



# Minutes

## Stoneybrook Parent School Council Agenda

Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Library Learning Commons

Parents, Teachers, Students & the Community Working Together



Stoneybrook Parent School Council Executive 2023-2024

Principal  
Andrea Chevalier

Chair\*  
Rachel Peaker  
Chair-Elect\*  
Empty position

Past Chair\*  
Michelle Bacon

Treasurer\*  
Rebecca Hummel

Secretary\*  
Simone Bonello

Communications\*  
Khushboo Shulka

Parent Representatives\*  
Eileen Gere, Kathryn Thomas, Helen Wang, Katie Solomon, Rebekah Korpan, Isabella Chaves

Teacher Representative\*  
Bridgette Hastings

Student Representatives\*  
TBD

Hot Lunch Coordinator  
Allyson Watson

\*Voting Positions

	Item
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Approval of last month's SPSC Meeting Minutes The original version of the minutes will remain before the food truck statement had a redaction request. Simone to send to Khushboo to upload to the SPSC website. Motion to approve original minutes: Michelle motioned, Eileen seconded, all in favour.</p>
2.	<p><b>Meeting Attendance</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> In person: Rachel, Becca, Michelle, Simone, Helen, Bingyan, Martha, Katie, Eileen, Bridgette, Aiisha &amp; Andrea. Grade 8 student reps Makenna &amp; Gillian; also attending out of interest are Grace &amp; Alexis. Virtual: Kathryn &amp; Kushboo. <b>Absent:</b> Allyson.</p>
3.	<p><b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p>Discussion on keeping Jan. meeting considering it will only be a few weeks of school after the Dec. meeting due to the winter break. Suggestion is to cancel Jan. as result, but that would leave us with not much time to plan Cake Day without a Jan. meeting. We could still make cancelling the Jan. meeting work provided we have a Cake Day committee established in advance. Becca motioned approve, Eileen seconded, all in favour.</p>
4.	<p><b>SPSC New Business</b></p> <p><u>Recap on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Cake Day – Michelle:</u> Cake Day was a huge success! It was a great day, considering it was the first time it was offered in the fall. The community was generous in donations &amp; with ticket purchases. We received over 130 donations, up from 120 donations for the Feb. 2023 Cake Day. Notes were taken from the Oct. Cake Day; Michelle will co-chair the Feb. 2024 Cake Day with Rebekah &amp; will send her the notes following this meeting. Per Becca a net \$3,430.56 was raised. Even for those students who didn't win, they still received a candy (the new candy store at Masonville Mall donated a candy for each student) &amp; all students also received one ticket free as well, so everyone was able to participate. The Masonville Mall store who made the candy donation will be recognized in the next News to Families newsletter for their generosity.</p> <p><u>Grade 8 Grad – Simone:</u> Several parents reaching out who are very interested in helping plan grade 8 grad. Students expressing desire to have a dance following the ceremony &amp; reception. We'll need to get a committee together soon to being fundraising activities. We have a few funding streams: SPSC at \$30/student is \$1,950, teacher/student generated fundraising, parent fundraising &amp; possibly help from H&amp;SA. Andrea shared Tues. June 25<sup>th</sup> as the date Lucas has been booked for grad. Andrea, Michelle &amp; Simone to discuss committee meeting date following tonight's SPSC meeting.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Principal's Report</b>  <u>Bingyan Huang - SIWS Settlement Worker:</u>  -Happy to be back at Stoneybrook, lots of new families at the school, some of them have been here a while, but have limited English some have experience involved in their home country school &amp; are looking for guidance on how things happen here, ie. Cake Day, was valuable to help them understand what it was &amp; how it worked. She has parents lined up who are willing to support others who are new. Valuable program as some cultures, ie. Chinese don't use Facebook or Instagram, so SWIS worker is a valuable connection for new families to the school. Currently we have about 15 families participating. Council &amp; Home &amp; School are open to families to attend &amp; volunteer. Messages sent out to the school community, such as when money needed to be paid, was confusing for them, also the requirement to attend a certain number of meetings was a deterrent to them for SPSC. Any communications that can be translated into other languages would be valuable. Andrea to ask Mr. Rochford if translation requests need to go through a board translation process.  <u>Andrea:</u>  -Staffing – welcomed Ms. Erin Routley to permanent ECE position in kindergarten.  -Current enrollment is 559 students.  -Progress reports are sent home this Friday, detailing learning to date &amp; how progressing in literacy &amp; numeracy. Parent-teacher interviews to take place on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, parents encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher to book an interview.  -Cariboo math contest was on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, organized by Mrs. Kublinskas. We had 114 gr. 7/8s, 42 gr. 5/6, 97 gr. 3/4, 18 gr. 2s &amp; 8 gr. 1s. The next contest is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup>.  -Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> PD staff engaged in math learning &amp; teaching in support of high impact instructional practices.  -Bell at side of school -waiting for electrician to repair.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Student Report</b>  Student reps tonight are Gillian &amp; Makenna:  <u>Basketball Teams:</u> girls, have won all but 1 game &amp; are working very hard. Boys have great plays, looking for opportunities to get better.  <u>Terry Fox:</u> students were very enthusiastic &amp; raised over \$550.  <u>Cell Models:</u> Gr. 8 students are working with Ms. Hasings on making 3D cell models.  <u>Badminton Club:</u> taking place during second lunch &amp; after school on Fridays.  <u>Bus Safety:</u> learned about safety on the bus &amp; while crossing the roads.  <u>Music Extra Curricular:</u> Mrs. Harvaris is teaching primary choir. Mr. Masi is leading junior &amp; intermediate choir &amp; for 7/8 band.  <u>Remembrance Day:</u> this coming Friday is the Remembrance Day assembly. Several classes made sustainable poppies with seeds that they'll wear; wreaths to be laid.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Teacher Report</b>  Bridgette:  Sustainable poppy project offered to classes as a result of a Fanshawe College program/training offered. It entailed blending construction paper, watering it down with psyllium husks, adding poppy seeds, flattening it, then dry time &amp; adding a black circle. Several classes participated, and some missed out as</p>

	<p>some teachers saw the invitation too late. This will be a planned activity for the whole school next year.</p>
8.	<p><b>Financial Report</b>  <u>Hot lunch</u>: Allyson absent – new &amp; expanded hot lunch vendors for this year: Pita Pit, Sopranos &amp; Harveys – changing email address for hot lunch, more info to follow.  <u>Budget</u>: Total available budget is \$3,110.29.          -Hot lunch deposits, less estimated hot lunch payments, CakeDday via H&amp;SA so not reflected here, already taken out Forest of Reading, gr, 8 grads &amp; retirement gift fund.          -Balance in SPSC account \$5,145.21, less 3 payments mentioned above &amp; other expenses to come (reconciliation).          -Funding requests: Feather flag – tall, narrow arched type – start at \$235 – quote requested via Ms. Panhuis to find out cost with print screening.          -Is there a means from council to advise teachers about the funds available? Teachers are still working through their own divisional budget, before thinking of SPSC funding requests. School uniforms to be purchased, possibly could split with parent council. Could fundraise for more mice, chrome books, Caring Fund asked about. Gaga Ball pit another idea, starts at \$400, but nicer ones are about \$700. Would be of interest for many kids. We go through outdoor equipment a lot, so it would be a nice addition to the yard.          -Badminton – more equipment was purchased last month. Rackets were purchased for the team, but the intermural equipment is quite worn. Will ask teacher if we could use more. Becca mentioned that could come out of H&amp;SA funds as there are more options to source from other locations at lower cost &amp; receive quicker.</p>
9.	<p><b>Communications Report</b>          Khushboo:  <u>Email</u>: reviewing email account 1/2x per week.  <u>Social media</u>: don't have login detail for social media accounts or SPSC website, so not able to manage them yet. Khushboo not able to find our pages on FB or Insta either. Rachel &amp; Khushboo to discuss offline.          Question asked what is the process for finding out about the math contest.</p>
10.	<p><b>Home &amp; School Association Report</b>          Recap from Kaitlyn – H&amp;SA rep here at SPSC:          -Elections took place, roles filled. Started talking about bylaw committee being created, Becca to lead – Alexis to review.          -Tonight's H&amp;SA – talking about fundraising ideas.          -Social media for H&amp;SA, does it need to be separate from SPSC, no decision made yet on that.          -Minutes for H&amp;SA are public as well.          H&amp;SA fees – discussion on adding those to the bylaws.</p>
11.	<p><b>Year at a Glance</b>          -Calendar to be reviewed next month.          -Cake Day date &amp; committee, to be decided before next meeting. Thurs. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> set as date for Cake Day. Reach out to Michelle if interested in volunteering.</p>
12.	<p><b>Business for Next Month</b></p>

13.	<b>Important Dates to Remember</b> Remembrance Day assembly: Novemer 10 <sup>th</sup> Progress Reports: November 10 <sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Interviews: November 17th Winter concert: December 11th
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Katie motioned to adjourn, Katie seconded, all in favour.