

Michael Strembitsky School Council Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2024

Courtney Snider, Chair
Kali Gregg, Vice Chair
Julia Styler, Secretary

1. Call to order at 6:30pm by Courtney
2. Welcome/Attendance & Establishment on Quorum.
3. Approve of Agenda.

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented. Sam approved it & Samar seconded.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2024.

Motion made to approve minutes from June 12, 2024 by Renee & seconded by Samar.

5. Principal's Report by Mr. Sheppard

- A majority of the school's washrooms were closed today from about 10am to 1:30pm due to a sewer backup, there were still operational washrooms in the gym & office which the students were able to use. Hand washing was never an issue as all sinks were operation & available for use, as well as water fountains. All washrooms are now fixed.
- A bunch of new student teachers have joined the school.
- Winter concert dates – kindergarten, grade 1 & grade 2.1 & 2.2 – Wednesday, December 4th at 4:30pm; grades 3-6 & 2.3 & 2.4 – Monday, December 9th & Tuesday, December 10th at 1pm & 6pm; & junior high – Wednesday, December 11th, usually right after school
- Thanks to everyone that came to the teacher conference, much appreciated.
- The book fair was a success, \$6,537 raised. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with that.
- Remembrance Day ceremony is on Thursday, November 7th & then Friday is the beginning of the fall break, which goes until Wednesday, November 13th, with students returning Thursday, November 14th.
- MSS Girls Soccer team won the championship.

6. Parent Representative Assigned

Division 1 – Sam, Division 2 – Kali, Division 3 – Samar & Julia

7. Old Business

7.1 Parent Council Workshop – CyberWorld - The workshop itself was wonderful, very informative, unfortunately we didn't have a very big turnout.

7.2 Long Jump/Triple Jump Pit Progress – Measurements done, however the city is backed up & currently in a holding pattern for projects.

7.3 Traffic Updates – Parking patrol also to include layby & cross walks etc. Sam will call to request dates for this month.

8. New Business

8.1 Saffron Centre Presentation for Students – CyberWorld; What Happens when Youth Press Send. In addition to parent programs, they also do programs for students. Some are \$50 or \$100, most for the younger kids are free. Structured for individual grades, but grouped from junior high, to K-3s, 4-6s. Covers everything from bullying to cyber stuff to clickbait, extortions etc. Information passed on to the school.

8.2 ASCE Grant – Ideas for Workshops – Grant money must be used for something that pertains to the council, must be for the parents & can't be used towards the students. Topics to increase parent members the council & foundation, information sessions, parent resource workshops – bullying, mental health, healthy living, how to better teach your kids from home, etc. If there is anything anyone is interested in or wants more information on, please reach out. Parent survey, with workshop ideas to be shared online to find interests, to be created.

8.3 Robotics Program for Students – More information to be provided at next meeting.

9. Next Meeting to be on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Attendance:

Samar Al Hajjaj

Renee Brass

Julia Styler

Kali Gregg

Samantha Miedreich

Courtney Zammit

Chad Sheppard, Principal

Brent Bigney, Vice-Principal