

**New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting Notes
October 17th 2022 - 7:00pm to 8:20pm**

Topic: New Dundee School Council

Attendance: Angie H, Tanya F, Jess D, Kelly W, Rebecca B, Mrs Brown, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Grundy, Student Reps: Michael F, Riley D

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.

Financial Report update

Principal's Report:

Student Educators Welcomed to the Dragons Den!

Jewel Lindemann (Faculty of Ed--WLU, 2nd year) working with Emily Upshaw
Kaleigh Seupersaud (Niagara University, Faculty of Ed, 1st year) working with Diane McGill

Taylor Poole (Conestoga College, 3rd year of ECE degree program) working with Rebecca Arnburg

Kiara Daw (Faculty of Ed--WLU, 1st year) working with Jennifer Mesar

Grade 6 update:

Ms. Carleton continues with the class for the next few months. Mrs. DeJong's leave is extended for now.

Teachers wish list for school items:

music-finger cymbals

Library happenings:

From October 17th to November 3rd, CANADIAN authors are the focus.

Every day starting today, Mrs. Shoe features a youtube video. These videos are Canadian authors reading their books. Example: The Boy WHO Loved Bananas, written by George Elliott. He was the 2006 FOR Blue Spruce Winner.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ__eduZgKg

Terry Fox fundraiser:

Thanks NDPS families for the support! Together the school raised \$1,380.

Monthly assemblies:

this month's theme is women in history

Remembrance Day at school assembly:

Due to the cold and flu season the assembly will be for the students only.

Remembrance Day in the community:

Please reach out to school council for more details if your child would like to help place the wreath with Ms. Brown on Saturday November 5th.

Holiday concert:

Being discussed at the staff level right now

Class trips booked:

Pumpkin patch for grade 1/2s Oct 26 and Grades 3 - 6 will be going to a play in November

Bus safety drill:

Nov 1

Home Reading:

teachers are organizing this

Book Fair:

More details coming soon!

Kodaly choir:

Ms. Wilson is planning on offering this to students again this year. Further details will be announced when Ms. Wilson has more details.

Halloween:

Halloween is fast approaching.

At New Dundee P.S., we are committed to fostering a school culture that is respectful of diverse identities and days of significance, to following our health and safety guidelines, and to creating an environment where every child feels included, safe, valued, and treated with dignity.

Some things we keep in mind, not everyone celebrates Halloween. We know that the celebration of Halloween can have an exclusionary or discriminatory impact. Some Halloween costumes, decorations, and practices have caused harm to Indigenous, Black and other racialized communities through the appropriation of ceremonial dress, and the mocking of racialized identities & ethnoreligious groups.

All our students should be comfortable at school Monday Oct. 31, whether they celebrate Halloween or not.

Wear your favourite orange and black colours or choose to wear a costume. For safety, full face masks and props that look like weapons are not allowed.

Please leave treats and Halloween snacks at home to enjoy.

Poinsettia fundraiser:

More details will be out on School day soon

Scholastic Book Fair:

More details will be out on School day soon

School council roles/election:

Chair/co-chair: Angie H and Tanya F

Treasurer: Vacant

Care Committee: Jess D and Kelly W

Fundraising: Vacant

Upcoming Dates:

Tues. Oct 18--DECE Appreciation Day

Wed. Oct 19--School Bus Appreciation Day

Fri Oct 21--Canadian Librarian Appreciation Day

Mon. Oct 24--PD Day

Mon. Oct 24- Municipal Elections

Mon. Oct 24--Diwali

Mon. Oct 31--Halloween

Tues. Nov 1--Bus Evacuation practice drill, 9:30 to 11:20 am

Sat. Nov 5--Remembrance Day ceremony for the community, starts at the school, 10:30 am

Sun. Nov 6--Daylight savings time ends, Clocks Fall Back

Fri Nov 11--Remembrance Day

Next Meeting Agenda Item requests:

-School spirit wear

-Lets Tree Wilmot collaboration project

-Outdoor items needed for school eg) small basketball net

-More art on school walls? Another New Dundee Dragon? Indigenous Art?

-Are there any French games or educational supplies that the School council can support that would excite the students to get more involved with French?

Next Meeting Date:

November 14th 7pm

December no meeting

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