

Dr. Emily Stowe Public School

SCC Minutes February 24th, 2025

5:30pm

Attendance: Colleen, Jackie, Margaret, Krystal, Laura, Kyla

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

Absent: Christina, Lisa, Katherine, Sara, Sherry, Joanne (Public Health Nurse/Community Rep)

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Review of prior Minutes: Krystal (1) Margaret (2)

3. Principal's Report:

Student Achievement

- SK & Grade 8 Grad retakes, and class photos taken today
- Report cards sent home last Thursday
- Holly James and Katelyn Rae are taking part in professional development about foundational literacy skills in primary and junior classrooms and have taken part in one day of learning and more soon.
- The Positive School Team met on February 6th. The three students on the team are working hard to support our efforts. Our first step is to highlight the wonderful environment at Dr. Emily Stowe and to recognize the kindness shown by both students and staff. We are using ballots called "Sowe Shout-Outs," which we will display on a bulletin board created by the student team. We will begin to look at our Climate Survey Data which was taken last spring.
- EQAO Dates TBD

Student Wellness & Safety

- Officer Patrick Jones visited the grade 7 and 8 students to discuss safety when using phones, the importance of your parents knowing about your phone habits and ensuring that they seek help if something is not feeling right.
- Lock Down Practise March 4th at 9:30am
- Pink Shirt Day - February 26th
- Dental Screening for JK and SK students, and Grade 2 - March 26th

4. Teacher's Report

February was a busy month.

In February...

- Mrs. Murru and Mrs. McDonald organized for the bulletin board committee to create our 'Black History Month' and 'Kindness' bulletin boards for February.
- Mrs. Miriam organized to have 'Rocks & Rings' come to our school gym on February 3rd and 4th to introduce the sport of curling to our students. It was a blast, with students from kindergarten to grade 8 enjoying it.

- Many primary classes celebrated the 100th day of school, which was on February 7th. Many students dressed like they were 100 years old, and participated in a wide variety of activities organized by their classroom teacher.
- Mrs. Leebody organized a school visit for the grade one and two students from Scientists in the School on February 12th. It was well attended, and some parents from each class volunteered to help out.
- Many classes throughout the school celebrated Valentine's Day on February 14th. Many classroom teachers organized classroom parties for this, and many students exchanged valentines with their classmates.
- Mrs. Murru and Mrs. Luke Hewitt's grades 7 and 8 had a virtual guest speaker, Isaac Murdoch, who spoke to their students about the importance of water while they completed a heart painting.
- Mr. Harper and Mme Chartrand took the Intermediate Boys to the Basketball tournament, which was on February 19th. The Intermediate Girls competition is on February 25th.
- Mrs. Murru and Mrs. Luke-Hewitt's 7's and 8's will be participating in the Youth Violence Prevention Symposium this week.
- Ms. Carlisle is having the Clarington Public Library come and visit her class on February 27th.
- Mrs. McCaffrey's class will attend the outdoor Ed center on February 28th.

Coming up in March...

- Scientists in the School for Junior and Senior Kindergarten students
- Next Sport: Badminton

Jimmy Chapman Proposal

- Many staff have been inquiring about Jimmy Chapman. Some of you may remember that he visited Dr. Emily Stowe in the past. Jimmy's program provides a unique blend of dance fundamentals with a highly energetic comedic style, tailored to all grades and abilities. Not only does this program fit the required dance curriculum, but most importantly helps develop self-esteem, self-confidence, and team-building skills. I have reached out to see his availability, and he is all booked up for this school year but can come out on October 21st and 22nd, 2025 for 2 days if we would like. The cost is \$500/day.

Rocks and Rings Proposal

- Many students enjoyed the Rocks and Rings Curling introduction. Some staff suggested that they would like to purchase some of the curling sets to be able to have this be a unit we could teach in our gym classes. The sets that were used by Rocks and Rings are from a company called Floor Curl. They have starter sets for \$599 each. We are asking if the Parent Council would support the purchase of these for our school gym. Ideally, we would have 4 sets, but 2 is enough to get started, so they could be purchased over 2 years.

5. Budget Report

- **Overall Balance: \$17,219.62**
- \$3000 towards Fun Fair Budget motion - Margaret (1) Krystal (2)

6. Fundraising Plans/Updates

- Purdy's Easter Fundraiser. Last day to order will be March 23rd, with the latest day for pick up being April 4th. Council to assess for funds to go towards Rocks and Rings Curling sets based on staff vote
- Fun Fair Planning - Date to be Thursday May 15th from 4pm-7pm.
- 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?)

7. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm by Colleen (1) Krystal (2)

Next Council Meeting: Monday March 24th @ 5:30pm in the Library