

ROPS School Council Meeting

School Council Meetings:

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend School Council meetings. All of our School Council meetings will be offered virtually via Google Meets and in person (when possible). Please find the link attached to the email reminder sent by Ms. Miller on the day of the meeting.

We usually meet once a month throughout the school year to do our part in helping to improve student achievement. What does that mean? Through the Council, we hope to involve and engage as many parents as possible in their children's education. How do we do it? Just ask or better yet, please join us at a meeting. Confirmed meeting dates will be added to the school Calendar found on the ROPS website.

June 2, 2025

6:00 PM Start

In Person Attendance:

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| 1. Melanie Shackleton | 6. Debbie Bannister |
| 2. Scott Carmichael (vice-principal) | 7. Lauren Ndupechi |
| 3. Renzie Persad | 8. Brenda Cohen |
| 4. Alison Miller (principal) | 9. Sara Rashid |
| 5. Rachel Cameron | |

Online Attendance:

10. Sweta Rani

Land Acknowledgment

Scott read the land acknowledgement. He spoke about the great work done by the staff in bringing this topic to the forefront, with the Indigenous team helping teachers learn more. The library has also added books to help students learn more about it. Everyone has been on board, showing positive attitudes and achieving great success.

Principles Report

- **Thank you-** Thank you to the school council for organizing a great Fun Fair. The event was a great success; lots of great feedback from parents.
- **Grade 8 Trip –** The grade 8's will be leaving for a 3-day trip on Monday morning. Thank you to the school council for voting in favor of supporting this trip.

- **Grade 8 Graduation-** Alison and Catherine visited St. Volodymyr Cultural Center to go over the logistics of the graduation. One parent reached out to provide a booth for pictures, paid for from out of pocket. They will be covering the cost. Last year, there was a big group photo and students paid \$10 in cash. Will check if that is the case this year.
- **Spending Requests-** Alison put forward the following spending requests
 - Canopy for \$2,782.06 - will be available by fall once purchased
 - Fan shaped fiberglass backboard for \$1,334.24 – the ones we have are old and need replacement
 - Phys-ed consumables for \$1,599.19 – This includes soccer balls, javelin throws, etc....
 - Musical- switch to Canadian company; don't have an exact amount yet. We will be needing a new license. In a previous meeting, the council voted in favor of putting \$5000 towards the musical (\$2500 already given this year, the rest to be given next year)
 - Chromebooks for \$352.44 (+tax) each.

Council voted in favor of using the funds to purchase the canopy, fan shaped fiberglass backboard and Phys-ed consumables.

Treasurer Report

We began the 2024–2025 year with a closing balance of \$41,161.28. Between June 2024 and June 2025, we raised \$31,531.14 through initiatives such as our Fun Fair, popcorn fundraisers, grants, and vendor sales. During the same period, we spent \$35,268.27 on musical instruments, library books, popcorn delivery, Fun Fair permits and supplies, outdoor education materials, and the Grade 8 trip. After accounting for all income and expenses, our current balance stands at \$37,424.15. This figure is an estimate for the treasurer's report, as P-card information is not included in this report and ROPS action items have been attached.

Council Discussion

- **School Council Spending Decisions** – Council voted in favor of the spending policy that allows spending amounts up to \$1,000 for items that have been pre-approved if decision has to be made right away (This would cover cases when the purchase needs to be made before the council has the chance to meet and decide). Limit set to \$5,000 per year on items that fall within the same category.
- **Fun Fair Recap**
 - Spent around \$8,000, Made around \$18,000.
 - Positive feedback from vendors
 - Some parents wanted wristbands to be sold at the event; others wished there were more activities that can be done with wristbands. Need more communication on the different games the wristbands can be used for

- Food went well; cheese pizza did better. Considering doubling up initial order for next year.
 - A suggestion was made to provide food for volunteers doing 2 shifts
 - There was some safety concern with Tug of war; need adult to manage that.
 - Couldn't sell all cotton candy the day of; sold out all cotton candy during school hours today.
 - Primary games went really well. Need to track which games brought more tickets next year as we didn't have different ticket boxes for each game.
 - Henna/ Balloon artist/ Caricaturist did great; balloon lady stayed till 9
 - Frosty wheels planning to come next year
 - Light strike table didn't do well, will ditch next year
 - Sac races/ tug of war – didn't do well, but they barely cost anything
 - New games- didn't do well
 - Silent auction made around \$2,400
 - Should look into applying for raffle license for class baskets; will need approval from school first. Process is long; Rachel and Alison to look into it. We made an average of \$75 per each class basket
 - Need to change name of 'Bags of Chance' to 'Surprise Bags'
 - Need to monitor bathrooms next year, as there was an incident in the bathroom this year
 - Fire truck was appreciated by some parents
- **Teacher's Appreciation Lunch** – John wants to lead on this. We will be going with Monastery year instead of Fortino's; they will be delivering the food. We have funds to cover this year's lunch. We will be putting a separate straight donation ask for next year's.
 - **Promoting and Setting up the Council for 2025/2026-** Need to include more community-building events to encourage parents to take part in the school council. Planning the following
 - Planetarium at the beginning of next school year
 - Big box- Box of cards for different occasion; \$11 of every box goes back to school council
 - Consider Purdy's instead of COBS for next year
 - Mabel's Labels at the beginning or end of next school year. Can be done for kindergarten, to be sold in orientation. This can be done through Mabel's website, not school cash online
 - **Other Items**
 - Council discussed the need for a council meeting in mid September to explain what the council is and get more parents involved. The second meeting held beginning of October will be for voting for the new council members.
 - Melanie tried to establish what was needed were in terms of cost for grade 8 trip and graduation to determine which fundraiser would cover such costs. We need to figure out which fundraiser can be dedicated next year specifically to cover costs for the grade 8 trip and graduation. Popcorn fundraiser would be the best option.
 - Brenda and the council thanked Debbie and Renzie for their participation and dedication to the council for the last 12 years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Next Meeting will be in September.