



# **Pleasant Park** *Public School* **Parent Council**

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## **Pleasant Park Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 24 at 6:45pm**

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you here! Land Acknowledgement by Melissa.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - a) Emily motions to accept the Minutes from October 27, 2021, and Diane seconds.
3. Financial Report (Angela Campbell): Recorded repairs to Phil's projector, reflects commitments from last week. We raised \$889 from Fresh from the Farm, \$116 from Mabel's Labels.
  - a) Opening Cash: \$8,268
  - b) Amount raised: \$1,005
  - c) Amount spent: \$477
  - d) Amount committed: \$4,100
  - e) Current balance: \$4,696
4. Council Update
  - a) School Council Website Update: David describes recent updates to the website and welcomes ideas to further improve the website. Lisa
  - b) Fresh from Farm Update: Gillian reports on the fundraiser. Feedback from parents has been very positive. It was nice to see how many people donated to the food bank. There are extra bundles of food, so some additional money is coming in.
  - c) Outdoor Initiatives Update: Lisa reports on the work of the Outdoor Initiatives committee.
    - i. We are hoping to get more volunteers.
    - ii. Lisa has been in contact with the board about designs. Roofs are permitted, but not popular because they are very expensive.
    - iii. We need to have \$56,000 to \$60,000 in funds before the board will approve our project.
    - iv. Emily and Laylea are looking into grants.



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- v. Charlene is discussing the project with staff to get their input on what kind of space they would want to use.
  - vi. Juliet and Gillian encourage Council to consider including a roof in the project to make the space more usable throughout the school year.
  - vii. Melissa asks about surveying students about the project. Diane confirms that student engagement is an essential part of the approval process.
- d) Diversity and Inclusion Update: Juliet reports on Diversity and Inclusion committee work. Looking to include blurbs on the website and in school newsletter.
6. Decision Items
- a) Council Name: Juliet suggests a formal revision to “School Council”, as this term is more inclusive and more accurately reflects the reality of the council. There is consensus to gradually move from “Parent Council” to “School Council” terminology in communications materials.
  - b) Funding Requests:
    - i. Educator WishList Request Received - Read Alouds books: VP Megan, Principal Rick and Juliet speak up in support of request. **Motion - Juliet motions to approve \$705 for Read Aloud books, and Gillian seconds. Motion approved.**
7. Administration’s Update: Farewell message from Rick.
- a) COVID-19 Vaccination Approval for Children 5 to 11: there will be vaccines offered at the school after school hours.
  - b) Chromebooks
  - c) Art Auction: Artwork that students and staff are working on together. School community can bid on the art, and the money goes directly to the Ottawa Food Bank so purchasers can receive tax receipts. Not all classes are participating. Students can submit their own art, including art made at home.
8. New Business
9. Next School Council Meeting TBD – tentatively December 15 at 6:45
10. Adjournment was at 8:05pm