

Thorncliffe School Council Meeting

December 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

Attendees: Nadine D., Sandra W., Felicia L., Amanda B., Melissa W.

Call to order: 6:10pm

Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement – Nadine Duque

Review Agenda

- December switcheroo request removed
- Logo fundraiser and Purdy's added
- Add refreshments expense for Elder Shirley's visit
- Add PTC teacher meals
- Add Social Media
- Add Healthy Hunger
- Add Flouride application
- Add Colonel Sander Casino
- Add Keurig for staff room
- Add hot chocolate for students

Review and Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2024 Meeting

- Amanda motioned to approve, Sandra seconds

Principal's Report - Nadine Duque

- Elder Shirley – students excited and engaged; highly valued by students and admin
- School Council Engagement survey results

School Engagement Survey

- 9 Responses
- Do you know when and where the school council meets?
 - Yes 66.67%
 - No 33.33%
- Are there barriers that prevent you from attending meetings?
 - Yes 66.67%
 - No 33.33%
- Barriers:
 - Timing of meetings 66.67%
 - Childcare Responsibilities 22.22%
 - Unaware of the Time/Place 11.11%

School Engagement Survey Cont.

Are there any other barriers to attending meetings?

- Too Long
- Meeting match with appointments
- Work
- Evenings are busy with children, dinner, work
- Don't have the time to spare right now

School Engagement Survey Cont.

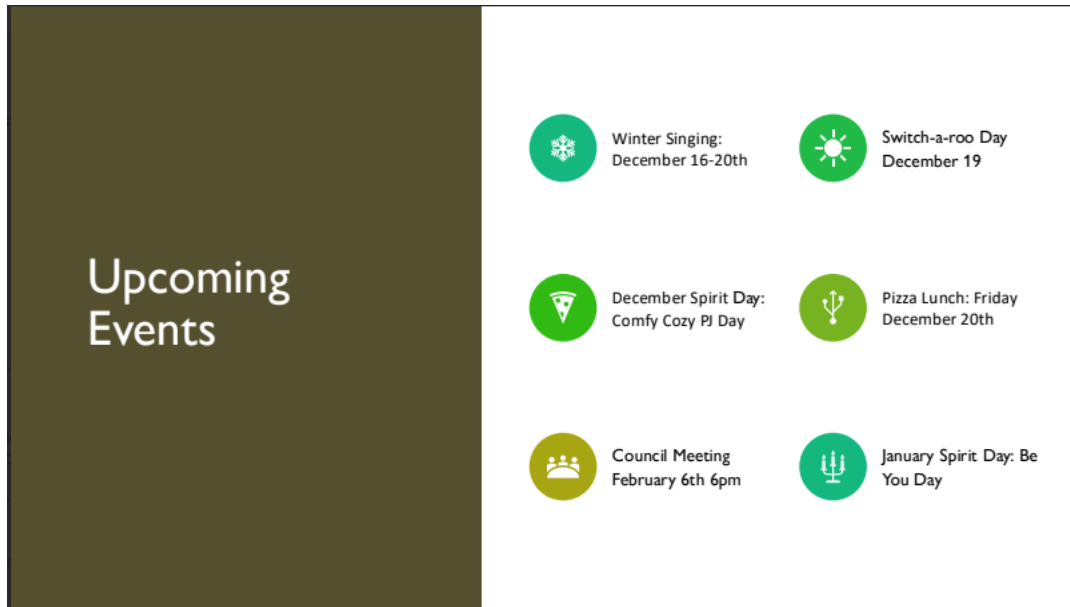
Do you feel well informed about what is discussed at school council meetings and the purpose of school council?

- Yes 44.44%
- No 55.56%

Please share any ideas you have or specific ways you would like to be more involved with your child's school community?

- More Parent Teacher Meetings
- I volunteer on field trips and support fundraisers as much as possible
- Short Term assistance with different necessary activities

- Upcoming events:



- Treasurer's Report – Sandra W.
 - Balance = -\$370.00 (with holdbacks)
 - Expect balance to become positive again once Purdy's check is received
 - \$260 remaining in Grade 6 hoodie account; will maintain for now in case new students join throughout the year

Old Business

- Pizza Lunch (December 20)
 - Ordering pizza Dec 13
 - 200 students, 24 staff
- Fun lunch - Amanda M./Michelle W.
 - booked for January and first half of February
 - Sandra to connect with Amanda to determine if Healthy Hunger can be switched from cheques to direct deposit
- Hoodies
 - Grade 6 hoodies are in, will be distributed on Dec 20
- School Logo Fundraisers - Felicia L.
 - \$50 profit from approximately 11 orders
 - Will run it again in the spring for longer and with more lead time
 - Ordered an extra Adult XL t-shirt long-sleeve to be used as a giveaway and currently have an extra Youth hoodie/zip-up

- Ideas for giveaway include in a “raffle basket” possibly at the musical, a draw for parent volunteers
- Sandra to research what’s possible/allowed per AGLC rules
- Purdy’s fundraiser
 - \$1,776 made plus a bonus for making our target of \$5,000 in sales (bonus amount TBD)
 - Felicia has contacted Purdy’s to see if we can get direct deposit instead of cheques
- Teacher meal during school conferences
 - Nov 19 via email - Sandra motioned to approve \$250 from Council budget to pay for teacher meal during school conferences. Amanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Dec 13 – Sandra motioned to approve additional \$45 to cover the additional expense. Amanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Open council positions still to be filled:
 - Secretary
- Social Media
 - We will try once more to get access to existing social media then set up new
 - Put out a call for Social Media coordinator

New Business

- Elder Shirley refreshments
 - When Purdy’s money comes in Council will reimburse the school
- Healthy Hunger now offering a new gift card fundraiser
 - Gift cards available for many different retailers
 - When you log in to purchase it now pops up
 - A portion of the sales goes to Council
- Fluoride application – how did this come to the school?
 - Alberta Health Services offered it and the timing worked out
- Casino on January 21/22 (T/W) for Colonel Sanders TLC program – could a call be put out to Thorncliffe school?
 - Nadine will ask Kindergarten teachers to send out to parents
 - Melissa W. will send the sign-up genius to Nadine and Calleigh
- Keurig Coffee Maker for teachers - \$150 – tabled until next meeting
- Hot chocolate for students – tabled until next meeting

- Nesquik is dairy-free

Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2025 6:00pm

Close meeting: 7:01pm