



**Ardagh Bluffs School Council
Meeting Minutes
Nov 8, 2023**

In Attendance (Virtual):

Dennis Chronopoulos, Tammy Conrad, Amanda Garcia, Amy Gibson, Tamara Haiduc, Tam Honka, Jennifer Johnson, Becky Kennedy, Warren Kirwan, Khai Ma, Amy Matthews, Jason Pallen, Hriditya Patel, Krutika Patel, Ava Patrick, LEEANNE Patrick, Jennifer Robinson, Neri Qayyum, Sarah Smyth

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of last meeting – Amanda Garcia and Seconded by Tamara Haiduc.

Kindergarten Yard Needs/Request for Funding – Khai Ma and Tam Honka

- Report on current structures for kindergarten/primary yard structures - run down and insufficient.
- Request for funding from School Council to add structures to promote gross motor skills including tractor tire obstacle course, mud kitchen, plexiglass art wall.
- Presented estimated cost of items:

Plexiglass board (Back of stage)	\$1185
Tire obstacle course	\$2750
Mud kitchen	\$1000
Repair existing chalk board	\$ 500
Total	\$5400

- J. Robinson to reach out to the Board of Education for permission and to Rick for annual inspection to ensure current structures meet safety code.
- Council to discuss budget and investigate additional funding from environmental investment program.

Student Report – Ava Partick & Hriditya Patel

Report on student requests:

Request for:

- Paper towel dispensers instead of hand dryers
- Higher quality toilet paper
- Better hand guards
- Student microwaves
- Student lounge
- Vending machine

- Punching bag in sensory room
- Portable soccer and volleyball nets
- More sports and clubs for primary grades - music club, drama, badminton, tennis, pickleball, basketball
- More organized fundraising events such as Fall Fun Fair
- More playground equipment
- Decorations for classrooms
- Frisbees/disc ball
- Cricket
- Smartboards
- Snacks in office
- Class umbrellas for portables
- Headphones for each class (set of 10)
- Single use ear plugs
- Lava and sharks

Reported hand dryer(s) in student restrooms that are not functioning properly.

- J. Robinson/W. Kirwan:
 - To determine which hand dryers are not functioning properly.
 - Advised paper towels are cost prohibitive for student restrooms.
- The new site plan for the school prevents the installation of permanent structures to reserve space for future portables.
- Will book a meeting with Mrs. Magee to source the portable soccer/volleyball nets/ and determine if the Board of Education has a contract with a particular company.
- Student representatives to meet and review catalogues for sports equipment/sports nets.

Administrative Report – Jennifer Robinson, Warren Kirwan

Past Activities:

- Blue Jays Affiliate Program – (Ms. Shaw & Ms. Dart-Shaw) - Our school has been chosen this year.
- Open House was very successful
- Scholastic Book Fair raised \$3151
- Bus safety evacuation drills
- Learning Centre created gift mugs for bus drivers
- Food bank Fridays up and running
- Halloween dance raised \$487
- Terry Fox Run Assembly raised \$5392
- Fall Fun Fair – very successful! Raised \$3000 for grade 8 trip to Camp Kandalore.

Upcoming Events:

- Report cards home - November 9th,
- Remembrance Day Assemblies – Parents are invited.
- Spirit days: (Halloween, Pink Shirt Day, Hat/Scarf Day, Beach Day, Valentines' Day, World Down Syndrome Day, Earth Day, Spring Has Sprung Day, Hero Day)
- Movie Night – Nov 24
- Professional Activity Day – Nov 17
- Bullying poster – voting day Nov 20
- Grilled cheese days (Louise Abendroth)
 - Half sandwiches for free for all students
 - Health inspector approved kitchen facilities
 - 1 Friday every 2 – 3 weeks to start
 - Cost per day is \$50 - \$70 per day for entire school

Report on clubs/sports:

- Cross country running, flag football, junior girls volleyball, basketball, boys volleyball, cubing club, rainbow bracelet club, leadership club, Global Majority Club

Food Days:

- Pizza Palace – switch pasta for subs (insufficient orders – Need to speak to 2 families before change is made)

Teaching Representative Report – Becky Kennedy

- Excellent feedback for Halloween dance and Fall Fun Fair

Non-Teaching Representative – Amy Gibson

- Halloween Dance – pre-purchase of snack items was very successful.

Subcommittee Reports

Diversity Equity & Inclusion - Eftihia Ellinas (Absent) – tabled to next meeting

Fundraising – Amanda Garcia/Neri Qayyum

- Pumpkin Patch - \$606
- Fresh From the Farm - \$302
- Halloween \$487
- Movie night “Moana”
- Bradford Greenhouses - Poinsettias
- Snow Much Fun – in need of donations for silent auction
- Mr. Ma - will provide the boards for class decorating challenge

Christmas Cheer – Amanda Garcia

- Mid November - toy drive for kids
- Jennifer Robinson - consult with leadership team days of giving how it fits in

Barrie Colts game night – Becky Kennedy will coordinate choir

Campfire mugs for sale - see email tomorrow - large mugs with Ardagh logo \$10

Chappell Farms - Kindergarten team to explore

New Business – Amy Matthews

- Spiritwear – Will continue with usual vendor for the fall. Will try to source a new vendor for spring sales.
- Community Representative on School Council - Jake from Jake's Bakes - (Becky Kennedy)
- School Council member profiles – will ask members if they're willing to provide a picture and a written profile.
- ID badges – (Jennifer Robinson) 30 have arrived. Lanyards in office
- New banner for school council (Was used for Open House)

- 52 parent volunteers fully approved. Staff have access to this list
- PRO Grant night - will look into CPR classes (Sarah Smyth)
- Planning for Snow Much Fun:
 - Very successful last year – request ideas for new items
 - Master planning document – Jennifer Robinson
 - Date change is now on Wednesday December 13th is Snow Much Fun
 - Volunteers needed to help during the day for set up and preparation
 - Mr. Ma suggested class competition boards - wood donated. Auction the boards off
 - Volunteers for henna - charge more for Henna

- Budget
 - Kindergarten request- Review FR plan over the next month - think of additional fundraising
 - Hooks in upper hall
 - Funfair - great idea!
 - Jennifer from GSN to athletics - \$2000
 - Have hot lunches, popcorn, by the end of the year
 - Plan to meet next week to discuss.
 - Dominoes night. Need a date in February

Motion to Adjourn – Amanda Garcia, Seconded – Jason Pallen

Minutes recorded by Sarah Smyth