



- o The perimeter trail still needs some mulch to fill in the holes and uneven spots. Trail maintenance falls in the purview of Dept. of Education rather than Property Management. We'll expect a spring fix up.
- o The dirt pile of the outdoor structure has been removed.
- o The fence between the fire pit and the outdoor structure will be removed.
- o In Dec 2024, the water in the schools will be retested. The old fountains have been closed off and the new fountains have been retested and shown to have lead levels within acceptable health thresholds.
- o The school bought radon tests and can give Council the results in three months when the testing is complete. **Action: Follow up in January 2025 for Radon test results.**
- o The FN language teacher position closed with no applicants. Also open is on EA position and a library clerk position. The FN language teacher staffing position has been reallocated to a cultural teacher until a successful applicant for the language instructor is found.

## 6 Committee Reports

### 1. Transportation Committee:

- No meeting has been held yet. Communication from Standard has fallen off somewhat from last year. Bus no. 19 was cancelled with no word given to the school.

### 2. Health and Safety Committee:

- A meeting was held. Caitlyn attended. Radon, air quality, and the unreliability of cell phone coverage within the building.
- Scott is to make the next two meetings instead of Caitlyn – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 15:30 at the school.
- No mould investigation has taken place at the school, but the possibility has been brought up by one employee.
- The land lines have been noted to be full of static which is worrying in light of the unreliability of the local cell network.

### 3. School Growth Plan:

- No meeting yet. First meeting to be on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 15:30 at the school.

## 7 Old Business & Correspondence

### 1. ESED Project Updates:

- Lets Talk Science is being overseen by Ian Dimos. **Action: Jesse to connect with Ian and Jeff for current ESED funding expenditures.**
- Note that experience at Yukon U has shown that 3D printers are very fragile.
- Skills Canada has a robotic component.
- There is to be a “decolonizing” art wall in the library.

### 2. Fundraising Planning & Updates

- Purdy's Chocolate:
  - o Council discussed selling chocolate as a fundraiser. Rosemary Popadyne typically raises funds with the grade threes with this activity. **Action: Jeff to ask Rosemary if Council can raise funds selling Purdy's Chocolate.**
  - o A catalogue may cost money, but the sales can be done online.
  - o Money the Council raises through chocolate sales may be earmarked for field trips.
- Pancake breakfast
  - o Dec 16<sup>th</sup> is the PCSS pancake breakfast and typically the JHES attend. JHES could have their pancake breakfast on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February – it's a Friday and Valentine's day.
  - o Richard volunteered to pay for the coffee for the pancake breakfast.

- o **Action: Jesse to confirm with Brenda Stehelin that YFNED is handling the cooking of the pancakes and the supply of food.**
- Flower baskets – deferred until after Christmas

### 3. Review & Update Action Items from 4 September, 2024, Meeting:

- The revised invoice from Paul is to be paid.
- The newer fountains that were found to have acceptable water are open and the older fountains have not been retested or opened.
- Scott was put in touch with the Transportation Committee. No meeting has yet occurred.
- Jeff confirmed dates and times for the Health & Safety and School Growth Committee meetings.

### 5. School Allergy Policies

- Caitlyn reviewed the feedback received. 80 responses were received. 90% of respondents were in favour of changing the policy.
- Council should get in contact with the École Émilie-Tremblay School Council for feedback on how their policy change was rolled out and ask if anything should be noted. Council should also reach out to WB School Council who also wish to change the allergy policy and work with them and with AYSCBC. **Action: Jesse to raise the issue at AYSCBC.**
- It's noted that many other allergies exist and aren't catered to in the same way in the schools as nut allergies are.
- All staff members have been trained in the use of EpiPens.

### 6. Swimming Lessons

- \$1,214 for standard buses and swim lesson fees together. Gr. 2 and 4 to go in April and May
- \$5,100 for grades 2,3, 4 for 108 students. If a couple of parents can drive children, then we won't need the standard bus.
- School Council fundraising can be flagged specifically for swimming lessons.
- Could the school use the Cobalt buses? They are willing, but what are the Dept. of Ed. rules?
- The school buses have a storage cage in them. If the storage cage could be removed, more seats could be added so additional buses aren't required to move children to the pool. **Action: Jeff to ask Fleet if replacing the storage cages with seats is a possibility.**

### 7. Council Member Advertisement

- Three available positions were advertised on the web site. It could also be advertised in the school newsletter.
- One application was received from Cristi Frittaion.

#### **Motion 2:**

**Micah Olesh/Scott Holiday**

To accept the application of Cristi Frittaion to join School Council.

Passed by: Consensus Unanimous

- **Action: School Council must write a letter to Richard confirming its desire to accept Cristi's application.**

- Richard to get nomination papers signed for Cristi. It will likely take four weeks.

### 8. KDFN Rep/ FN Language Position

- Finding a representative is being actively pursued by the Minister.

## **8 New Business**

### 1. Council Newsletter – Intro to Families

- School Council members to write a short introductory paragraph for the school newsletter.

### 2. School Food Program

- February 2024, the Dept. of Ed. started the Food Supply Committee.
- The Government of Canada contributed \$1 million.

2. AYSBC Conference/ Chairs meeting

- Jesse to attend and to discuss JHES issues with drinking water and buses for field trips and concerns regarding radon and mould. Also to find out the other school councils' views on HACE and drug education in elementary schools and on nuts in schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Next School Council Meeting: November 6th, 2024, at 18:00

**Signed off by:**

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