

# **Summerside School Council - Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - Summerside**

## **Public School 7:00pm**

### **In Attendance**

Ethan (Student Representative), Devon (Student Representative), Nik Cotter, Andrea Gordon, Sui Ling Lee, Jenna Robertson, Stuart van Oostveen, Jenna AuCoin, Becky Stanisic, Dahlia

### **Approval of minutes and agenda**

Agenda is approved and minutes from last meeting are approved as well

### **Announcement of Vacant Position**

The position of the Secretary remains vacant

### **Student's Report**

#### **Athletics**

- Basketball season: Boys won gold! Thank you to Mme Mott and Mr. Loucks for working with the team
- Intermediate girls have open gym on Fridays
- After school workshops for Intermediates
- Intermediate Badminton Tournament

#### **Arts**

- Choir practices are ongoing with a view to a concert at the beginning of June.
- Band continues to meet on Mondays. We had a lot of fun performing at Sir Wil on April 11th along with Trillium ES, Fallingbrook CES and Sir Wil SS junior and senior bands at the annual massed band concert. Now we are preparing a few more songs in preparation for our June concert.
- Violin Club continues to meet every Monday and Wednesday, with growing numbers. We are targeting a Spring Concert, and hopefully some outreach opportunities to play for a retirement home in the area.
- Ukulele Club (gr 4-6) continues to meet on Thursdays. Students are learning more songs with our first three chords. Some are challenging themselves with different strums. New students have joined in January and are always welcome.
- Music Therapy for students in our three specialized program classes. This program is being funded from a non-profit organization making this donation to our school.

#### **Student Leadership**

- Intermediates continue to spearhead popcorn sales
- Bee-yond Differences is planning a Culture Day in April. Students will lead some workshops for intermediate and junior students.

#### **Other**

- Grade 3's enjoyed a fantastic day at the MacSkimming Outdoor Ed centre, learning about experiences of people in Canada during colonization
- Grade 6s from Avalon will be doing a Summerside School Tour on May 12, 2023 as part of their transition activities.
- Grade 8s will be doing a transition tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School on May 31, 2023.
- Planning has started for the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony.

### **Teacher's Report**

#### **School Wide Activities**

- Culture Week April 24-28, with Culture Day April 27
  - Variety of activities and workshops planned by Bee-Yond Differences for all students, celebrating and recognizing culture and diversity
  - On April 27th students can wear cultural attire and bring a special object to showcase
  - There is an Intermediate Poetry in Voice Workshop this week with poet Jamal Jackson

## **Professional Development**

- Staff Book Club: Shifting the Balance (Literacy instruction & phonemic awareness) just finished. Planning underway to further integrate PA into instruction next year, develop Summerside scope and sequence in both languages

## **Student Development**

- Summerside has been allotted 15 spaces to our grade 8s for Pathways for Exploration/Mini Courses. This will happen the first week of May at the University of Ottawa and the Carleton University.

## **Special Education**

- Parent Lending Library available at any time for all families to access, housed in Erin's (LST) office

## **Principal's Report**

### **School-Wide**

- There is now a group of students that have formed the Islamic Excellence. They work with Mr. Hassan and Ms. Jivraj and they meet every other week. It's been especially important during Ramadan to celebrate and acknowledge important dates.
- There will be a school wide Culture Day on April 27th. There will be a door decorating contest but since we're not allowed to have any flammable substance on the doors, it will be an "around the door" decorating contest

### **Planning**

- Heavily involved in the planning for the 2023-2024 school year. Summerside is growing and will be adding one more class. Projected enrollment at 589 students. Currently sending requests for EA's and working on tentative assignments for teachers and ECE's. We will be hiring more staff.
- Once teaching assignments are finished, then we'll be looking at time tables and class lists. We'll be sending a message to parents giving them the option to give us feedback for their child's placement next year.
- There's a big focus on literacy - word recognition, phonics, decoding. The old program, balanced literacy, was leaving kids behind in literacy. A lot of staff at Summerside have taken Top 10 Tools For Literacy - focus on phonics but also comprehension. We also offer remediation for students struggling through tiered interventions. The goal is for every student who comes into our school to be able to read.

### **Budget**

- The board budget for furniture and supplies has a little over \$3,000 left. There is an ability to shift money back into that
- We've also received special grants, \$2000 for outdoor education and \$2700 for our Specialized Program classes
- The poet that is visiting was paid for with student success funds, we asked for \$5000 and received \$300. We also used some of that money for the Grade 8s to go to Sir Wil on a school bus
- Consumables budget of \$5176 was almost completely spent on paper, pencils, duotangs
- We received funding for art supplies and have spent the whole \$2000
- Funding for music was mostly spent to repair/replace instruments - this was how we got ukuleles. The cost to repair band instruments this year was \$2500
- School generated funds budget which is raised by popcorn, hot dog days - there's about \$3000 left and it's used to subsidize field trips
- There is the long-term school generated fund which holds \$20398.75 - will be putting this towards outdoor classroom
- \$5034 has been given to school for curtains, lights - working on obtaining quotes now
- Grade 8s are planning a graduation trip to Montreal. The cost of the trip is \$4700 and there's approximately \$1100 set aside

## **Treasurer's Report**

After depositing our Pizza Term 2 cheques and the \$1253 that we thought we would lose to school cash online fees, the current account balance is \$38,036.94.

## **Spending**

### **Grad**

- It's voted on and agreed that School Council will put \$1000 aside for the grad committee to spend as they see fit but that it should cover a portion of the grad trip, outdoor grad sign, and possibly refreshments for the leaving ceremony

### **Outdoor Classroom**

- It's voted on and agreed that School Council will fund the remaining balance of \$19,000 to build a new outdoor classroom with the inclusion of a stage. Construction is believed to begin this summer with Summerside being able to begin using the outdoor classroom as soon as next fall

### **Community Donations**

- It's agreed that School Council will move forward with \$1000 donations each to Carson Grove E.S and the Education Foundation of Ottawa

### **Staff Wishlist Part II**

- It's agreed that the staff wishlist will be put on hold and funded after completion of collection Term 1 pizza sales in or around October of 2023

## **In-School Events**

### **PRO-Grant Speaker Event**

- MediaSmarts speaker on Facing Online Hate is taking place at Summerside on May 4th at 6:00pm. Childcare will be provided for parents. School Council received a grant of \$750 for this but we are paying approximately \$500 from School Council to fund the balance

### **Movie Night**

- It's agreed that School Council will host a movie night at Summerside on June 1st. Time will be determined. School Council will offer the sale of popcorn, drinks, pizza and chocolate bars. This event will not generate profits for School Council but may be used to raise money for the Intermediate graduation trip. A sub-committee for the planning of this night is being led by Jenna A., Jenna R., Sui Ling Lee, Andrea and Dahlia. The suggested Movie is Encanto which will be borrowed on DVD from the public library

*Meeting is adjourned at 8:37pm*