

Strathmillan Parent Council Minutes  
November 21, 2023  
Location: School Library

**1. Welcome**

Liz opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

**2. Meeting Attendance**

Liz Bilyk  
Carina Fitzpatrick  
Alaisha Parker  
Natasha Stephansson  
Kim Ross  
Lyndsey Dueck  
Domenica Nash  
Rachelle Joyal  
Lori Einarson  
Pierre Attallah  
Kim Woloschuk  
Jonathan Baker  
Barb Engel

*Regrets:*

Meghan Ruth  
Dee Wallace  
Katie Nakonechny  
Katie German  
Gloria Froese

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Alaisha motioned, Domenica seconded. Agenda approved.

**4. Approval of October Minutes**

Two spelling corrections were made.  
Natasha motioned, Lyndsey seconded. Minutes approved.

**5. Reports**

*5.1 Principal Report: Mr. Baker*

- 1.) The current enrollment stands at 302 students.
- 2.) Students are putting together portfolios and work samples to display their learning for conference time. Report cards will go home on November 29th . Our first term Conferences are

on Thursday, Nov. 23 rd (4:30- 7:30 pm). They will be student-led with more than one family in the classroom at the time, exploring and sharing their child's learning together.

3.) Preparations for our Winter Holiday Concerts have begun in earnest. There will be a K-3 and a Gr.4-5 concert like last year, with performances both in the afternoon and in the evening. We hope to also livestream the concerts this year, to help ease the congestion at the school. More details will follow as they become finalized.

Date: Thursday, December 7th

Afternoon K-3 @ 1:30pm                      Evening K-3 @ 6:00pm

Afternoon Gr. 4-5 @ 2:30pm              Evening Gr. 4-5 @ 7:00pm

4.) Recent Budget Purchases:

Equipment: 3 LED Light Pads for use to create light tables.

Furniture: Child Sofa for Reading Nook in Room 30

Roller Cart and Pad Floor Cushion for Room 38

2 All-Season Steel Frame Picnic Tables for Courtyard

Storage Shed for Courtyard

Large Abilitations Chair for Resource/Special Needs

Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 17th: Inservice – No classes for students

Tuesday, November 21st: Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 23rd: Student-Led Conferences (4:30-7:30pm)

Friday, November 24th: KFC Fun Lunch

Tuesday, December 5th: Early Dismissal

Thursday, December 7th: Winter Concert (K-3: 1:30 & 6:00pm/ 4-5: 2:30 & 7:00pm)

Tuesday, December 19th: Early Dismissal

Friday, December 22nd: Papa John's Fun Lunch

Friday, December 22nd: Last day before Winter Break

Thursday, January 8th: Classes resume

#### *5.2 Teacher's Report: Ms. Ruth*

No report to submit

#### *5.3 Liaisons' Reports:*

##### ***i. Finance - Alaisha Parker***

Opening Balance: \$9521.74

Closing Balance: \$17376.13

Archie's Deposits: \$7854

Interest: \$0.39

**ii. Fundraising - Liz Bilyk**

Archie’s Fundraiser closed today - we must submit the order by Friday.

Last year: 47 orders, \$4968

This year: 53 orders \$6980

(Plus anonymous parent donation of \$1000 towards WSO Field Trip)

Delivery will be confirmed on Friday after the order has been submitted.

An email will be sent out for volunteers after the delivery date is finalized.

**Question Submitted:** Would we be able to use any additional funds to send the grade 4/5’s to Festival du Voyageur?

This will be answered at the next meeting when fundraiser profit is finalized, and field trip estimates have been gathered.

**iii. Fun Lunch - Carina Fitzpatrick**

Subway fun lunch closed with 146 orders and a profit of \$206. We were able to purchase seven donated lunches, with \$7.50 carried over to the next lunch.

Next fun lunch is KFC on November 24th.

Healthy Hunger Fundraiser 2023-2024							
DATE	DONATED	USED	LEFTOVER		Profit	Order #	Cheque Amount
Papa Johns 09/28/23	\$63	\$72	\$24		\$327.11	194	\$351.11
Subway 10/27/23	\$39.00	\$55.50	\$7.50		\$206.00	146	\$189.50
				<b>Profit:</b>	\$533.11		\$540.61
				<b>E-Transfer:</b>	\$11.50		
				<b>Total Profit:</b>	\$544.61		

**6. Constitution**

Section 1. Objectives

No changes discussed.

Section 2. Memberships

Two changes discussed.

2.1 All parents and/or guardians of the students attending the school as well as parents of children registered to attend Kindergarten in the fall shall be members of the Parent Council and

shall be eligible to vote at all Parent Council meetings, including the Annual Meeting to Elect the Parent Council Executive to be held in **October**.

**October** - September

2.2 The Principal (or designate) and **one teacher (and alternate) elected** by the school staff shall be members of the Parent Council, with voting rights to be determined annually.

**one teacher (and alternate) elected** - a nominated teacher representative

Suggestion made to look at KMAB "GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF PARENT COUNCILS" on the division website for help in our constitution discussion.

Discussion on email set out by the division that ended up in most people's junk mail folder titled "SJASD Communications" sent on November 21, 2023.

Council will discuss **Section 3. Required Meetings** during the December meeting.

#### **7. Questions**

No additional questions were submitted for discussion.

#### **8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 19th**

Meeting adjourned by Liz at 7:50pm.