

Percy Centennial School Council - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

Chair: Jessica Chapman

Attendance: Peter Cain, Sara Laver, Brooke Allan, Stephanie Franklin-Allen, Katie Laver, Shannon Lackey, Vin Chai, Samantha Skinner, Catherine Huestis, Lindsay Glover, Jason Conner, Katelyn Rudkin, William Rudkin, Laura Dewan, Claudia Goncalves

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

- Land acknowledgment

2. Minutes of last meeting from May 14th, 2023

- Approved by Steph, seconded by Lindsay

3. Principal's Report

- New secretary: Karen Karsikas.
- Enrollment: 284 students, 12 classrooms from K-8.
- STSCO: Opt-in requirement is new for this year.
- New Staff: Grade 8, Ms. Mac Pherson; Grade 3/4, Ms. Makkar; Grade 1, Ms. Fernandes; Librarian, Ms. Harper; French Teacher, Ms. McLaren;
- School Sports & Events: Soccer and Cross Country are under way. Terry Fox run is on October 2nd. Percy has not heard from Campbellford yet, possibly due to construction outside the school. If students do not go to Campbellford then the route will be along the Lilac trail.
- Open House: September 19th, 5:30-7pm. Food will be served from 5:30pm-6pm. Book fair will be open.
- National Day For Truth and Reconciliation: September 30th.
- Edsby: Sign up to get notifications on school news, activities & field trips. All news and events will be posted on *School Talk & Percy News*.

4. Teacher's Report

- Terry Fox run is on October 2nd. Grades 3 and under will walk on the school trail, all other kids will do the Millennium trail.
- We have a literacy coach, Jennifer Sole, who comes in to facilitate the new language program, UFLI. The focus of UFLI is on using phonics as building blocks for reading and to integrate foundational skills to help kids become proficient readers. Teachers are able to book time slots to work with her.
- The Board is requiring that all schools create a Positive School Climate Committee. The committee must comprise of a minimum of one administrative staff, one CUPE member, one ETFO member, one community member, and one student. Meetings are to be held (at least) 4 times per year and will take place during the school day.
- During the book fair, reading buddies will bring the little kids to the book fair where they can make a "wish list". Parents can send money in with students.
- The Breakfast Club will be running again soon. We are in need of volunteers.
- Teachers have been asked for their feedback on any needs they may have or any suggestions for fundraisers for this year.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Last balance \$45056.46. \$1000 has been set aside for the playground inspection. New slides were installed and paid for by the Board over the summer.
- The tendering process for the shade shelter was completed over the summer. The board is in final negotiations with contractors. The cost has come in a little over the original estimate and the Board has agreed to cover the difference. A Fall completion date is possible however with the usual construction delays, completion in the Spring is more likely.

6. Topics For Discussion

• Open House

- We need volunteers to hand out Pizza. It would be beneficial to have as many council members present as possible. School will pay for 3/4 of the cost. Last year's cost was approximately \$1000 so council will be paying about \$250. Motion to pay for pizza (~\$250) made first by Sam, seconded by Katie.

• Hot Lunch

- Hot lunch days will remain on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- We are aiming to start the first week of October.
- Chicken tenders from Robin's Nest will be offered on Tuesdays.
- The cost to us is \$5 for 4 tenders, \$6.50 for 6 tenders.
- All orders include veggies and dip.
- Sara will confirm the size of each piece so council can decide how many pieces to offer. Smaller kids may only need 3 tenders for which the cost to council would be \$4.25 and the sale price would be \$5. For 6 tenders the sale price will be \$7.
- Pizza will be offered on Thursdays. Price will be confirmed by The Shop.
- Motion for food choices made first by Sara, seconded by Steph.
- Final votes for pricing will be done by email once prices are finalized.
- We will need parent volunteers to pick up and drop off lunches. Pick up time is 10am.

• Voting For Fundraisers

- Apples: The cost for a 5Lb bag is \$7. The suggested sale price is \$10 per bag. Last year we made \$530. This year's pick up date will be Wednesday October 9th from 2:15 to 5:30pm. Motion made first by Shannon, seconded by Katie.
- Approximately \$15000 total funds raised last year.
- School cash on-line is offering new payment options this year (Apply Pay, Google Pay and Visa) and transaction fees will now be applied to payments to cover processing costs.

• Voting On Annual Funds For Students

- Bus costs have increased so council will revisit \$10 amount mid-year to assess if an increase is feasible for council. Motion to continue \$10 per student fund made first by Catherine, seconded by Samantha.

• **Voting On School Council Positions**

◦ Final Positions:

Chair - Jess Chapman

Vice Chair - Jason Conner

Secretary - Vin Chai

Treasurer - Lindsay Glover

Hot Lunch - Stephanie Franklin-Allen (chicken)

Claudia Goncalves (pizza)

7. New Business/Questions

• **Kids with permission to leave school property during nutrition break**

- Grades 7 & 8 are permitted to leave school grounds (with permission forms) during nutrition break on the last day of each week.

• **Police check for parent volunteers**

- New police check required every year.
- School accepts checks done for other volunteer positions in community (ie. coaches).

• **Book Fair**

- No volunteers needed this year as we have a librarian.

• **Garden Boxes**

- Boxes have been removed.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

9. Next meeting on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 6:30pm