

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Paul Oabel (Principal)	Susan Wansbrough (VP)	Shameela Shakeel (Chair)	Lesley Mercer (Staff)
Ann-Marie Hulse (Staff)	Kara Bilo (Treasurer)	Cathy Miles (Vice Chair)	Aliya Syed (Secretary)
Celine Morrow	Evelyn Morgan	Roni Silbershatz	Julie Brenner-King
Karin Larkan-Hill	Michelle DeBoer	Lorna Coulter	Nadila Zaravinos

Principal and Vice-Principal's Report:

- **Welcome back** – Mr. Oabel and Ms. Wansbrough are pleased to start their 3rd year at Stonehaven ES.
- **Smooth start to the new year** – Meet the Staff BBQ was a success; some reorganization of Grades 5-8 was needed at the start of the school year. We now have mostly straight grades.
- **Terry Fox Run** – held on September 22, 2017 was a success.
- **Extra-curricular Programs Up-and-Running** – this includes music, chess, STEM Minds, yoga, volleyball and cross-country, etc.
- **Math** – this is a key area of focus for Stonehaven. Additional support and professional development will be provided for teachers to help in this area.
- **Staff Changes** – happy to announce that some long-term occasional staff have achieved permanent status; there were some changes to staff due to retirement and leaves; welcome to all new staff.
- **Kindergartens** – new this year, Ms. Dunn is doing all the prep coverage for all the Kindergarten classes; with outdoor education as a key focus. This allows for a consistent program across all classes. The students appear calm and the transition appears to be smooth and effective.
- **The Hub** AKA the library – Anne-Marie Hulse reported that the space was transformed over the summer break and is getting great use by students. New technology, new furniture and a new layout all make this “maker space” a free-thinking creative environment for students of all grades. Hoping to add arts such as origami, knitting, sewing and weaving for more hands-on activities in the hub. Thanked School Council and school admin for funding. Acknowledged that an additional \$3,000 from the most recent Scholastic Book Fair will help as well.
 - Requested 5 more iPads Air 2, at a cost of \$589 +HST each, to support the technology already in place. The total is approximately \$3,000 and with the cost sharing incentive from the Board, School Council's contribution would be approximately \$1,500. Council agreed that, once funds are raised, Council will vote on this purchase.
 - Requested a mat for use both at the school and to support the robotics club at a competition. Council agreed via email vote to pay for the mat.

MOTION – “I motion School Council provide funding of \$250 for a robotics mat for students to participate in an upcoming robotics competition.”

~ Motion made by Shameela Shakeel, seconded by Celine Morrow, all in favour.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Balance as of October 2, 2017 - \$6,458.40
- Actual balance with previous allocations/expenditures - \$1,458.40
- Previous allocations/expenditures – Buddy Bench (\$2,400) and Meet the Staff BBQ costs (\$2,600)

Nominations & Election of 2017/2018 School Council:

Congratulations, welcome and thank you to our 11 School Council members for 2017/2018:

- Chair – Shameela Shakeel
- Vice Chair – Cathy Miles
- Secretary – Aliya Syed
- Treasurer – Kara Bilo
- Other Voting Members – Celine Morrow, Evelyn Morgan, Roni Silbershatz, Julie Brenner-King, Karin Larkan-Hill, Michelle DeBoer
- Staff Voting Member – Lesley Mercer

Council meeting dates are tentatively set for **November 6th**, **January 8th**, **March 5th** and **May 7th**. Meetings are open to all parents and guardians. Please join us.

Discussion/Updates:

1) Motions

MOTION – “I motion Council grant permission for the Chair and/or Vice Chair to purchase up to \$1,000 of expenditures toward fundraising initiatives. Council will receive full disclosure and receipts for all purchases.”

~ Motion made by Roni Silbershatz, seconded by Karin Larkan, all in favour.

MOTION – “I motion School Council allocate \$300 toward the weekly purchases of fresh fruit for students, as we await grant approval from The Metro Green Apple School Program and possible donations from local retailers.”

~ Motion made by Karin Larkan, seconded by Shameela Shakeel, all in favour.

2) A Glimpse at the Year Ahead

October 2017

- Fall Dance - October 31st
 - Students expressed interest in having a DJ. The cost is approximately \$600-700 for the day. It was suggested that perhaps a former student would like to DJ for the day. This would save on the cost of hiring a professional and would give the former student experience in the trade.
 - School Council to purchase and sell chips, sour keys, chocolates and glow bracelets.
 - Kim Sloggett will provide baked cookies for us to sell.
- Popcorn starts Wednesday, October 4th. Bags cost \$1.00 each. Parent volunteers prepare, distribute and sell the popcorn which is pre-ordered via School Cash Online or purchased the day-of during morning recess.
- Lunches through Healthy Hunger ordering – Il Bistro pizza and pasta on Fridays and Astoria Greek food on Wednesdays. Considering sub lunches for Mondays.

November 2017

- Chapters Family Reading and FUNdraising Night - November 27th (6:00 - 8:30 pm)
 - Families gather and listen as school staff read their favourite books
 - We'll received 15% of all regular priced items purchased that night.

December 2017

- White Elephant Sale - December 8th

January 2018

- Movie Night - January 18th (PA Day on 19th)

February 2018

- Friendship Dance - February 14th
- Snow Valley Snow Tubing Trip (grades 4 through 8)

April 2018

- Cake Walk & Artisan Market – April 25th
- North 40 Farms plants fundraiser

May 2018

- Wellness Day - May 4th (full-day, at school event for grades 1-8)
- Evolve Skateboarding – May 14th-16th (grades 1 through 3)

June 2018

- Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM