



MINUTES

Stoneybrook School Council Minutes

Monday September 30, 2024

6:00 p.m – 6:45 p.m BOTH LLC & VIRTUAL

Parents, Teachers, Students & the Community
Working Together

**Stoneybrook Parent
School Council
Executive
2024-2025**

**Principal
Kevin Gordon**

**Chair*
Rachel Peaker**

**Chair-Elect*
NONE**

**Past Chair*
Rachel Peaker**

**Treasurer*
Rebecca Hummel**

**Secretary*
TBD**

**Parent Representatives*
KATIE SOLOMON**

ANGELA WESTGATE

KATE FRANKE

MARTHA LUDLOW

LARA OBILADE

BECKY KEAST

GABY MCNAUGHTON

HSA Liaison:

Alexis Kampman

**Communication*
Khushboo Shukla**

**Teacher Representative*
Shea Moore & Bridgette
Hastings**

**Community Member:
Bingyan Huang**

Present online: Shea Moore, Bridgette Hastings
**Present in person: Principal Kevin Gordon and VP Aisha Kublinskas ,
Rachel , Jenna, Becca, Khushboo, Katie S, Martha (just H&S), Alexis,
Dani (student), Ava (student), Becky, David, Kathryn, Angela, Binyang
(SWIS worker), Kate F, Lara (HAS), Gaby, Eileen**

Item

Elections

- Election of Parent/Guardian Representatives – *new rule that the 15 person cap has been removed. So all interested parents/guardians are voted in.*
- Election of School Council Chair – *Rachel yes*
- Election of Executive Positions – *Khushboo staying as Communications, Becca staying as Financial, Kathryn (new) as Secretary*
- Election of Community Representative – *Alexis is the (new) liaison between HAS and SPC*
- Naming of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Representatives

Note: if you are a voting member, you need to show up at each meeting! If you do not show up, we may not have quorum and won't be able to vote. So show up or let Rachel know please 😊

1. **Welcome & approval of recap meeting Minutes (VOTE)**

Discussion: review of applications and voting/assigning of positions

VOTE: remove voting from student rep positions

-For removing of student rep positions – APPROVED. 3 opposed. Passed.

-August end of year recap meeting minutes – APPROVED (Katie and Becca)

2. **Principal's Report**

- School Improvement and Equity Plan Update

-Principal Gordon took us on a very exciting Field Trip around the school. We saw 3 new projects: a connection piece for a Gr 5/6 class to show there are more similarities than differences; 2. A mural of hearts for Truth and Reconciliation at the entrance of the school and 3. Representation of numbers from different classes – this shows that numbers can be represented in a variety of ways

-work being done in math and also a literacy focus going on right now

-right now there is a really good routine going on in the school. The kids are settling in well and getting to work quickly

- Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan Update

-developed with students (this is why Leroy came in) to talk about racism. Staff are working with their classes talking about respect

-3: leadership roles in Kindergarten, building inclusion by including students who speak multiple languages speaking at morning

	<i>announcements and celebrating the 3 B's – Be responsible, Be ready and Be kind – the idea of being kind and respectful to one another. The idea of hands and feet off.</i> <i>c) School Events and Extra Curricular Activities Update</i> <i>-we have pinnies!!! Thank you to all involved</i> <i>Reorganization update (Kevin Gordon)</i> <i>-this is normal given those who showed up vs registered. It was a Gr 5/6 class. Very small number of students were affected</i> <i>-new portable has been vacated and the portable will be used elsewhere in the system</i> <i>-question from parent: does the school not know how many kids are registered? Answer from Kevin: when school reopened end of August, there were 35ish new registrants and Kevin thought that there would be just an internal shuffle, but that is not what happened – it worked out that it was decided to collapse a class and cut a teacher that could be used elsewhere in the system. Role of Principal is to advocate for the school and community but ultimately does not make the decisions – this is board level</i>
3.	Student Report <i>-soccer team update: Gr 7/8 coed. Tournament last Tuesday and the school WON the tournament!</i> <i>-Cross country: regionals coming up on October 8. Meet last Friday and a tournament of over 100 students at the meet!</i> <i>-Basketball team: the girls who made the team have Tues/Thurs practices and games on Fridays. Boys still trying out.</i> <i>-Terry Fox update: run is Oct 4 in the afternoon. So far we have raised over \$5,000 in only online donations.</i> <i>-Guest speaker – Leroy on Sept 23. He is the multicultural program coordinator at LUSO. He was passionate and thoughtful. He spoke about anti-racism and as a school we are committed to ensuring all staff and faculty are accepted and respected.</i> <i>-Orange shirt day: students made hearts to send a message to Residential School Survivor (examples shown). Example messages: “we hope for a better future” “everyone cares about you” “you will not be forgotten”</i> <i>-Meet staff and families – Oct. 1 and bookfair will be hosted same night as well. Buy lots of books because a % of proceeds will go back to the school!</i> <i>-Stoneybrook band practices in the mornings a few times a week</i> <i>-Assembly update from the first day of school: staff introductions (for new students) and they also talked about 3 R's – responsible, respectful and be ready 😊</i>
4.	Teacher Report <i>-Bridget and Shea:</i> <i>-school show is still in the works – need to hammer down a date! Shea is looking into other sports dates to avoid conflicts. Hope is that by next meeting, there will be dates – and auditions will be in December</i> <i>-Kindergarten – kids and staff are excited about the new outdoor education program. Kids are LOVING IT</i> <i>-Bridget – some community events in the beginning of the year really got students and staff really excited – “there is a palpable buzz in the air”</i>

		<i>-Impromptu conversation (Khushboo) – can we send this information out in a newsletter to the community? Answer (Kevin) yes! What is the right time to send it out? Currently it is 5pm. Yes the time works. Discussion about School Messenger system – this was an issue last year but this year Kevin is sending via email body text and this is going well.</i>
	5.	Financial Report <i>Becca – not a lot of activity yet so far</i> <i>-a few purchases for the outdoor learning.</i> <i>-still 2 outstanding amounts that were approved at the June meetings</i> <i>Opening Balance: \$5,100.91</i> <i>less items paid:</i> <i>- JK/SK items (\$514.95) - was approved last school year in June2024</i> <i>outstanding amounts:</i> <i>- JK/SK items (\$422.65) - was approved last school year in June2024</i> <i>- musical play license (\$590USD - estimated \$790.60 CDN) - also approved last school year in June2024</i> <i>Available balance = \$3,372.71</i>
	6.	COMMUNICATIONS REPORT Discussion: need to change SPSC to SSC – templates, email, online, etc Move forward: communications rep to alter Discussion: expectations for Communications position <i>Khushboo is doing a great job with FB and is posting all newsletters and images/graphics on Socials ☺</i> <i>-name change – SPSC-> SSC (Stoneybrook School Council is the new name)</i> <i>-letterhead and socials need to be changed – Khushboo will work on updating socials and there will be a new logo. We will work through this and change/update as we go</i> <i>-note: hot lunch will need to be updated as well</i>
	7.	FUNDRAISING Discussion: HAS Year at a Glance calendar (<i>move to next meeting per Rachel</i>) -Hot Lunch – moved to HAS agenda VOTE: move to close SPSC accounts and have all fundraising go through HAS Discussion: pinnies purchase VOTE: approve \$1000 (cap amount) <i>-Discussion: how many pinnies are there? 100 in a variety of sizes (it was suprisingly expensive). Goal for these is the large events like track & field.</i> <i>Kevin: we are looking at transitioning money into 1 bank account (HAS).</i> <i>Rachel: the money should have been spent last year but was not. So it would be appropriate to spend the money sooner rather than later</i> <i>Rachel: this school has been very fortunate to have more money than asks – so we do very well with fundraising</i> <i>Becca: technically, we are supposed to have the ask first and then decide how we are going to fundraise. Some of the carry forward is a bit of a residual from leftovers from hot lunch because hot lunch is a moving target and a bit challenging to figure out how much net we will make in the year</i>

	<i>Vote to approve: Jenna (1st) and Alexis (2nd) – APPROVED up to \$1,000</i> <i>New ask from Bridgette (librarian) – Forest of Reading Program. It is a literacy program that is run every year across Canada. Sets of 10 books for different age groups (JK->Gr 8). All students from JK to Gr 2 participate in the program. In the Gr 3-4 group, there is an overwhelming number of people who participate. A number of students in Gr 5/6 and 7/8 – lots of great readers at Stoneybrook so the goal has been to increase number of books we have.</i> <i>-Total ask: \$1274.53 plus tax = \$1500</i> <i>Scholastic Bookfair – if we buy from Scholastic then can spend 60% of money fundraised (approx \$8,000) or could take 20% cash.</i> <i>-Clarity from Kevin – Forest of Reading program will be purchased through the school but if school pays for it then it will take the money from elsewhere.</i> <i>Motion: Katie would like to use \$1500 towards the Forest of Reading. Becca will second this. APPROVED</i>
8.	OTHER SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS Discussion: next meeting, expectations <i>Rachel: the GOAL is to have ALL asks in by November meeting so we know all asks and can plan our year in advance</i> <i>Discussion about Budget Committee: perhaps HAS can have a budget meeting to discuss funds, priorities and where funds should be spent.</i> <i>Rachel: Is available offline at anytime if there are additional questions</i> <i>Discussion about HAS vs SSC and who “owns” fundraising: the goal is to have the \$ in only the HAS account. Good for transparency too – easier to explain to the community.</i> <i>There is a grant available for SSC - \$500/year and it can be rolled over to a maximum of \$1000. Kevin will look into this with Vanessa but we will at least have \$500</i> <i>Discussion about the difference of HAS and SSC</i> <i>HAS – fundraising focus, community building</i> <i>SSC – liaising with school, offer advice, guidance, address school and community issues – there to give input to the school</i> <i>Official Motion from Alexis – that we spend the remainder of the SSC and the fundraising will be moved to HAS (2nd Becca). All for, none opposed – APPROVED</i>

	9. Important Dates to Remember Review Year at a Glance NEXT SPSC & HAS MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 at 6pm <i>-get agenda items to Rachel 2 weeks prior to that</i> <i>-shifts: 4-5:30 and 5:30-7pm to tear down</i> <i>-Becky and Jenna to be there for the 1st shift</i> <i>-Rachel and Kathryn will be there 2nd shift</i>
	MOTION & VOTE TO DISMISS MEETING Kathryn (1st) and Katie (1nd) – DISMISSED – yay well done everyone 😊