



Minutes

Stoneybrook School Council Meeting

Monday February 3, 2025

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

Parents, Teachers, Students & the Community

Working Together

School Council Executive 2024-2025

Principal
Kevin Gordon

Vice Principal
Aisha Kublinskas

Chair*
Rachel Peaker

Chair-Elect*
NA

Past Chair*
Rachel Peaker

Treasurer*
Rebecca Hummel

Secretary*
Becky Keast

**Parent
Representatives***
David Arruntegui
Kate Franke
Martha Ludlow (ABS)
Gaby McNaughton
(ABS)
Lara Obildae
Jenna Sinasac
Katie Solomon
Angela Westgate

HSA Liaison*:
Alexis Kampman (ABS)

Communication*
Khushboo Shukla

**Teacher
Representative***
Bridgette Hastings
Shea Moore

Staff Representative:
S. Maldonova
L. Mace
Bingyan Huang

***Voting Positions
(ABS) – Absent at
meeting**

Item

- Welcome & approval of recap meeting Minutes (VOTE), Call to Order**
Rachel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Kate F: **THAT the minutes of the 2024 December 9 be approved.**
Seconded by Jenna S
CARRIED
- Student Report – N/A**
- Staff Report**
Funding Requests

Shauna Maldonado shared an update on the Thames Valley Education Foundation's Caring Fund. It was shared that 100% of money raised during Toonie Tuesday events directly supports the Caring Fund. Toonie Tuesday is scheduled for Stoneybrook P.S. on February 18th. The grade 8 students will be assisting

February 11 – 28 is the timeline for Toonie Tuesday fundraiser starting on February 18th. For two weeks there will be a campaign which is assisted by the grade 8 class. The ask is for each family to bring in at least \$2.00. TVEF offers a tax receipt for any amount over \$20.00. Previous events have raised between \$2800-\$3000.

February 18-28 the event will take place at Stoneybrook.

K. Gordon introduced K. Scudamore and L. Mace, two grade 3 teachers, to present **"The Wormery Experience"**. The "Wormery Experience" is a new trip available for students. It takes place at the Western Fair. A powerpoint presentation was provided outlining the activities and learning experiences. The dates proposed are May 7 and May 8. Funding has already been obtained for busing. The total cost is **\$15.36/student**.

B. Hastings provided an update on the Forest of Reading program. Some students have already read 5 of the 10 books required. Students can still sign up until the end of April. The Forest of Reading party will take place in May and will cost approx. \$120. All students in K-2 participate in Forest of Reading and at the party are given a sticker and lollipop, grade 3-8 students that read 5 out of 10 books are invited to attend an ice cream sundae party.

B. Hastings shared a periodic table for Black History Month was installed on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the library. Each individual has a QR code that links to an autobiography.

Commented [KG1]: Shawna Maldonado

	An update was provided on the two grade 8 student groups working on an entrepreneur project. They are currently working to develop their products. S. Moore: Provided an update on the Lion King performance. Opening night of the Lion King is one month from today! Students have been working diligently to learn their parts. Stage rehearsals and prep begins tomorrow. Rehearsals are taking place during lunches.
4.	Principal Report K. Gordon provided the following updates. Snow Clearing: A contractor comes to the school to complete a pathway around the building. This is not to clear the tarmac but to provide emergency access. Custodial staff clear the area from the parking lot to school, stairways to portables, and entrance into school. The determination on icy conditons outside that may keep students inside is made by the Principal. Cold Weather: The decision to keep students inside due to cold weather is made by the Principal. There is not a board policy. The occupational health and safety act does direct outdoor work for 'workers'. K Gordon shared that -15 air temp and/or -25 windchill are the values at which administration would consider revising outdoor activities. Bus Delays and Cancellations: There are some bus delays occurring. Delays at Stoneybrook are usually due to buses sharing a double run with other schools/areas. School buslines are also dealing with staff shortages. Delays and Cancellations are shared individually to parents/families. School-Year Calendar: The 2025-2026 school-year calendar is up for public input on the tvdsb website. Registration for 25/26: Formal registration for Kindergarten has closed, but parents can still register. Families do not have to wait until September. Current families that are remaining at Stoneybrook do not have to re-register. Initial student numbers are due to board this week. Class Requests for Students: Unable to promise any requests for students to be with specific peers or teachers. Parents are welcome to send notes about preferences but no requests will be guaranteed. School Climate Survey: Bi-Annual survey for students in grades 5-12 to respond to ask how they feel about their school (safety, togetherness, belonging). Students in K-4 work with their caregivers to complete the survey. Kinder/Grade 1 Book Club: The second book club is scheduled to be held on February 12. Families that were not able to participate in the first one will be prioritized for selection.

	Grade 8 Graduation: First meeting with students took place today. Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 19 at Lucas S.S. at 6:00 p.m. with a brief reception and light refreshments to follow. Other plans are in the works. Feedback to come from the group. Grade 8 trip is going to be planned and will likely be a trip to Toronto. Edge Imaging: Received a phone call to re-schedule grad photos and to schedule for next year. LeRoy Hibbert: Third visit to the school recently. Community engagement night took place in November, he is a multicultural outreach coordinator. A. Kublinskis will inquire if there are any talking points that can be provided to families for home discussion. Student Improvement and Equity Plan Update: Standardized assessments are one tool that are used to measure how students are doing. CCAT is scheduled to begin for grade 3 students shortly, this provides a qualifier of achievement. This test typically looks for giftedness. Parental permission is requested for participation. Families are encouraged to participate. The early reader is a screener and not a test. Results could lead into 'next steps'. The next checkpoint for grade 3 is EQAO, again in grade 6 and then in grade 9 with the literacy test in grade 10. Science Fair: Extracurricular science fair is coming Tuesday, February 25. Junior (4-6) teachers have arranged this as a voluntary activity. Intermediate students are expected to participate as part of their curriculum. Administration is currently looking to host an after school event for families and the public to view the science fair submissions. For next year it was suggested to coordinate timelines with the TVDSB Science Fair.
5.	Financial Report Becca provided a financial report for SSC. The status of police checks for Fanshawe students was discussed. Total bank balance: \$1,249.58 Total outstanding payments \$639.97. (Note that the previously approved funding of up to \$300.00 for police checks re: Fanshawe athletes program at the school is no longer needed and released per discussion during the H&S meeting that followed. Therefore the only outstanding payment is \$639.97 for jk/sk outdoor educational items.) Total Available balance: \$609.61
6.	COMMUNICATIONS REPORT Khushboo provided a communications update. Additional information is still required from teachers to share to the community.
7.	OTHER SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS None
8.	HAS LIAISON REPORT R. Peaker reported Cake Day is scheduled for February 13 at the school. 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Donations are being accepted.

	9. Important Dates to Remember Feb 13 Cake Day Next meeting is Monday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items can be sent to Rachel by February 19. Motion by Kate S: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by: Angela CARRIED.
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