

**New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting**  
**November 10th 2021 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Attendance:** Ms. Katie Brown (Principal), Ms. Wilson (Educator) Angie H, Tara G, Adrienne B, Tanya F, Carolyn W  
Student Representative: Michael F

**Welcome / Territory Acknowledgment:**

As we gather virtually this evening would like to honor the existence of the 1st peoples by acknowledging that we are on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga peoples and New Dundee Public School occupies the land of the between the lakes treaty from 1792. As learners we continue to understand this place has significance to the 1st peoples because of the rolling hills, forests, flat land, along with the proximity to the Nith and Grand River that is fed by the Great Lakes. Settlers need to take responsibility to continue our education and honour of the first peoples. Let's work to honor the dish with one spoon covenant a peace agreement made between the indigenous nations before the settlers arrived. It characterizes our collective responsibility to each other and to Mother Earth. We should only take what we need and leave enough for future generations.

**School Council Roles:**

Meet once a month for one hour (December, March, June excluded)  
Co-chairs: Tanya Farnan and Angie Hallman, Goodwill: Adrienne B, Carolyn W Treasurer

**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:**

**1. Festive Concert:**

- We are moving forward slowly with concerts. This year, we are planning a simple concert that will be enjoyed virtually in each classroom. We are hopeful that next year we will be able to share this celebration with our school community.

**2. School Funds - Ideas for expenditures**

- School spirit booster--school T-shirts for each student and staff member (Mrs. Brown will look into the possibility of asking local businesses or organizations for assistance)
- Cost: approximately \$2450 (\$12 per shirt)
- Recess bin--our staff will create a list of equipment that would be great for outside play

### **3. Fundraising**

- still on hold--we can continue with Flippgive. Mrs. Brown will put this out on School Day

### **4. Volunteer update**

- We remain committed to a cautious and phased implementation. At this time, our local Public Health Unit is recommending that school access remain limited.
- Strong Start and Nutrition for Learning volunteers will be a priority
- In addition to the COVID-19 Requirements and Vaccination Attestation, the following Procedures must be considered:

Volunteers are required to:

- Provide information to the school Principal via an interview form
- Provide References to the school Principal via the WRDSB Reference Check form
- Provide a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC)
- Complete an Attestation through an external portal

### **5. New Dundee Optimist School Gift**

- Our Library Clerk reached out to the Optimist Club for assistance in purchasing extra "Forest of Reading" books (Best kids Canadian books of the year)
- The Optimist club contacted me to say yes, we can help (\$276) **and** we would like to give you more (\$500 all together). We are in need of some new soccer balls and pinnies (\$210.28).
- They provided a cheque for \$600! Above and beyond!

### **6. Week of Giving update**

- Green light for this lovely way to contribute to our community! Starting in Dec.6 to 10

- More info to come

## **7. School Events update**

- Halloween--lots of fun, lots of energy, parents and students were mindful of costumes
- Diwali--classes provided information about Diwali, artwork, videos, discussions, and sharing of how Diwali is celebrated in their homes
- Treaties Recognition Week--Mrs. Wilson watched a livestream presentation, with a focus on keeping promises
- Remembrance Day
  - Sat Nov 6--Mrs. Brown attended the community ceremony organized by the legion, a student and I were honoured to lay a wreath, we were joined by a number of our school families
  - Mon Nov 8--one of our students contributed art for a wreath for this ceremony; classes did research on the contributions of Indigenous veterans, watched info videos
  - Thurs Nov 11--a beautiful and full ceremony has been prepared with a combination of recorded and live streaming to the classes (virtual this year--hoping next year for guests!); we also have a slide deck from our board that highlights contributions of diverse groups

## **8. School photos update**

- Thurs Feb 10

## **9. Extra Curriculars**

- Still on hold

## **10. Meet the teacher update**

- Will consider this later in the New Year

## **11. Antigen testing offered at NDPS?**

- Unfortunately, we are not able to offer this: Public Health is firm on requiring the more accurate PCR test (done at a testing site).

## **12. Hot Lunch update**

- Still on hold

## **13. New cloth masks given to all students and taken home**

## **14. Progress Reports went home Monday Nov. 15**

### **Upcoming School Dates:**

PD day: Friday Nov 19

Trans Day of Remembrance: Nov 20th

Nov 25th: International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women

Week of Giving: Dec 6-10

Winter Break: Dec 20 break begins, Back to school Mon. Jan 3

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

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**NEXT MEETING: January 19th 7pm**