

New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting
October 6th 2021 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Attendance:

Ms. Katie Brown (Principal), Ms. Wilson (Educator) Angie H, Tara G, Julie B, Tanya F
Student Representative: Michael F

Welcome / Territory Acknowledgment:

School Council Meetings/Role/Time Commitment:

Meet once a month for one hour (December, March, June excluded)
Looking for the current roles Co-chair with Angie Hallman, Treasurer, Goodwill and Secretary.
Please let Ms. Brown know if you can assist in one of these roles.

Financial Report:

\$4,038.75

Grant Report:

FLIP Give - School Council Parent Andrea volunteered to continue to provide flip give.
<https://www.flipgive.com/teams/214108-new-dundee-ps>

Principals Report:

Katie Brown Introduction: Ms. Brown started the meeting with an introduction and shared her enjoyment of getting to know our NDPS children. She spent September 30th, The First Truth and Reconciliation Day reading the Indigenous Creation story to each class. She welcomed the WRDSB director to the school on October 6th. She welcomed the WRDSB director, jeewan chanicka, to the school on October 6th. He toured the outside of the school, interacting with students and staff who were participating in outdoor learning.

1. Community Garden: The school community garden was a huge success over the summer! With great thanks to all the parents and Staff who contributed to the garden this year.

2. Student Enrollment/Staff Changes: We have 151 students. We welcome Mrs. Styan, in for Mrs. Urquhart and Mrs. Baptie in for Mrs. Eby. Ms. Ferreira, is welcomed as the Music, Drama and Sert educator. Looking for a School Council volunteer to send cards out on behalf of the parent/caregiver community.

- 3. Terry Fox:** This amazing school community raised \$1,850 toward the Terry Fox Foundation.
- 4. Community Events:** October 16th from 9am to 12pm there will be a community tree planting in Mannheim hosted by Let's Tree Wilmot.
- 5. Washroom Renovation:** This school now has an equitable washroom available to the LBGTQAI2S students.
- 6. Office Improvements:** There were some minor facelifts made to the office.
- 7. Halloween:** We will be having orange and black day on Friday Oct. 29. To adhere to our Covid-19 health guidelines, we ask that families do not send in treats. Please see the full message that was sent home on school day.
- 8. Library/Home Reading:** Watch for home reading and library books coming home in your learners backpack. **This will be gradually beginning.**
- 9. Remembrance Day(s):** November 8th Indigenous Remembrance Day, November 11th Remembrance Day. Stay tuned for how the school and students will participate this year.
- 10. Staff Support:** Traditionally parent council requests information from staff as to what class rooms may need. Ms. Brown will follow up with staff for comments. Outdoor resources for students and Science programming were discussed. Ms. Brown will follow up with staff and report back to the school council.
- 11. Possible Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser?** Ms. Brown will connect with the school board to verify policies surrounding this. It is hopeful that the school council can offer this again this year.
- 12. School photos:** Investigating options for outdoor Spring school photos. Stay tuned.
- 13. Front Garden:** Thanks to those of you who have reached out to help with our front garden. We are working on a plan to weed, plant, and mulch the front garden to spruce it up. Many thanks to Mary Ann Dore who has volunteered to lead the front garden work.
- 14. Extra Curriculars:** At our next staff meeting, we will discuss how we might consider beginning some extracurricular activities. We will move forward with care, making sure we are adhering to the Covid safety measures.

15. Volunteers: We are hoping that this year we can welcome volunteers back into the school. There is a multi-step process, including:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC)
- Full vaccination and attestation

There are currently no in school opportunities at this time, but please consider getting these items in order if you plan to take part when the opportunities arise.

15. Meet the teacher: Ms. Brown will discuss meaningful opportunities for staff and the school community to connect. Some great virtual ideas were discussed. We hope for more details on this soon.

Next meeting agenda items/requests:

-Antigen testing offered at NDPS?

-Hot Lunch update?

-December community giving

-Winter concert update

Do you have a topic you would like added to the next council meeting?

Send your request to katie_brown@wrdsb.ca or ahallmanrmt@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING:

November 10th at 7pm

<https://meet.google.com/ysv-qaai-kkr>

Upcoming dates:

October 10th-- World Mental Health Day

November 8th -- Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10th--School Council Meeting 7pm.

November 11th--Remembrance Day