



Stoneybrook School Council

Monday, November 4, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. BOTH LLC & VIRTUAL

Parents, Teachers, Students & the Community Working
Together

Stoneybrook School Council

**Executive
2024-2025**

**Principal
Kevin Gordon**

**Vice Principal
Aiisha Kublinskas**

**Chair*
Rachel Peaker**

**Chair-Elect*
NA**

**Past Chair*
Rachel Peaker**

**Treasurer*
Rebecca Hummel**

**Secretary*
Becky Keast**

**Parent
Representatives*:
KATIE SOLOMON**

ANGELA
WESTGATE
KATE FRANKE

MARTHA LUDLOW
BECKY KEAST

GABY
MCNAUGHTON
LARA OBILADE

HSA Liaison*:

Alexis Kampman

**Communication*
Khushboo Shukla**

**Teacher
Representative*
Bridgette Hastings
Shea Moore**

**Staff Representative:
Erin Routley**

***Voting Positions**

MINUTES

- Welcome:** R. Peaker welcomed the committee members. K. Gordon introduced the staff joining and acknowledged committee members joining virtually.

In Attendance: Rebecca Hummel, Katie Solomon, Kate Franke, Bingyan Huang, Sonia Plahe, Danielle Braney, Tammy Foshay, David Arrunategui, Jenna Sinasac, Alexis Kampman, Kevin Gordon, Rachel Peaker, Angela Westgate, student reps Ava & Dani, Gaby McNaughton, Khushboo Shukla (virtual), Becky Keast (virtual), Shea Moore (virtual), Shauna Maldonado (virtual), Lisa Mace (virtual)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. It was noted minutes of future meetings will be provided to the committee for review at least a week prior to the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Motion by B. Hummel: **THAT the minutes of the 2024 September 24 meeting be approved.**
Seconded by: Kate Franke
CARRIED

Discussion/Vote: New Secretary. An e-mail was distributed to School Council members asking for interest in the Secretary role. B. Keast volunteered. There were no other interested members.

Motion by R. Peaker: **THAT B. Keast be the Secretary for 2024-2025 School Council.**
Seconded by: B. Hummel
CARRIED
- Student Report:** Students Ava and Dani presented the student report. The report highlighted the following: Terry Fox Run (Nov 4) raised over \$9,000; Scare Away Hunger Food Drive (over 700 donations received); Halloween Dance (to celebrate Food Drive success); the start of the Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser (for end-of-year Grade 8 grad activities); Academics - with special note to literacy nights and science events; the success of the cross-country meet (October 8) with over 100 student athletics competing and 27 Stoneybrook finalists! The girls' and boys' basketball teams are running the courts every day of the week and badminton is in full swing for grades 6-8 (practice and skills). Lastly, choir and band are meeting 1-2 times a week.

		R. Peaker thanks the students for their report, noting it is always a highlight of the meetings.
	3.	Staff Reports a. Grade Eight Graduation - Boughner, Maldonado and Plahe Background information was provided to the committee on past practice. It was noted the grade 8 parents were responsible for planning the grade 8 dance and the school council provided financial support for the graduation ceremony and food. The ceremony last year was held at Lucas Secondary School with the decorations and awards provided by the school. Fundraising during the year will support the year end 'event'. School Council can support events held following the Graduation Ceremony at Stoneybrook P.S. School Council requested the Grade 8 Graduation Committee keep council informed of plans and costs associated and to let council know of any fundraising planned so efforts are not duplicated and resources can be allocated appropriately. It was highlighted, in the past \$20/student was provided by council towards end of year activities for the grade 8 students. This will be discussed during the Home & School meeting. Parent representatives for the graduation committee have not yet been selected. Communication for a representative will be sent out to families closer to January. b. Community Initiatives – Braney D. Braney, Kindergarten teacher, shared an update on the various community initiatives planned at Stoneybrook P.S. The following were highlighted: Clothing & Book Swap (November 20); Literacy Night (November 20); Scare Away Hunger Food Drive (October 31); Spirit Wear Orders (Due: November 7); Hat and Mitt Drive (Late November/Early December); Hamper Program (December). School Council noted earlier communication for Hat and Mitt Drives/Swaps and the Hamper Program would be appreciated as it will allow parents / community partners to plan. A letter was read from Ms. Frederick extending appreciation to council for supporting the FDK outdoor program. A request for donations of gently used sports equipment and outdoor toys will be sent to families to further support the students learning and efforts in recycling and reusing materials. c. Book Club – Hastings K. Gordon highlighted the primary book club is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 6 for K-1 families. A form was sent out to families and from the list 20 families were selected at

random. The Book Club will take place in the library with fun literacy activities.

In addition on November 20, Investing in Children is returning for K-3 students.

d. Grade One Funding Request – Foshay

A request for funding support for the purchase of one additional chrome book cart to support the primary quad. This will be discussed at Home and School meeting.

e. School Show Update – Moore

The first school show meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, November 7. Student expectations and commitment requirements will be discussed at that time. The show schedule has been moved up to the week before March Break with many of the materials and tech already being received or booked through TVDSB. Dress rehearsals are scheduled for February 24-28 with shows taking place March 3-6. The show has a 30-minute runtime. Auditions are currently being planned for grades 4-8 students with the cast being announced the first week of December.

f. Winter Concert – Mazi

The winter concert will be held at Lucas Secondary School on Wednesday, December 11. Currently all students that Mazi teaches will have an opportunity to be in the concert and the band and choir. Volunteers are requested to help supervisor students before and after their performances. Volunteers must have police checks.

Discussion considered opening up the winter concert to students that are not taught by Mazi. K. Gordon to investigate.

g. Grade Three Funding Requests – Mace

A request for funding to purchase K'NEX sets, building materials and other loose parts that can be used in their structure units. The materials will be shared across all grade 3 classes and the 3 / 4 split. In addition, a drying rack and bookshelf were also requested. Lastly, the classes will be making Wild Robot diaramas and a request for donations will be going out to families and the community to provide materials for students. To be discussed further during Home & School meeting.

Collaboration opportunities / funding requests (Kublinkas/Gordon)

- i. End of Year Activities
- ii. Additional Outdoor Sports Equipment
- iii. Grade Eight Graduation
- iv. School Show Associated Costs
- v. Fanshawe Student-Athlete Partnership

Funding requests will be discussed during Home & School.

	4.	Principal Report K. Gordon extended appreciation to the staff for their involvement in the school and continued support of student learning and engagement. It was noted the written, and regular communication is appreciated and important to provide to new comer families. Written or e-mail communication allows families to use translation devices at home. Teachers are encouraged to provide written notification to families and to share that information with Council & Home and School for further distribution where possible. It was also requested that the school utilize the Stoneybrook Calendar for school and division events and activities. K. Gordon provided an update on the School Improvement and Equity Plan noting the school is continuing to focus on improving literacy (reading comprehension) and numeracy skills. L. Hibbert (LUSO) attended the staff meeting this week. The presentation was very engaging and prompted challenging conversations while pushing staff to be more active in their roles to ensure that all identified safe welcomed, supported and feel safe. Information was shared regarding two Remembrance Day ceremonies at the school. Due to Fire Code restrictions the school is divided into two groups (JK – 3 and 4-8). Investing in Children, as previously mentioned, is planning for November 20. Last year Parent Involvement Fund grants covered the full cost of the event. K. Gordon asked if School Council would support this event again this year. Motion by R. Peaker: THAT \$500 be requested through the Parent Involvement Funds Grant to support the November 20, 2024, Investing in Children literacy night. Seconded by: K. Franke CARRIED K. Gordon provided a high level review of the School Budget noting the school is provided approx \$56,000 / Year to support day-to-day operations.
	5.	Financial Report B. Hummel provided the financial report. Total bank balance: \$2,486.06 (as of Nov4-24 printout from Vanessa) Total outstanding payments: \$2,161.44 Total Available balance: \$324.62 Discussion considered the option to allocate the available funds.
	6.	COMMUNICATIONS REPORT K. Shukla reported the School Council names have been updated on all social media platforms. The logos have not been revised yet. More people

		are joining the social media channels as the links are being shared by the school communications. It was requested that teachers can also share class or division updates when appropriate for inclusion on social media. The more information the better!
	7.	OTHER SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS Discussion considered holding a December meeting. Motion by A. Westgate THAT a meeting be scheduled for December at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by: B. Hummel CARRIED
	8.	HAS LIAISON REPORT A. Kampman reported at least meeting the Year-at-a-glance was deferred to this month. The hot lunch program was discussed and is beginning this Thursday. Jenna has taken on the role of organizing Hot Lunch (Thank you). The concession at the open house was successful and more information is coming regarding Cake Day fundraising. The Harvey's fundraiser is set for this Wednesday, November 6.
	9.	Important Dates to Remember Review Year at a Glance: R. Peaker provided an overview of the Year at a Glance. November 20 – Community Literacy Night December 11 – Concert January – Passive Fundraiser (M&M Suggested) February – Cake Day March – Harveys April – TBD May – TBD June – Popsicle and Fun Fair Dismiss Meeting: Motion by R. Peaker THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Katie CARRIED