

TIES School Council Meeting

February 12th 2024 - 6 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Amanda Leakey, Barbara Davison, Lauren Gordon, Aundrea Bright, Andrea Phillips, Tina Heurter, Jason Page, Naomi Elias, Lianne Swann, Kristin Hambleton, Dawn Foley

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Minutes from December 11, 2023 were approved by Lauren Gordon and seconded by Andrea Phillips
Agenda was approved by Naomi Elias and seconded by Jason Page

Principals Report – Aundrea Bright

- The Rainbow Spectrum Club organized having valentines sent to Fox Run for all of their residents. All 114 of them!
- The PUP room is working on life experiences and visiting community sites. They have set up a hair salon in their classroom and hope to prepare the students for hair cuts. They also have a trip to the local movie theatre planned. They requested that council assist in the cost of the transportation and experience in the amount of \$250. This was motioned by Naomi Elias and seconded by Jason Page.
- The projected enrollment for 2024/2024 school year is 311
 - o Kindergarten registration is now opened and the Information Night is on February 27th
- There have been no updates on the potential bell time changes
- Tutoring – there have been no plans for the school board to resume this. If possible council would like to obtain the statistics of the program (#'s, hours etc.) and then send letters showing the benefits to the Board/Province.

Teachers Report – Kristin Hambleton

- February is Black History Month and all are taking part. There have been read alouds, audio biographies and other literacy initiatives.
- There is an ongoing student led project with Madame Caine. There is a Café Cart that goes around on Fridays to the staff with coffee and baked goods available for purchase. The funds are being raised for school trips.
- Sports
 - o Volleyball – we have 2 teams attending a tournament for the grades 5/6 at GSS
 - o Intramurals for grades 5/6 are starting. They include: dodgeball, basketball, floor hockey).
 - o Newcomb ball – there was a tournament held at Linklater for the grade 4's
- EQAO testing
 - o will be coming soon for grades 3 & 6
 - o there is a package every 2 weeks with sample questions for teachers, this is helping prepare students on how to work through this style of multiple choice questions
- Hundreds Day was on Friday. There were many activities for the classrooms
- Valentines Day – the theme was friendship & kindness, students were also welcomed to wear red
- The Kindergarten classrooms have a fun Chinese New Year theme
- There is a new staff member in the Kindergarten classroom. Isabel Hammond is a part time ECE. There are also 2 student teachers at the school from Queens University.

Council member changes

- One of our members has moved and is no longer a part of our school community. As per Section 1.5 of the Thousand Islands Elementary School – School Council By-Laws the vacancies may be filled. There was a vote of the members present and it did not pass to fill the vacancy.

Treasurers Report – Barbara Davison

- The balance of our account is \$8,003.21 (no changes)

- Some upcoming debts will include a council banner and outdoor equipment (previously passed in December)

Fundraising Report

- Movie Night on Friday!
- We would like to prepare the plan for a spaghetti night in the Fall
- Naomi put forward a request for council to purchase a popcorn machine for future events. The cost is \$550 + taxes. This was motioned by Jason Page and passed by Barbara Davison

Additional Items

- Council will use the email ties@ucdsb.com so parents are able to reach out to the council chair(s) when required. This email will go direct to Ms. Jean and then she will forward to the appropriate parties. Parents can also find council related items and past minutes on the schools website at [School Council - Thousand Islands Elementary School \(ucdsb.on.ca\)](http://ucdsb.on.ca)
- Agenda – we will send out a brief overview of a typical meeting and any specific agenda items to the school community ahead of the next meeting. This is being done to see if it encourages additional people to attend the meetings.