

## Ponsonby Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	May 21st, 2024	<b>Time Started</b>	6:35 pm
<b>Location</b>	Ponsonby Public School library		
<b>Attendees</b>			
Rebeccah McDowall, Megan Primeau, Darcy Studer, Sandra Baguley, April Blakey, Sarah Sinkovits			
<b>Regrets:</b> Kristin Kathiravelu, Christine Anderson, Christina de Jonge, Krista Chappell-Merchant, Mary-El Lane, Lindsay Wideman, Dayna Goad			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
Welcome (Megan & Rebeccah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• planter workshop was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy it.</li> <li>• Royal City gave us 20% off on plants to have it fit within funding</li> </ul>		
Principal Report (Sarah Sinkovits) 6:40pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• front yard, having conversations about it. Someone has been out to check it out. Looking at different options to rectify the problem. Thinking of putting down cement and Sandra said that would work well as they had wanted cement for more bike paths for the kids. School board denied Megan's letter about a third party company.</li> <li>• Hot lunches are good to go! We will plan to start in September. Starting off with grilled cheese.</li> <li>• School council will plan to be at the kindergarten orientation.</li> <li>• School trip to Camp Belwood</li> <li>• play structure - Sarah spoke to other schools who have had their principals basically just go door to door and ask about donations for a playground structure. Our play structure is good for about 5-10 more years and the swings have about 10 years. So Sarah is wondering if we should raise money for a new play structure to put near the gaga ball pit. We can have the QR code up at the BBQ to raise money for a new play structure. Megan motioned to explore opportunities to fundraise for a new outdoor play equipment. Rebeccah seconded it. Everyone approved.</li> <li>• Michelle Salmon is retiring after 35 years. Been here for 12 years at Ponsonby. We will do something at the school for Michelle.</li> <li>• Tech refresh (chromebooks) no longer comes out of the school's budget and is paid for by the board. Good news, as the school doesn't need to pay for this anymore.</li> <li>• April asked about class pictures. Sarah confirmed, not happening this year. Kids will get composites instead. Parents are disappointed, maybe class pictures can happen the same day as fall picture day next year.</li> </ul>		
Treasurer's Report (Darcy) 6:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientists in the classroom - we have done 5 so far. Kindergarten is coming up</li> <li>• Still need to check with Mabel's Labels</li> <li>• We have not spent our \$500 for Forest of Reading - we need to look into that, we should have paid for the books</li> <li>• We agreed to use \$1000 for bussing for school year end trip</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still have too much money at the end of the year - Sarah spoke to the teachers to see what they would need to spruce up their small learning groups. Wondering if we could use some of the instructional supply funds to purchase some new things. (noise cancelling headphones, books, things to spruce up the hub, where students can have some quiet time) Darcy motioned that we allocate \$1200 for instructional supplies. Megan seconded it and we all agreed.</li> <li>• We will aim to spend \$1000 for June BBQ</li> <li>• If there is a family that cannot afford the school trip fee, school council will cover the cost for those students. Darcy motioned we use \$100 for these students, Megan seconded it, everyone agreed.</li> <li>• Sandra suggested we use some funding to do the breakfast of champions again. Office usually pays for this and last year they spent about \$1000. Rebeccah motioned we use \$500 for breakfast of champions, Megan seconded it. We all agreed.</li> <li>• Draft for next year shows the fundraisers that we will most likely do. We will also have grilled cheese and/or hotdogs which will make a lot of money. (Mabel's Labels, Winter Market, Fundschrift, Candles and/or greeting cards, hot lunches)</li> </ul>
<p>Bussing (Megan &amp; Rebeccah) 7:20pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We didn't go due to bussing issues but Sarah said Empowerment Day is apparently a gong show. So many schools go, students don't behave, washrooms packed. Sarah said they do still live stream it so students can still watch it at the school. Rebeccah said a lot of grade 6's would actually say that it was one of the best memories they have had in the past. Megan has heard from some parents that they were disappointed that we didn't go. Sarah said it cost about \$1200 to go to Guelph! Megan is wondering if we could somehow share bussing with Elore PS. Bussing costs go up when its event that everyone wants to go to. Maybe we look at booking bus early in the year before the prices go up for that trip.</li> <li>• Maybe more parents can be relied on to take students to team sports, to alleviate bussing costs for larger school events.</li> <li>• For 2024/2025 school year, school council will look into more fundraising opportunities to be put towards bussing for various events</li> </ul>
<p>Year End BBQ (Megan &amp; Rebeccah) 7:35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• glitter tattoos and/or face painting. We understand that the cost is a lot but we have funds that we do have to use up so we are going ahead with both. We will ask Christina about how many volunteers there are for the tattoos and if they are receiving their volunteer hours. We are completely fine giving them something whether its cash or maybe a gift card.</li> <li>• food combos would be hotdog or hamburger, salad, chips and a drink</li> </ul>

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<p>Calendar (Megan &amp; Rebeccah) 7:45pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to a different council night - We all agreed on Wednesdays. Council meetings are 3rd Wed every other month. (Sept 18, Nov 20, Jan 15, March 19, May 14 (move May's meeting to before long weekend for hopefully better attendance)</li> <li>• Movie nights - Aiming for October 18th 2024, and March 21st 2025</li> <li>• Panther Feast in December - Krista confirmed can by Dec 6</li> <li>• Winter Market November 23, 2024</li> <li>• Mabels Labels will be in the slide show for the kindergarten orientation</li> <li>• Should we do candles again since they went well or go back to greeting cards?</li> <li>• Fresh box again?</li> </ul>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>8:05pm</p>
<p>Proposed Next Meeting and Agenda Items</p>	<p>Wednesday September 18th 2024 – in the Ponsonby Library or online</p>