

**Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes -
Feb 20, 2024 in Paisley Road Public School Library**

Date: Feb 20, 2024

Meeting Called by: Logan Kennedy Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Greg Routenburg, Laura Vanderveldt, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Logan Kennedy, Annica Napier, Sara King, Aaron Sennitt, Carla Anderson, Kara-Lynn Bowers, Peter Hulley, Andrea Stader, Stacy Ashmeade

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

Topic 2: Review and Acceptance of November's Minutes

- Laura made a motion to approve. Seconded by Heather.

Topic 3: Principal's Report & Introduction (Carla Anderson)

1. Superintendent Visit: Our Superintendent visited on Thursday, January 18th. The focus of our discussions were around Reading and Math data.
2. Grade 3 PD will take place on March 6th. This professional learning highlights Grade 3 instruction, assessment tools, EQAO supports, and resources.
3. Math Support Teacher in our school to support students who scored in the at-risk range on the grade 3 math screener.
4. A Math Facilitator will be presenting to staff about a tool called Knowledge Hook that teachers can use to support students in their math learning.
5. Welcome to...
 - a. Mr. Dodds (0.5 EA)
 - b. Mr. Gillette (LTO SERT)
 - c. Ms. Hind (0.2 FDK Planning Teacher)
6. French Immersion Kindergarten Registration closed on January 26th. We are currently at cap and all on-time applicants were invited to the program.
7. Hired 2 Lunchroom Supervisors
8. Celebrating Black Heritage, Black Brilliance and BackFutures Month by having daily announcements highlighting Canada's Black history through stories from different incredible Black change makers. Teachers will be sharing the learnings from classrooms through displays in the hallways. This is work in progress. Staff are also working on using the Equity Funds provided by School Council to invite someone in to engage/perform for our students.

9. National Sweater Day took place on February 1st. The temperature was turned down 2 degrees in the school to help raise awareness about climate change and modify behaviours around sustainability.
10. Chef À l'École program came to Paisley on February 5th and 6th. Thank you to School Council for your support for the program. Students and staff were delighted about the learning and experience.
11. Report Cards are accessible online now.
 - a. **Will make sure there's a note on the website notifying families that they are available.**
12. Sock Drive was a result of the The Social Action Club who hosted a sock drive to help people without homes in downtown Guelph. They collected 200+ pairs of socks!
13. Lunch room Supervisor was hired last week. Ms. Yi began working with us for both nutrition breaks. Please extend a warm welcome to her when you meet her.

Topic 4: Teacher's Report (Aaron Sennitt)

- Some conversation about the Kindergarten Yard and that it is an area of concern in terms of the mud and need for some improvements in terms of play-ability.
 - Using wood chips on the mud?
 - Replacing/adding to the equipment
 - Where would the funds be needed/allocated for this?
 - Could we add a fundraising element to Family Fun Night for this specific area? Especially because we invite new families with incoming JK kids. We have time to figure this out...(chocolate bars? Craft sale?)
 - **Laura requested that the teachers come up with a budget/goal for this initiative.**

Topic 5: Treasurer's Report (Laura Vanderveldt)

- More details found at the end of the minutes
- Teachers are starting to use their allocated Classroom Funds.
 - Can the CYC also receive a classroom fund? **Laura will look into this.**
- We have given funds to one field trip, so likely when weather improves we will see more requests come in. There is a dollar amount allocated per student (around \$15)
- Chef A L'Ecole happened and went well.
- Dance-A-Thon is coming up, we have allocated at least \$3000 (i.e. hope to receive that much in fundraising amounts) but there will likely be more, so we could possibly use some of the surplus to assist in the Kindergarten Yard Revitalization.
- Evan Woolfrey has looked into Board Approved 3D printers. He has been given the go ahead to spend the board-approved money that has been allocated, and if there are more funds needed we can review at the end of the year.

Topic 6:

- Dance-A-Thon Friday March 8th (Friday before March break)
 - Need to get the fundraising forms sent home ASAP (this Friday?)
 - **Logan will check in with Alex, Laura also available to help with printing. Logan will get envelopes too.**
 - It will be all cash that comes in for this fundraiser.
 - **Carla will send it out with the next Principal's message on Monday.**
- Spring Maple Syrup Fundraiser?
 - **Logan will follow up with Jane Kraft**

Topic 7: Pizza Update (Stacy Roberts-Munn)

- There have been some on-going issues...
 - We are $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way through this session and Stacy is still being contacted about adding students in.
- She has some ideas for future sessions:
 - Have school cash online open for an entire month before the cycle
 - Send weekly reminders with the Principal weekly update on the website
 - Have teachers communicate to families
 - Due Date on the School Sign
 - Consider day-of slice sales for a bit more (\$2/slice) next year (September 2024)
 - Late orders will not be accepted, no exceptions. This can be communicated through the School Council email (so Gayle doesn't have to do it)
 - Perhaps do 4 cycles next year (avoid one of them being in December)
 - **For the next cycle: the extra Donate-a-slices... reach out to teachers and confirm which students could be receiving a slice and make sure they are aware their child is getting a slice of pizza each Thursday.**
- On the bright side, we are very happy with our provider (Pizza la Villa) and the kids are too!

Topic 8: Update on Safe Crossings

- It seems there was a traffic report that was done in the fall, but Sara has not received any information about this. **Annica will see if she can connect with the Paisley Family who knew it was happening.**
- Sara has put in a request for a traffic Survey this Spring.

Topic 9: Dogs on School Property

- Carla shared: In checking with the Board, what is happening right now is what is the right choice. Families are welcome to walk their dogs but the school property is the boundary. There isn't a policy, but this would be best practice around dogs on school property and in line with what other schools are doing.
- Since there is no formal policy, can families push back? They should go to the Board level (many already have).
- Staff would have to enforce this rule.

Topic 10: Other Items to Discuss

- We got Pro-Grant funding. Pro-Grant is an opportunity through the Board to enhance family engagement, with focus on equity and inclusion
 - Greg proposed an activity evening for those who are newcomers to Canada and introduce them to different things that are unique about taking a child to school in Canada. (winter wear, lunches, how to work school cash online, etc)
 - Have some food and fun in the gym and get people more comfortable.
 - We will work with the Settlement Worker In School.
 - It will likely happen in May.
- Nancy from YMCA is hoping to collect reusable Grocery bags
 - Could teachers put in their newsletters?
 - **Annica will post it on the Facebook**
- Lost and Found Clothing Rack has been ordered!
 - **Aaron Sennit will make a new Lost and Found sign**
- To talk about at next month's meeting:
 - No Crossing Guards on Snow Days?
 - Crossing Guard advocacy around Wellington St for John McCrae students.
 - **Annica to post on FB to see if there are people willing to take this on**

Meeting adjourned 7:38pm.

Next Meeting **TUESDAY** March 19th 6:30pm-7:30pm in-person in school library.

Link to join remotely: <https://meet.google.com/xcu-dexj-fjr>

**Parent Council Financial Report
Paisley Road Public School
February 2024**

Current Year

Fundraising Event	Raises Funds for:	Goal	Revenue	Expenses	Net Proceeds
Planet Bean/ Maple Syrup	Art Programming	\$1,000.00			\$0.00
Pizza Sales	Library Books, Graduation Gift, Eng Prog	\$10,000.00	\$19,739.25	\$10,326.55	\$9,412.70
Holiday Craft Sale	School Nutrition	\$1,500.00	\$1,873.55		\$1,873.55
Dance A Thon	Experiences	\$3,000.00			\$0.00
Family Fun Night		\$1,000.00			\$0.00
Winter Clothing Drive	School Nutrition	\$500.00	\$160.00		\$160.00
Mabels Labels			\$93.57		\$93.57
Movie Night					\$0.00
Total Fundraising Proceeds		\$17,000.00	\$21,866.37	\$10,326.55	\$11,539.82

Funding Category	Current School Year			
	Reallocation	2023/24 Goals	Spent	New Balance
Playground Maintenance				\$ -
Experiences	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 751.36	\$ 5,168.64
Chef A L'Ecole	\$ 1,966.00		\$ 1,966.20	-\$ 0.20
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Prog.	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00
Kindie Programming		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Library Books	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
Forest of Reading	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00
De-codable Reading Books	\$ -			\$ -
Arts Programming	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 3,400.00
Contingency for Family Fun Night	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Technology/ STEM/ Maker boxes	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00
Classroom Fund	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 1,234.67	\$ 1,465.33
School Yard Beautification	\$ 3,089.00			\$ 3,089.00
New Playground				\$ -
Kindie Yard	\$ 368.20			\$ 368.20
Music Program	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Graduation Gift	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00
Staff Appreciation Breakfast	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
School Sign Replacement/ Maint	\$ 890.00		\$ 890.16	-\$ 0.16
School Wide Arts Project	\$ -			\$ -
Outdoor Resources/ Kindie Bags	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
School Nutrition Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00
Food for Kids		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Other (bank fees, babysitting, etc)	\$ 81.24	\$ 260.00	\$ 271.40	\$ 69.84
Agenda	\$ 534.00		\$ 534.00	\$ -
Yearbook				\$ -
English Programming		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Total Projects estimated to be Funded	\$27,558.44	\$9,400.00	\$ 5,647.79	\$ 31,310.65