

North Elmsley Public School Parent Council Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2023

1. Welcome and Introductions – Sarah Hunter

Attendees: Kevin Fisher, Marsha Jackson, Sarah Hunter, Teanna Miller, Darrien Smith, Angel Wilkes

2. Additions to Agenda – None

3. Approval of Minutes- Approved by all

4. Principals Report- Kevin Fisher

School Culture Survey- Children from schools across the board participated in a survey to analyze how children are feeling at school. A group will be going with Mr. Fisher to meet with other schools to analyze the data. From our school about 95% reported they feel there is an adult they can go to with questions or concerns. About 85% reported that they were never bullied online. We may hear more about this research in the coming months.

The Importance of Sleep and Bell times- There will be upcoming online opportunities to attend meetings. Dec 6 there will be an online presentation to parent council and staff.

-Math is figureoutable not memorizable is an approach to encourage kids to not memorize the formulas but instead work with the numbers and see the relationships. They have been playing I have you need games. Encouraging kids to write it down when their brains can't hold all of the numbers. New approach is don't memorize see the relationships.

-Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. Defines what bullying is. Bullying is not a one time occurrence it is something that happens repeatedly. Circles in the classroom work on restoring and repairing relationships.

5. Treasurers Report – No treasurer report

6. Teachers Report –No teacher report

7. **Non-Teaching Report – Marsha Jackson**

New clubs have started. Grade 3-6 have a coding club, art club and geography club these clubs are supervised by Mr. Blythe. The SK-gr3 have a dance club on Fridays supervised by Ms. Labelle and Ms. Hare.

Progress reports went home Nov 18. Grade 3-6 are learning the recorder. There have been some posts on Facebook looking for community members and families to donate outerwear and some great stuff has been donated. A Facebook post has also been posted asking for donations for the Holiday Shopping event.

On Nov 2 Fire Rescue contest winner got to ride in a fire truck to McDonalds with a friend. 2nd and 3rd place winners got Canadian Tire gift cards.

Mr. Smith is an Engineer in our community. He has been working with the grade 5-6 students. Recently they did a solar system project outside.

Dec 8 is photo retakes, Dec 13 pancakes and pjs, Dec 19, 21, 22 is skating at the Perth Arena, Christmas pageant is Dec 18.

8. **Old Business-** Darrien Smith has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

9. **New Business-**

Fundraising- Parent council would like to take on the Holiday Shop as a school fundraiser this year rather than donating the money. We also agreed that we would like to hold more fundraisers throughout the year and members will meet at a date before the next Parent Council Meeting to decide on some fundraisers we want to do.

There was a motion to raise funds for year end events and educational experiences and that motion was approved by all.

10. **Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm**

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 7, 2023 at 6:30pm