

**Percy Centennial School Council - Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Co-Chairs:** Jessica Chapman & Jason Conner (Absent), Stephanie Franklin-Allen chairing for this session

**Attendance:** Peter Cain, Katie Laver, Vin Chai, Samantha Skinner, Claudia Goncalves, Katelyn Rudkin, William Rudkin, Jess Barron, Troy Barron, Shawna Buttar

**1. Meeting called to order at 6:36pm**

- Land acknowledgment

**2. Minutes of last meeting from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Approved by Katie, seconded by Katelyn

**3. Principal's Report**

- Before the Christmas break, Percy organized a Primary Fun Day for the younger students and a Skating Day for the juniors. Teachers put in a lot of effort rounding up skates and helmets ensuring all kids could participate in Skating Day.
- We had 4 snow days over a span of 5 school days!
- The shade shelter is now complete. The head of the Facilities Department at the Board needs to come out for one more visit. An issue with birds perching on the roof needs to be addressed. Contractors were phenomenal during the whole building process. A ribbon cutting event is planned for the spring, and we will also be placing plaques to recognize the companies that made donations to the shade shelter as well as acknowledge the community's generous support.

**4. Teacher's Report**

- The Christmas concerts were a success. Teachers opened up their classrooms for Festive Fun Day (for Grade 3 and lower), with each class offering a different activity.
- The Leadership group is planning a new spirit week for January/February. A winter door decorating contest is being organized. They will also be offering Candy grams for Valentine's day.
- Kids are asking about seating for the shade shelter.

- Teachers are requesting funds from Parent Council to purchase additional crazy carpets, ideally 50 or 60. We will check with Giant Tiger or Canadian Tire to see if they would be willing to donate. The school will also post on social media to ask parents if they have any to donate.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance is \$10 450. School lunch revenue is \$7800. Poinsettia revenue is \$1934.06. Revenue for the new frozen pizza fundraiser is currently at \$381.60.
- Mabel's Labels link for Percy is still missing.

## **6. Topics For Discussion**

### **• Hot Lunch**

- We are exploring a 3rd lunch item option. Robin's Nest is offering elbow macaroni with ground beef and tomato for \$4.50 each, and we would charge \$6. The Shop is offering a 12oz mac n cheese for \$3, which we would sell for \$4.50. They also have a gluten free option for \$4. In February, Council will send out a survey to parents to gather feedback on preferred options.

### **• Additional Fundraisers**

- MacMillans Cookie Dough/Muffin Mix and other food items. Our profit increases with the number of items sold. For example, if we sell 0 to 100 items, the school earns 20% with this percentage increasing as more items are sold. Ordering is directly through their website, not School Cash Online. We will need to work out the logistics for delivery and pick up. Motion to run this fundraiser was made first by Claudia, seconded by Samantha.
- Aron Theatre Day. The cost is \$2 per seat. Council will look further into how much to charge and determine if it is within our budget to cover the full cost.

### **• Playground Enhancement Project**

- A separate subcommittee will be formed to fundraise for the playground structure. We will look into regulations around placing ad banners on the school fence. The WCF has expressed interest in making a donation so the committee can reach out to them for further discussion.

## • **Parents Reaching Out Grant: YouthSpeak**

- Percy is partnering with Northumberland and Colborne schools for YouthSpeak to come in April for a two day presentation. One session will be for students and the other for parents.
- The student session will focus on bullying for grades 4-8, while the focus for grades K-3 will be on inclusivity.
- Parent's night (scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>) will cover topics such as bullying, ways to support our youth, recognizing warning signs, and tips to protect children on-line.
- Peter has submitted a Parents Reaching Out grant application to fund parent's night.
- Council will need to coordinate with Northumberland and Colborne school councils to organize the logistics for parent's night.

## • **Archery**

- \$700 was requested by Mr. Matthews for upgrading archery equipment. After reviewing our budget, council has agreed to cover half the cost. Council agrees the archery program is an important program for the school and believe it should be supported. Motion made by council to give \$350 towards upgrading archery equipment, made first by Katie, seconded by Jess.

## **7. New Business/Questions**

### • **Willow Structure**

- Jessica York has been contacted regarding grooming, more details to come.

### • **Peter Brackenbury's Garden**

- Question was raised on whether help is needed from council to maintain the garden. Mr. Brackenbury and students handle the maintenance, so no help is needed at this time.

## **8. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm**

## **9. Next meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm**