new person to spearhead project - anyone interested

#### **7:45 - Gym rejuvenation question ; facilities**

- Stairs seem to be not up to code?
- On list of being replaced in future

#### **7:50 Adjourned**

**Next meeting: Wednesday February 18 2026**

#### **Any questions or comments?**

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