



# Pleasant Park Public School Council

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## Pleasant Park School Council Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022 at 6:45pm

1. Welcome by Melissa Faulkner and Indigenous Affirmation by Juliet Knapton.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - a. Juliet motions to accept the Agenda, and Emily seconds.
  - b. Juliet motions to approve the Minutes from January 26, 2022, and Lisa seconds.
3. Financial Report (Angela Campbell)
  - i. Opening Cash: \$8,268
  - ii. Amount raised: \$1,852
  - iii. Amount spent: (\$2,048)
  - iv. Amount Committed: (\$3,010)
  - v. Current balance: \$5,062
4. Council Update:
  - a. Outdoor Initiatives Update (Lisa Scott): Since the last meeting, the MyCharity donation page has launched. We have raised \$1,900 so far without much outreach. Please feel free to share the link and post it as appropriate, and we will have formal fundraising strategy soon. Emily has compiled a list of grants we can apply for, and David Bryce and his wife have agreed to help with grant writing. We are still looking for more volunteers.
  - b. OCDSB Parent Involvement Committee - PRO Grant (Mel Faulkner): Meeting is tomorrow, March 24. Juliet will attend.
  - c. Diversity and Inclusion Update + Hollaback (Juliet Knapton): After-work lunch and learn event by Hollaback, a U.S.-based organization that provides training on how to deal with bullying. Hollaback has received a large philanthropic grant and have launched a new program – Stand Up Against Street Harassment. D&I committee will organize a session on April 13 at 5pm, and a 30min follow-up discussion. Juliet will provide Principal Mark with a blurb to include in this Friday's school newsletter.
    - i. Juliet asks admin and School Council if it would be possible to hold an outdoor 'A Taste of Pleasant Park' event this year. Mark says that an



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outdoor event could work and asks D&I committee to send him some dates.

- ii. Diane wonders if we might combine the event with the barbeque if we are going to have the barbeque this June. Mark reports that we already have two tents for the event, and we have around 150 chairs in the gym. Diane suggests that we put in a request for tables and chairs for the event as soon as possible. Tentative date for the barbeque is June 16. Mark will bring the date back to staff to see if the date works for them.
  - iii. Juliet suggests having a colour-themed group photo for 'A Taste of Pleasant Park.'
  - iv. Juliet met with Margaret-Ann, Pleasant Park's indigenous representative. Margaret-Ann has gone through the library collection and culling books with outdated tropes and messages. Juliet has provided lists of books with positive indigenous messages to purchase for the library.
  - v. Juliet encourages anyone to reach out if they want to enable closed captioning.
- d. Clothing Sale: Diane reports that we are going to proceed with the clothing sale. It will go up online soon. We are not adding any price, just rounding up. The order will go out in April and be delivered and distributed in May.

## 5. Decision Items

### a. Funding Requests:

- i. Rock the Arts Puppets Virtual Field Trip Classes 1A and 1E:

## 6. Staff Representative Update (Charlene Dune)

## 7. Admin update:

- a. School is implementing relaxed rules for students on school grounds.
- b. Nature nook (bench and two trees) will be added to school grounds. Location still needs to be chosen.
- c. EQAO testing will resume for first year since 2018-2019, will take place in June and will mostly be done online. We have enough Chromebooks available to make this work.
- d. Overhead projectors being installed in all classrooms, including portables.
- e. Staffing allocations will be



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- f. Pizza and popcorn are allowed again. Diane asks if it is reasonable for us to use School Cash Online, given the administrative burden on Noreen. Mark says that it would be better not to rely on School Cash Online. Diane will contact the same company used in previous years. Fundraising will be directed to the outdoor classroom and an option will be available for making an additional donation to the outdoor classroom.
  - g. School has received 28 new Chromebooks in addition to 10 purchased.
  - h. School survey next week.
8. New Business
- a. Diane asks if the school could purchase a sweeper to sweep the pavement.
  - b. Diane is organizing 'Rocks and Rings' curling event June 20-24.
  - c. Yearbooks: ~20 pages in length. Price will be \$16-18, just enough to cover the price.
9. Next school council meeting - April 27 at 6:45
10. Adjournment