

Dr. Emily Stowe Public School

SCC Minutes January 27th, 2025

5:30pm

Attendance: Colleen, Christina, Margaret, Krystal, Laura, Sara, Sherry, Kyla

Staff: Adel Nixon-Evans, Candace Murru, Miriam Johnson

Abset:, Lisa, Katherine, Joanne (Public Health Nurse/Community Rep)

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Review of prior Minutes: Christina (1) Colleen(2)

3. Principal's Report:

Student Achievement

- SK & Grade 8 Grad photos took place Jan 20th
- PA Day on Jan 31st - the focus will be on assessment and report cards
- Reports will be sent home on Feb 20th
- A grade3, and grade6 teacher will be engaging in board-level professional learning for two sessions and will share their learnings at staff meetings. The focus is ongoing assessment information guides, and the learning of foundational literacy skills in primary and junior classrooms.
- Working on school improvement plan, and will continue to focus on evidence-based instruction in literacy and math
- There will be a meeting about a Positive School Climate Team. The team will include staff, students, a parent, and Joanne the Public Health Nurse. They will be meeting to promote school climate through data. The team will meet about 4 times per year.

Student Wellness & Safety

- Bus Safety of all students occurred during the first week of January
- Officer Patrick Jones (School Liaison) is visiting the grade 7 & 8 classes to discuss social media, peers, and bullying on Jan 29th at 9:00am
- Adel to check with Patrick Jones about a practice lockdown as noted in the Nov 2024 meeting minus

4. Teacher's Report

End of November:

- Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Rishi organized the scholastic book fair which earned a lot of money for our school library

In December ..

- Mr. Roberts generously put together the holiday concert, organizing student volunteers. Many classes chose to participate by putting together a performance, providing art, MCing the event, or working behind the scenes
- Mrs. Murru and Mrs. Luke-Hewitt organized and supervised the Student Council as they sold hot chocolate and popcorn at the Christmas Market to raise money for Grade 8 initiatives. Additionally, they organized and supervised

the Bethesda Food and Toy Drive and Candy-Cane Gram Animal Shelter fundraiser

- Mrs. Miriam and Mrs. Murru coached the Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Teams, holding practices before school and during lunch breaks.
- Mrs. Brouwer, Mrs. McCaffrey, and Mrs. Miriam organized a Holiday Craft Day for their classes, where students had the opportunity to circulate between the classes creating some holiday-themed crafts for their families and wrapping them.

In January...

- Mr. Roberts offered up recess in the music room for those students who wanted extra time playing their instruments
- Mrs. Steffler and Mrs. Anderson's class attended the Enniskillen Conservation Area on Jan 14th and invited their Global Buddies from Mr. Fulford's class to join them
- Mme Chartrand and Mr. Harper committed to giving up many of their lunch and recess breaks to coach the junior and intermediate boys and girls basketball teams to the tournaments in early February.
- Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Murru have been working with the bulletin board committee to display Black History Month and Kindness bulletin boards
- Sarah Anderson has begun working with interested Grade 6,7, and 8 students to be recess helpers in the Kindergarten pen (eg. help run games and promote fair play)

Coming up in February ...

- Mrs. Miriam has organized to have Rocks & Rings come to our school gym on February 3rd & 4th
- Many primary classes will be celebrating the 100th day of school, which is on Feb 7
- Mrs. Leebody has organized a school visit for the grade 1 and 2 students from Scientists in the School on February 12th
- Mrs. McCaffrey's class will be attending the outdoor Ed center on Feb 28th

5. Budget Report

- Christmas Market earned \$1,931.05
- Healthy Hunger earned \$5,487.60
- Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser earned \$1,662.02
- Spirit Wear earned \$162
- Vandermeer's Christmas Fundraiser earned \$471.38

- School Balance from 2024 rolling over to 2025 is \$8,893.25
- **Overall Balance: \$17,838.94**

- Motion for subsidizing for Scientist in the Classroom out of the School Council Balance - Colleen (1) Krystal (2)

6. Fundraising Plans/Updates

- Croc Shoe Charms planned for the Spring. Plan to contact the company in March for ordering. Plan on selling charms for \$3 each (or 2 for \$5?)
- Easter Planning - Purdy's Chocolates
- Fun Fair Planning - Date to be Thursday May 15th from 4pm-7pm.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm by Colleen (1) Margaret (2)

Next Council Meeting: Monday Feb 24th in the Library