

Duclos School Council Meeting
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October 29, 2024, 6:30PM @ Duclos School

Present: JoDee Conrad (Acting Principal), Sarah Severn (Chair), Cassie Lesyk (Secretary), Leila Brosseau (Vice- Chair [virtual]), Kathie Gibbons (teacher representative), Katryna Paul, Delaina Bull, Lindsay Clausen, Jen Nichol, Nicole Kleiss (virtual), Alaina Gamache (virtual), Brittany Rivard (virtual)

1. Call to Order

Sarah Severn called the meeting to order at 6:34PM

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Sarah Severn that the Duclos School Council approves adoption of the September 24, 2024, Duclos School Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Jen Nichol.

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3. Board Trustee Report

Tabled

4. Principal's Report

4.1. Parent and Student Handbook

Located on the website. Recently revamped to align with the new government cell phone policy.

4.2. School Plan

Improving math numeracy skills has been one of the goals.

January 2023 to June 2023 in each grade the following changes were seen. The percentages represent the amount of students in that grade who are at risk for poor numeracy skills.

- Grade 1: January 16% of students at risk vs in June 15% at risk
- Grade 2: January 36 % of students at risk vs in June 27 % at risk
- Grade 3: January 28% of students at risk vs in June 18% at risk
- Grade 4: January 38% of students at risk vs in June 28 % at risk

Mental Health survey:

- Positive result: 100% of students agreed their teachers want them to do their best
- areas of concern: grade 3 and 4's reported feelings of anxiety and not having an adult at home, school or friend to talk to.

4.3. Assurance Survey

19 parental responses

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Result Categories

- Engagement: Maintained from teacher and parent perspective, declined from previous year based on student results.
- Citizenship: acceptable range
- Education quality: declined, area of concern
- Welcoming/caring environment: maintained
- Access to support/services: declined significantly, especially in parent results
- Parental involvement: maintained, in acceptable range
- Lifelong learning: maintained
- Program of studies: maintained
- Safe and caring: maintained overall but decline for students compared to previous year
- Program access: maintained in one area and decline in another

5. Foundation Updates

Lindsay Clausen gave a Foundation update. Volunteers attended a Casino over the Summer and we expect those funds near the end of the year. The Foundation has two open Director positions. Lindsay explained that any parent interested could join. The Foundation is currently finishing the Council budgets.

6. Business

6.1. Love of Art

Art submitted by the end of February. Sales have been trending down but overall we still profit around \$2000. Discussion on taking a break for this year or continuing with this fundraiser like usual.

6.2. Nature's Garden

Idea to have an outdoor classroom. Need to have a separate committee created.

6.3. Recess Bins

Bins for indoor recess (per pod). Idea to ask families for new or gently used donations before approaching the Foundation for funds. Idea to ask the staff to make a list of items that would be desired.

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6.4. Purdys Chocolate

Alaina Gamache shared that materials are photocopied and ready to go home November 1. Orders are due back 18 and arrive shortly before Christmas. Coordinating volunteers for sorting and distribution will need to be done closer to orders arriving.

6.5. Staff Appreciation

Typically align with parent teacher interviews. Discussion on possible ideas including coffee. Member suggested a non food idea, self care package. Decided on CAFN8 on November 28 for the first event.

6.6. Second Chance Clothing Sale

January 18, 10am-4 pm. Discussion on getting grade 4 parents more involved.

6.7. Engagement Grant

\$500 grant.

ASCA workshops are a possibility we can use the grant for.

- Work of a School Council
- Effective Engagement and
- Tools of Effective School Council

Dr. Jody Carrington has some possible workshops. Sarah has reached out to her.

7. **Upcoming Events**

- 7.1. October 31: Halloween Parade
- 7.2. November 1: Dress in Plaid Day
- 7.3. November 5: Picture Retake
- 7.4. November 6: Wear Your House Colour & Take Your Kids to Work Day
- 7.5. November 8: Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 am
- 7.6. November 13: NLPS Joint School Council Meeting with the Board
- 7.7. November 22: Crazy Hair Day
- 7.8. November 26: Report Cards Sent Home
- 7.9. November 27/28: Parent-Teacher Interviews
- 7.10. December 18/19: Christmas Concert.

No daytime performance, evening only.

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8. Topics for Next Meeting Consideration

- Universal social/emotional learning and mental health supports
- Hot lunch

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

December 3rd, 2024.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Sarah Severn that the meeting be adjourned at this time being 8:26 PM. Seconded by Jen Nichol.

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