

## **North Elmsley Public School Parent Council Meeting Minutes** **October 12, 2023**

**1. Welcome and Introductions – Kevin Fisher**

Attendees: Kevin Fisher, Melanie Hare, Marsha Jackson, Sarah Hunter, Brianna Porteous, Angel Wilkes

**2. Additions to Agenda – None**

**3. Approval of Minutes- N/A**

**4. Principals Report- Kevin Fisher**

Kevin explained to members what parent council is and the different roles and responsibilities of each role. All members were given a Code of Ethics form and we reviewed it together. Kevin said he would prefer voting to be done in a consensus way rather than a yes or no vote to open topics up for more discussion and fairness.

5 parents expressed interest in being a part of parent council 2 were not present at the meeting tonight but we will reach out to them to join us at the next meeting, We are still seeking council members. The positions of Chair/Secretary and Treasurer were discussed and Sarah Hunter stepped forward for the role of Parent Council Chair she was voted into that role tonight unanimously. Angel Wilkes stepped forward for the role of Secretary and was voted into that role unanimously.

**5. Treasurers Report – Kevin Fisher presented as no treasurer has been assigned as of yet.**

Our current parent council account is at \$200.98. Reviewing money spent last year was spent on swimming lessons top ups for parents who couldn't pay the entire fee, Pancake breakfast supplies and new sports equipment.

**6. Teachers Report – Melanie Hare**

Melanie updated council on success of the start of the year this far. There was a meet the teacher night on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and teachers have probably reached out to the parents who did not make that to discuss any concerns or achievements. There is an upcoming PA day October 27 where teachers will have the opportunity to work on progress reports. Sarah Hunter had asked Melanie if there

has been a decline in reading levels due to COVID and Melanie said there was but improvements have been seen since last year.

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

Marsha reviewed the events that are happening at the school including a visitor for the grade ¾ class who worked with the class on beading projects. Cross Country took place today. There are currently 75 students in the school which is down a bit from last year.

The school just held a bake sale to raise money for the food for thought program and the school received a \$2400 grant to put towards that program as well. Hot lunch revenue will also be put towards the food for thought program but there are still more efforts needed to fund this program.

**8. Old Business- N/A**

**9. New Business-**

Will we be fundraising this year? For what? When? Members are asking to come to the November meeting with thoughts on that. Kevin said there are not any particular supplies that are needed at the moment but experience events are an option or funds could be put towards field trips or activities within the school.

Looking for volunteers. Volunteers do not have to be members of council. Volunteers with special skills are of interest to spend time teaching and working with the children in groups as often as they would like. Volunteers will also be needed for events like the Christmas sale and Pancake lunch.

**10. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned 7:36pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday November 20, 2023**