

Sandhills Public School
2025-09-24
Council Agenda Minutes

Present: N. Smith, A. Sury, L. Rostami, A Parsad, S. Dave, S. Truttmann,
B. Sievert, J. Kras, C. Rampersaud, D. Reimer, P. Desai, M. Pinelli, N. Rashid, K. Cilibanov, M.
Flaky

Regrets: none

1. Overview of School Council
 - Mandate and Roles, Involvement
 - For More information [click here](#)
 - Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC)
 - For More information [click here](#)
 - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)
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2. Elections for 2025/2026
 - a. Chairperson - Nicholas Smith - acclaimed
 - b. Treasurer - Kari Cilibanov - acclaimed
 - c. Secretary - acclaimed - Matt Pinelli
 - i. Specific to Sandhills
 1. Bingo Coordinator - Nadia Rashid
 2. WRAPC - vacant
 3. PIC - vacant
3. Admin Update
 - a. Jen Crits - on a leave of absence
 - b. Birgit Sievert - VP
 - c. Rotating retired admin - Barb Brown , Cindy Smith , Dan Enns
 - d. There will be no reorganization
 - e. Student population around 630
 - f. Jessica Scott and Rebecca Hunt off for the year
 - g. Cassie Karvonen and Michael Joe LTOs for the year
 - h. Waiting to hear back from Facilities superintendent about playground structures - still closed
 - i. Remembrance Day assembly
 - j. Photos (retakes/class photos)
 - k. Kindergarten trips planned - getting pumpkins - so excited
 - l. Question: Extended day - How do I get registered/off the wait list? [Check out](#)
 - m. Question: Do I have to have my Vulnerable Sector Records Check to be on council? No you do not need it for council but YES you do to volunteer/go on trips. Please speak with teacher/admin as there can be some flexibility if it is a one-off
 - n. Reminder that if council funds are used, it needs to support the entire school

4. Financial Update
5. Bingo Update
 - a. Nadia and Jill to work together to establish a wide net for volunteers
 - b. Sole source of fundraising for school activities and purchases
 - c. The sound system (purchased last year) is working well!!
6. 2025/2026 Goals for Council
 - a. School Goals for the year - Literacy, Mathematics, Equity & Multicultural understanding
 - i. Possibility of literacy and math nights to bring families together
 - ii. Possible to host multicultural day
 - iii. Staff very involved in professional development in literacy and math
 - iv. Working with staff about FNMI and Territorial Acknowledgements and this increased awareness translates into more embedded information for students
 - v. Jill Kras - Teacher rep - talked about possibilities of Art/crat evening
 - b. Bingo - increase volunteer base because some people are burning out
 - c. PRO Grant - funds still to get Camino to come in?

Action Items:

Birgit to create a google group with current nominated persons and those in attendance at the meeting