

Strathmillan Parent Council Minutes
February 20, 2024
Location: School Library

1. Welcome

Liz opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

2. Meeting Attendance

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

Regrets:

Katie Nakonechny
Dee Wallace
Meghan Ruth

3. Approval of Agenda

Corrected year to 2024
Kim motioned, Lyndsey seconded. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of January Minutes

Domenica motioned, Natasha seconded. Minutes approved.

5. Reports

5.1 Principal Report: Mr. Baker

- 1.) The current enrollment stands at 307 students.

- 2.) We are in the midst of Literacy Month and Black History Month. Students have enjoyed the chances to dress up, have guest readers, hear special announcements, and participate in contests etc. We have a storyteller evening tomorrow night from 6:00 – 7:00pm. We will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day as a school on Feb. 28th .

- 3.) Strathmillan School is accepting registrations for Kindergarten now for the 2024-25 school year. To be eligible the child must be turning five years old before December 31st, 2024. If you know of anyone who fits this criteria, feel free to tell them to contact the school office.

4.) The Parent Council Budget Presentation will be held IN PERSON on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom located at 2574 Portage Avenue. Representatives from parent organizations are encouraged to attend as it is an excellent way to support your school community and stay involved in important decisions that impact education.

5.) On March 15th, there are no classes for students, Strathmillan teachers will be writing second term report cards. These will go out to families after Spring Break.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, March 1	Basketball Friendship Tournament (afternoon)
Tuesday, March 5	Early Dismissal- Staff Meeting
Friday, March 15	Admin Day – Report Card writing
Thursday, March 19	Early Dismissal
March 25 – March 29	Spring Break

5.2 Teacher's Report: Ms. Ruth

-Will there be a Staff Appreciation? Do they need help from the school social committee?
Discussed later in Liaisons' Reports.

-Do parents want an information night (literacy or numeracy)?
Agreed that a Literacy Night would be best - A look into the classroom and tips/ tricks to help our children at home.

5.3 Liaisons' Reports:

i. Finance - Alaisha Parker

No report to submit.

ii. Fundraising - Liz Bilyk

Glenlea Greenhouse

All setup for May 29th - 12:30 delivery

The fundraiser had to start in January. We didn't know it had such a demanding timeline, and were not prepared to start so early.

Catalogs and forms are to be handed out to the students this week.

Noted for next year, to start this fundraiser in the fall if we plan to do it again.

Bring your own box for delivery.

Have people come during school hours to start the pick up once we are done organizing. Mr. Baker will send out a Remind notification when we are ready.

Liz made a motion to provide \$500 towards Grade 5 Grad from the Fundraiser.

Dominica approves, Natasha seconds. Approved.

Question Submitted: Shannon Smith, mother of a grade 4 student, asked if we would like to do an Avon Fundraiser with Deet Free Bug Spray and SPF products.

Council agreed that we are not going to open the door to reps hosting a fundraiser at our school, to keep it fair for everyone.

Idea: to have a market in the gym, where reps can rent a table to sell their products to the community. We could have a market corresponding with the book fair next year? Or at Christmas time?

iii. Fun Lunch - Carina Fitzpatrick

KFC Fun Lunch closed with 157 orders and a profit of \$141.15. We were able to purchase seven donated lunches, but had a deficit of \$11.25 in donated funds. The next fun lunch will be Papa John's on March 22.

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		\$210.99	146	\$194.49
KFC 11/27/23	\$60	\$68.50	-\$1.00		\$167.87	179	\$159.37
Papa Johns 12/22/23	\$48	\$50.25	-\$3.25		\$267.76	181	\$265.51
Subway 01/26/24	\$48	\$55.50	-\$10.75		\$215.50	151	\$208.00
KFC 02/23/24	\$68	\$68.50	-\$11.25		\$141.15	157	\$140.65
				Profit:	\$1,330.38		\$1,319.13
				E-Transfer:	\$11.50		
				Total Profit:	\$1,341.88		

iv. Staff Appreciation - Lyndsey Dueck

Planned for the week before Spring Break.

Lyndsey has agreed to partner with Liz and Carina to be trained on how to run the Staff Appreciation.

We need to remember Lunch Supervisors this year.

A letter will be sent out to collect donations at the start of March.

6. Constitution

5. Executive of the Parent Council

5.1 The Executive of the Parent Council shall consist of a minimum of five members:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Principal

5.2 The Principal is automatically a member of the Executive, and shall be consulted in all matters pertaining to the school. The voting rights of the Principal on the Executive shall be determined as under section 4.4.

5.3 No elected member of the Executive may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.

5.4 Only one member of a family may serve on the Executive at any one time.

5.5 The Executive shall take direction from the general membership of the Parent Council.

5.6 The Executive shall ensure that proper financial procedures are followed by the organization, as detailed later in this policy.

5.7 The Executive shall have the power to conduct the routine and emergency business of the Parent Council and shall carry out such commitments as may be made by the general membership of the Parent Council at Parent Council meetings.

i. A quorum of the Executive shall be three fifths (3/5) of its members.

5.8 Terms of Office of Executive Members:

i. No elected member of the Executive may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.

- ii. Any staff member of the Executive shall hold a one-year term (nominated annually).
- iii. If an elected Executive member resigns, or ceases to be a member, the Executive may appoint another member to replace the person at the next Parent Council Meeting.

Council will discuss Section 8: Duties of the Executive during the March meeting.

7. Administrative Staff Survey

Council's discussion has been officially submitted to the Division.

Discussion mostly focused on:

- Recess
- Split Classes
- Screen Time
- Academic Excellence

It was decided that we would like to discuss these topics further at our next Parent Council meeting.

8. Questions

No additional questions submitted for the meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19th

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.