

Percy Centennial School Council - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

Chair: Tiffany Klein

Attendance: Peter Cain, Tiffany Klein, Katie Laver, Johanna Allen, Vin Chai, Catherine Huestis, Alicia Leany, Sara Laver, Jessica Barron, Miranda Lewis, Claudia Brenton, Jessica Chapman, Brooke Allan, Samantha Skinner, Shannon Lackey, Stephanie Franklin-Allen, Brent Laver, Meg McLean

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

- Land acknowledgment

2. Minutes of last meeting from September 13th, 2022

- Approved by Alicia, seconded by Johanna

3. Principal's Report

- Thank you to everyone for support during Peter's absence for dad's passing.
- CUPE job action strike, schools were closed Friday and Monday.
- Apple fundraiser was a success.
- Sports are back: soccer tournament, cross country at KPREA, rugby tournament.
- Popcorn program is back, run by Mr. Brackenbury's Grade 5 class. Emperor Popcorn is name this year, fully student run. Popcorn available for purchase and distributed on last Friday of each month.
- Percy color teams are back, activities/games are on Fridays. Teams from K to 8.
- Breakfast Club currently running 3 days a week. Tiffany: program has 4 volunteers a day, average 110 students serviced each day. Thank you to the Warkworth Service Club for their donation of \$500 and a microwave and to Athena Wollaston who donated 120 bowls and plates.
- Remembrance Day: today was Indigenous Veteran's Day, assembly honoring veterans was held at school with moment of silence. Grade 4 to 8 will walk to cenotaph this Friday for ceremony.

- Jimmy Chapman Presentation

- Presentation is a traveling museum of war memorabilia. Jimmy presented at Percy on Nov. 2nd. Some parents expressed concern about the imagery presented. School is listening to feedback and working through concerns. Some concerns: glorification of war, impact on Jewish students, allowing weapons in school. Peter sent out letter to parents addressing concerns.

- Two parents attended council meeting today to share feedback:

Meg McLean: will be meeting with Peter for further discussion, main concerns were weapons presented were not secured and curriculum was not age appropriate.

Brent Laver: history teacher at Campbellford high school, veteran, specializing in right-wing extremism. Gave positive feedback about this level of experiential learning and felt that it's important to not avoid the "scary subjects" in history.

- A couple parents with Kindergarten-age children expressed that their kids enjoyed the presentation and learned from it.

- Peter acknowledges that parents should have been told about the presentation. This is a new presentation to Percy so school is in the learning and assessing stages and all parent concerns are being considered. Too early to determine whether this will be an annual presentation. Whole process of bringing in outside presentations will be reviewed.

- Jimmy Chapman's credentials: Jimmy's history with school boards spans 6 years, for war memorabilia presentation he interviews the people who he gets the memorabilia from to gather information.

- Feedback from teachers: generally positive about what was taught, but Percy will look at issues beyond the subjects taught which includes items presented, imagery etc.

- Peter encourages parents to continue to reach out to him with concerns, thank you to all parents who voiced their concerns at today's meeting.

- Alicia is moving to Peterborough and will no longer be in school council. Trunk or Treat was a success.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Apple fundraiser profit was \$681, last year's profit was \$702.
- Poinsettia sales currently at \$428, last day to order is this Thursday. Catherine will ask Brenda Partridge to send out reminder to the community. Poinsettia tentative pick-up day set for Thursday, December 1st. Katie will confirm.
- Hot Lunch total is \$7700. This is a moving total currently in account, expenses have not been deducted.
- Student council account total is approx. \$15000. \$10000 set aside for shelter, does not include hot lunch. Loretta is currently on leave so Peter is handling expenses.
- Cameco \$2500 grant money has not been received. Peter will follow up with board.
- Yard & Garden Maintenance
 - Johanna has secured donation of 8 yards of mulch from Vantill Tree Care. We may need more, council will revisit in spring.
 - Peter has given permission to place decorative boulders in front garden.
 - Need plant budget from school for more bulbs. Peter will follow up.
 - Peter Brackenbury's garden: lots of weeds with burrs that need to be removed. Town & Country is contracted by school for landscaping. Peter will look into whether school needs to modify contract to cover removal of weeds in that area.
 - Willow structures need to be cleaned up. Peter will reach out to Jessica York.
- Student Council/Grad Committee:
 - No grad dance for graduation. Tiffany suggested possibility of forming student council this year to organize dance.
 - Leadership crew is for fundraising for community interests, not for grad committee.
 - General consensus among council is that we need to hear back from students and Gr. 8 parents on whether there is any interest in holding a dance. Onus is on students/parents/teachers to organize a dance, not on school council.
 - Table until December meeting. Suggestion made by Johanna to have Grade 7s organize dance for Grade 8s. Peter will talk to teachers.

- Teacher Requests:
 - Shade shelter: Brief from school board on price for shade shelter received, will be approximately \$30 000.
 - Tiffany will reach out to Warkworth Service Club for possible help with funding.
 - Request from Ms. Watson: Help with funding for bus costs for Port Hope Capitol Beauty & the Beast production for 140 primary students. Cost for 3 buses will be \$899, cost per ticket for play is \$22. Council will need to spend a comparable amount for Junior/Intermediate students if we agree to this request. Proposal to bring back \$10 per student for all students. Motion made by Johanna, seconded by Jess Chapman. Motion approved.
- Approval of budget:
 - Some phys-ed equipment needs to be replaced. Peter will follow up with what we need and what school budget will cover.
 - Based on current Poinsettia sales, we need to lower fundraising goals this year: Chocolate fundraiser new goal \$2000. Dance-a-thon new goal \$4500.

5. New Business

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 - Johanna commended all teachers coaching sports. Thank you to rugby coach, Ms Katrina Manis (Gr. 1/2 teacher), who sent thank you notes to people who ran events at KPREA. Person in charge at KPREA expressed great appreciation for the thank you note.
 - Winter concert: December, date TBD.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

7. Next meeting Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm