

Strathmillan Parent Council AGM Minutes
Tuesday, September 17th, 2024
Location: School Library

1. Welcome

Meeting opened at 7:07 by Principal Jonathan Baker

2. Voting For Executive Team

With 15 caregivers in attendance, we have a quorum this year.

i. President

Carina nominated Lyndsey Dueck for Parent Council President, Liz seconded. Lyndsey accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Votes all for, none opposed. Lyndsey is now our Parent Council President for 2024-2025.

ii. Vice President

Liz nominated Jackie Hilder for Parent Council Vice President, Kim seconded. Jackie accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Votes all for, none opposed. Jackie is now our Parent Council Vice President for 2024-2025.

iii. Secretary

Liz nominated Katie Nakonechny for Parent Council Secretary, Carina seconded. Katie accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Votes all for, none opposed. Katie is once again our Parent Council Secretary for 2024-2025.

iv. Treasurer

Tasha nominated Alaisha Parker for Parent Council Treasurer, Carina seconded. Alaisha accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Votes all for, none opposed. Alaisha is once again our Parent Council Treasurer for 2024-2025.

3. Meeting Attendance

In Attendance:

Carina Fitzpatrick
Liz Bilyk
Natasha Stephansson
Lyndsey Dueck
Katie Nakonechny
Alaisha Parker
Kim Ross
James Clermont
Jenn Romanoff
Domenica Nash
Lori Einarson
Jackie Hilder
Jasmine Kaur
Jonathan Baker
Kellie Straub

Regrets:

Sarah Gray
Katie German

4. Approval of Agenda

No corrections
Carina motioned, Liz seconded. Agenda approved

5. Approval of December Minutes

No corrections
Liz motioned, James seconded. May/June Minutes approved

6. Reports

6.1. Principal's Report

1.) The current enrollment stands at 301 students.

2.) We welcome Ms. Kellie Straub as our new VP/Resource/Guidance Counsellor. As well, we welcome Ms. Emma Porter who is a new educational assistant at our school and welcome back Mr. Tim Alexander who previously worked here as an EA, but has been away for the last couple of years.

3.) Strathmillan School's priorities this year are:

a.) Numeracy – The growth in students' numeracy skills and problem-solving skills

b.) Literacy – Ensuring students get a year's worth of growth in their reading and writing practices.

c.) Mental Health and Well-Being – building community and understanding one's own mental well-being and how to maintain it.

4.) The school has a strong contingent of patrols and cross-country club has begun already for grade 4/5 students. Ms. Dawson will be getting two choirs (a Grade 1-2 and a grade 3-5) up and running shortly.

5.) September 30th is Truth and Reconciliation Day. Strathmillan School will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27th. Students and staff are encouraged to wear something orange that day. During that week, individual classrooms will examine the role of residential schools in our country's history and the impact they continue to have today. Schoolwide announcements/messages will also be made during the week.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 27th: Orange Shirt Day

Tuesday, October 1st Early Dismissal

Wed & Thurs, Oct 9 & 10th Bus Ridership

Tuesday, October 11th Inservice – No Classes for Students

Monday, October 14th Thanksgiving – No School

Tuesday, October 15th Early Dismissal

Friday, October 25th : MTS PDDAY- No classes for students

Wednesday, October 24th Picture Day

6.2. Finance

Opening Balance:

Closing Balance:

6.3. Fundraising

Grade 5 Grad from 2024:

\$500 was given from our spring fundraiser was given for the grade 5 grad committee to use toward a grad party. An extra \$5 per graduating child was collected from caregivers to round out funds for the party. The kids had a great time, with the Photo Booth being the most popular. For further detail on the grade 5 grad, please see the May/June Minutes.

Fall and Spring Fundraisers:

It has been proposed that we continue with our most successful fundraisers to date. We will once again be doing Archie's Pizza for our Fall Fundraiser, and Glenlea Greenhouses for our Spring Fundraiser. Liz is going to reach out to both businesses to get more information, as well as to introduce our new President and Vice President who will be taking care of fundraising going forward. Liz will still provide guidance to our Parent Council Execs during this time of transition.

Mr Baker will be reaching out to teachers for ideas of what this year's fundraisers should be used for.

Fun Lunch:

It has been proposed that we continue Fun Lunch. It has a been a great success with children and parents alike, and we will continue to provide. This year we will be alternating between Subway and Papa John's Pizza. Please look out for our announcement for our first fun lunch in October.

7. Other Business

Recess Zones have been brought to the table once again. We recognize the concern of limiting access to friends in other grades, but we would like to state again that this

is for the overall safety of every child. Mr Baker has asked that anyone who has any further concerns, to please come speak to him directly. He can be reached by phone or email to discuss this matter further.

James has offered to speak with the Native Clan Organization to collect information on any programs they may have for schools. We are looking forward to the information he may bring to the next meeting.

A request has been made to see if we can gain access to child care at the school during our Parent Council Meetings so that more parents may be able to attend. We are happy to announce that Mrs Miller, who has been a long time lunch supervisor at Strathmillan, will be happy to step in to provide child care.

Lyndsey closed the meeting at 8:13pm

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 7pm