

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES Monday, March 24, 2025 7:00 pm

Present: Julia Passmore, Sharon McKeown, Cheryl Tawse, Alicia Young, Kyly Miller, Kristin Lovell, Darcie Black, Rebecca Mills, Michelle Bush Broga, Melissa Legros-Cronkwright, Jill Bolender, Jessica Kellerman, Tammy Moreira, Jesse Sabbagh, Marissa Glen, Tyler Wilkinson, Stacey Lawrence, Rachel Bain, Rose Kowalczyk, Fatima De Lange, Tara Delaney

Regrets: Chris Sciascetti, Sabina Voisin, Crystal Bechtel, Stephanie Dewhirst/Hainer

Absent: Claire Black

Chair: Sharon M

Secretary: Chris S

Treasurer: Kyly

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2025

- Approved as read - Jesse motioned to approve, Michelle seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

February 2025

- Opening balance of 97,258.84
- Revenue:
- Expenses:
 - 4,516.50 February 2025 Pizza Expenses
 - 93.66 School Day Fee
- Pending revenue:
 - 1,000.00 Float on Hand (for events)
 - 5425.79 Danceathon (WEFI account balance),
- Pending expenses:
 - 2900.00 Phys Ed track/field paint (motion passed September 2024)
 - 5,622.09 Pizza Term 2 Expenses
 - 1000.00 gardening (motion passed October 2024 meeting)
 - 800.00 Parent WorkShop (White Hatter January event waiting to clear bank)
 - 2000.00 Blue Jays Trip
 - 5000.00 Fun Fest Deposits (approved February 2025 meeting)
 - 1000.00 Grade 8 Photo Booth (approved February 2025 meeting)
 - 40,000.00 Kindy Pen Project (approved February 2025 meeting)
 - 30,000.00 Shade (approved February 2025 meeting)
 - 10,000.00 School Wishlist Items (approved February 2025 meeting- Julia to manage requests)
- Available balance is 752.38
 - Does not include fundraising initiatives remaining this year- Danceathon, Fun Fair, Term 3 Pizza

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update:

Principal Update:

Hespeler Happenings:

- New VPs
 - Coosje Weber until April 4
 - Jeff Reaburn April 7 - 29th
- Wrestling has started
- Lots of PD happening for teachers
- Had Bus Safety assemblies last week
- Had a great student driven Black Brilliance assembly
- Group of grade 8s went to JHSS for Math conference
- Yard clean ups happening - several classes helping
- Manie Musicale - first round done - kids love it
- New lockers!

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, March 26th - Gr.2&3 trip to Pizza Perfect
 - Monday, March 31st - PD Day (school improvement)
 - Wednesday, April 2nd - Dance-a-thon
 - Monday, April 14th - Council meeting
 - Tuesday, April 15th - Grade 8 Youth Symposium
 - Wednesday, April 16th - Grade 7&8 Blue Jays trip
 - Thursday, April 17 - K-Gr.1 to UW Humanities Theatre
 - Monday, April 22 - Earth Day (wear green and blue)
 - Tuesday, May 6th - Gr 7&8 Track and Field Meet
 - Friday, May 16th - Grade 4-6 Track and Field Meet
 - Wednesday, June 25th - Grade 8 Celebration
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- JK Registrations are looking higher than expected
 - Julia will have next school year's staffing update likely for the May meeting

5. New Business

a) Fun Fest (Jillian)

- Moving along, meetings, bookings are happening.
- Setting prices not allowed to offer discount for pre-orders. Will offer early bird draw. Wristbands will be \$15, more info to come out.
- Volunteers needed on day of, will do our best to accommodate time off during event for those with smaller kids- Jill will send out an email
- Looking for donations for kiddie prize table- unopened gifts, crafts, games, gift cards etc
- Silent Auction raised approximately \$3100 to date, a lot more to ask for and a lot more follow up. Kristin asked for anyone that can help- please contact Jill or Kristin.
- Flyer info to Rebecca as soon as possible (hopefully to be sent out week of May 4th)
- Will send out communication likely 3 weeks ahead of date, needs to be closed on School Day around June 1st.
- More preorders is better to help us manage lines and ordering of supplies etc
- Michelle mentioned it's very difficult to correct an error if there is one on social media posts so please make sure everything is correct before we send out.

b) Bingo (Kristin)

- Bank account is setup
- Have worked 2 shifts 4 people for 2 hours and have raised \$2732.73

- Shirts come in women and men sizes. No samples being brought in will be ordered this week if anyone else wants on it's \$33. Please send in order by end of week.
 - Bingo Bank account balance will need to be updated and reconciled monthly by Kristin and she will loop in Kyly about transactions.
- c) School Sign (Sharon)
- Need to replace side of sign that has not been working
 - Replacement costs will be approximately \$800 for tech to fix – no guarantee it will be fixed- seems to work then crashes again.
 - Next option is replace lcd panels
 - Going to try just using text option only and if that doesn't work will price out replacement panels.
 - Asked about alternative sign companies. Not receiving great service from sign company.
 - Sharon will report next month
- d) Danceathon (Sharon)
- Sheets went home last week
 - Encouraged families to donate within family means and highlighted school council initiatives.
 - Asked for signed permission form back- accommodations can be made for those students not approved for dancing
 - Schedule tries to mimic gym time
 - Sabina and Darcie coming in tomorrow to help with counting funds, expect busier week for funds next week.
 - There will be google form for song requests
 - Projector will be setup to help show dance demos – these demos will be vetted prior to Danceathon
 - Let Sharon know if you can help day of Danceathon
 - Little different this year on spending on what we can buy and not buy there are strict guidelines on what we can purchase.
 - Dry supplies, table cloths, Garden bags must be purchased through online board portal
 - No Amazon purchases allowed
 - Already purchased glow sticks
 - In prior years top fundraisers have been around \$140
 - Will pick date for ice cream parties and pie in the face- will be shortly after Danceathon

6. Other Business

- a) Ray's Reptiles (Rebecca/Melissa)
- Feedback – Sixty kids plus families, setup not ideal- next time would setup as a square.
 - Found that it was rowdy and parents were not keeping kids under control
 - Lots of animals, facts were neat, mostly kindies and primary in attendance
 - Varied reactions- some kids loved it some were underwhelmed
 - Having chances to touch animals was great- almost too many animals
 - If doing again would change setup to a square so kids can see better and parents can keep control of kids
- b) Council Funds (Sharon)
- Notionally 40,000 kindy pen- spoken to Mike (Area Facilities Manager), sent follow up questions

- Fast Forest 3 or 5 20-30ft trees come out and site plan with no climbable trees- watering plan is included
- Trying to get update from Facilities before Fast Forest comes out
- Kindy Pen project meeting tomorrow- some people are participating on zoom and some in person
- Wishlist items nothing has happened yet
- Bingo was not on radar, Danceathon, Fun Fest may be a telling year of how this will be going forward due to board changes, term 3 Pizza still to come

a) Gardening Update (Alicia)

- Not gardening weather yet
- All gardens were cut down and fence was put up to prevent squishing of bulbs planted last year
- Wintered some of the annuals from last year- will be ready for replanting in spring
- Need more pansies to plant this spring to add more colour
- Make less flower beds- looked at grass seed vs sod (plan to purchase sod estimate is \$480.35 - guarantee cutting day is May 1st and can deliver on multiple skids).
- Alicia will be meeting with Mr. Grimm as he is looking to start funding and running a Grade 7/8 garden club, green house/pollinator area and will have students that can help with gardens and sod
- Plan to clean up and close up a few of the flower beds near parking lot and sign
- Alicia will provide date for gardening at next meeting

Next Meeting: April 14, 2025

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:55 PM

Jesse motioned to end the meeting, Tara seconded, all in favor.

Meeting Dates: Apr. 14 (avoiding Easter Monday), May 12 (avoiding Victoria Day), June 23