

Summerside School Council - Wednesday September 29 at 7:00pm via Google Meet

In Attendance: Andrea Gordon, Angela Ronald, Bobby Chauhan, Chatura Prematunge, Colleen Dwyer, Crystal-Lee Savage, Erica Roy, Hicham Benkirane, Jeff Matthews, Jenna AuCoin, Jenna Robertson, Kailey Satta, Marium Rauf, Melissa Humphries, Lynda Mama, Nik Cotter, Rebecca Ryan, Rebecca Stanistic, Saaimah Malik, Sarah Ahmed, Stacey Downing, Stuart van Oostveen, Dahlia Powell

Welcome and Introductions

Bobby Chauhan welcomes everyone and goes through the roles of School Council including their responsibilities. All executive positions need to be filled and all positions are up for election. Council is also looking for non-executive roles such as leading committees for fundraising and social media/communications. Council will need to fill the positions of Members at Large. The role of this position is to attend council meetings every month, and volunteer for sub-committees as they come up. There can be up to 12 Members at Large to be able to achieve quorum and have voting power.

Stuart moves for motion to call for election for executive committee positions.

Bobby and Erica nominate themselves for positions of co-chair with no other competition. There are no new nominations for the Secretary role so Jenna AuCoin retains the position of Secretary.

Colleen Dwyer nominates herself for Treasurer.

Lynda Mama nominates herself for the role of Treasurer.

Colleen chooses to relinquish her self-nomination for another role on council.

Members at Large - Colleen Dwyer, Rebecca Stanistic, Jeff Matthews, Jenna Robertson, Chatura Prematunge, Chrissy Savage, Mariam Rauf, Stacey Downing, Dahlia Maxwell

Fundraising Committee Lead - Jenna Robertson

Social Media/Communication Leads - Chatura/Mariam/Sarah Ahmed

Play Structure Committee - Jenna AuCoin/Sui Ling/Colleen Dwyer

Pizza Parent once resumed - Colleen Dwyer

Approval of Agenda - Agenda is approved.

Approval of minutes from last June's meeting - Minutes are approved.

Principal's Update - Stuart van Oostveen

It's very important to make sure students at school have the best experience at Summerside. There are 24 classes this year, three of which are special program classes and four are kindergarten classes.

Grade 1 to Grade 6 is offered in French Immersion classes - kids are getting a big chunk of their day in French and a small part in English. Grade 7 and 8 are students from Avalon in the English program and French Immersion continues as well.

We put a big emphasis on having students in Grade 7 and 8 really feel like they're part of the school as well for their short two years. Building a sense of community is very important.

Vice Principal's Update - Rebecca Ryan

Technology - Chromebooks were returned by students in the early summer. We had sent out Chromebooks for virtual learning. We are still getting them back and getting the tech tubs together. We'll make sure they are cleaned and in working order before re-distributing them. The priority is for Intermediate and Junior classes. Hopefully have them by later this week. Then Primary and Kinder tech tubs should be ready as well. The ratio is roughly 1:4 for Chromebooks.

Teacher's Report - Nik Cotter and Melissa Humphries

Student Representative for School Council - Quite a number of students were interested in taking on the role - about 20 candidates - so we've taken the 20 students and turned it into a Student Council - they're all going to have a voice instead of a couple representatives. Instead of running a campaign where only a couple can be chosen to be representatives for Parent Council, Parent Council will choose new student representatives every couple of months.

Question - Do they need to have a constitution?

Answer - We can develop one, a lot of them have had questions with the roles so we're hoping to have agendas and constitutions as well.

Question - Would representatives be identified for October's meeting?

Answer - Yes, we will brainstorm and choose representatives at our next Student Council next meeting.

Minute to Win It - Grade 7 and 8 orientation took place the first two days of school this year. In other years, it has been a week long event. All of the classes gathered outside, around the yard there were boxes with challenges, which included sorting objects with different colours, bottle flipping, pencil flipping, etc. It allowed students to have fun together and have friendly competition. Student Council wanted us to tell you about their gym classes which are often outside. Various classes are learning to play football and ultimate frisbee. The Terry Fox Run is coming up Friday, October 8th. We'll be breaking up into three groups so there's more space. Student council is working on posters to advertise that. They also worked on posters for Orange Shirt Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and Franco-Ontarian day last Friday.

Comment - It would be nice to have a student newsletter.

Answer - It would be better having a parent council newsletter and having a blurb from Student Council.

Financial Report

Since the last meeting on June 16th there have been five transactions. Two of them are fees of \$4.95. Two cheques were cashed - for mobile escape and magnet sign. One cheque was deposited for \$525 from Flipgive.

End of the financial year, the balance was \$9248.11.

Opening amount for this year is \$9248.11.

Since the first of August there has been one transaction of monthly fees for \$4.95.

Balance \$9243.16.

Still expecting a cheque from Swarm gear for \$465.

First task Lynda has to do is contact the bank to make an appointment. She'll need a letter from Stuart as a Principal, with the names of the Executive Committee for signatures on the bank account. The Treasurer signs all cheques.

Matters for discussion/New Business

Tree Update - we will be meeting with the City of Ottawa on school grounds for a tree planting program. A bunch of trees were dead so they are going to come see for funding for new trees.

Pizza Program - Catholic board is doing the program. It's a very large program for fundraising. We are not allowed to start it yet but we have gone and collected data and pricing from companies. It will be ready to go once we get the green light.

Question - Is there consistency between why the Catholic board can allow pizza days but not the public board when they both follow OPH guidelines?

Answer - We were told as schools that the start up was planned for the month of September - not knowing if things would change quickly or slowly. We're unsure whether or not they will change in the next day or two, and we won't know until next week. It is a decision that is made higher than at the school level.

OCASC meetings are: Oct 7, 21, Nov 18, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19. It would be beneficial to have someone attend. It's possible to have different members every month and even could just also be reading meeting minutes and bringing them back to committee.

Fundraising ideas - Purdys, Boston Pizza, Summerside Gear. We will have a conversation with the sub-committee and go from there.

Future Meeting Dates for Note

October 20th, November 17th, December 15th, January 19th, February 16th, March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th, June 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm