

Percy Centennial School Council - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

Chair: Tiffany Klein

Attendance: Peter Cain, Tiffany Klein, Shawna Buttar, Sara Laver, Katie Laver, Vin Chai, Joanna Allen, Claudia Brenton. Jessica Chapman, Samantha Skinner, Stephanie Franklin-Allen,

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

- Land acknowledgment

2. Minutes of last meeting from January 8th, 2023

- Approved by Jess, seconded by Samantha

3. Principal's Report

- Kindergarten student at Hastings Elementary passed away over the weekend. No details available.
- Indigenous Education Presentation on Thursday, April 13th: Chad Solomon will be presenting Indigenous education to all students at different times. Part of Passport to Integration—ways to integrate Indigenous education throughout school program. Primaries will learn about Treaties. Tiffany questioned why parents are being asked to pay \$5 fee with no option to opt out considering financial struggles faced by some families. Peter will take this into consideration for future educational presentations.
- Science of Reading Emphasized in Curriculum: Staff will be using Reader's Now resource—a resource that supports how literacy is taught in schools. Core concepts of reading and comprehension will be taught to students so they have foundational skills to advance their reading as they move through grades. This is an initiative being taken by school boards across North America.
- Loretta Eddy sends thank you to school council for her retirement gift basket.

4. Teacher's Report

- Earth Day is Friday, April 21st: Ms Bickle and Ms Buttar are co-ordinating clean up around the school. Junior/Intermediate will clean up along Millennium Lilac Trail. Kids will watch Disney's Strange World, movie about usurping of natural resources. Shawna is looking into possible donations for something kids can bring home.
- Dance-a-thon: Teachers will ask students in advance what flavor of popcorn they want and popcorn bags will be ready to be distributed in gym.
- Spring Concert By Ms Ward: Tentative date is May 18th. There will be a day and night performance, similar to Christmas concert. Ms. Ward is asking if cookies and juice can be provided. We will finalize details at next council meeting on May 9th.
- Gardener's Club: Ms. Upton (3/4 teacher) will run during lunch hour, as a club students can join. Front garden beds and vegetable boxes. Warkworth Service Club has expressed interest in donating to garden. Possibly bring in volunteers from seniors in community. Ms. Upton will reach out to Tiffany to co-ordinate. Donation of mulch coming from Van Till tree care, Joanna coordinating.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Chocolate Fundraiser Update: Gross revenue \$8290, profit \$3301.12. Current total in school council account is \$27 440.23.
 - \$15 000 going to shade shelter. Aiming towards next Spring to build shade shelter. Warkworth Community Foundation expressed interest in making a donation towards shade shelter. Warkworth Community Service Club has also expressed interest in donating but they have some questions about shelter, Joanna will answer their questions at future meeting and update council.

6. Topics For Discussion

- New School Times: New bell times for Percy are 8:20am start and 2:30pm end. All notifications have been sent out. Shortage of bus drivers is driving this change.

- Dance-a-thon: Need volunteers to write names for draws. We have gift certificates for Subway, Aron theater; water received from no frills; popcorn ordered; school will pay for DJ. Volunteers needed for popcorn packaging in morning. Leadership club is making posters. Last day to get money in is Monday, April 24th.
- School Talk on Edsby: Edsby use will increase moving forward. All School information is posted in **School Talk News**. Some community news is also shared. **Knowledge** column on left side of desktop version is where all school council agenda and minutes are posted. Information hub is here, also community supports and community programs. (On phone app, **Knowledge** tab is in top menu.) **Pinned** information is also in left column (eg. sledding form). Pinned items stay up as they are relevant. School calendar is on right side. More extra-curriculars will be posted on calendar moving forward. (On phone app, calendar is in top menu.)
- Yard and Maintenance: Utilize garden club, mulch donation coming. Willow structure: Jessica York needs to be contacted.
- Pizza By The Bakery has offered to do subs for next year to replace Subway, offering lower price than Subway. Table voting for May 9th.

7. New Business

- Claudia: Sharpe's Tapes fundraiser. Discuss at next meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

9. Next and last meeting of the school year Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 6:30pm