

## **Donald Young School Council Meeting Minutes**

### **October 24, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Attending:** Cheryl Foster, Heidi Loney, Hope Mosbeck, Kim Bolen (Teacher representative), Rosalie Dubuc, Tasha McNally, Benita Retief, Serena Maharaj (Principal)

**Regrets:** Trevor Martin, Melanie Williams (Vice-Principal), Stevie-Lee Kaemingh, Tiffany Veldhuisen

**1. Welcome:** Call to order at 6:12 p.m.

**2. Review and approval of agenda:**

Heidi moved that they be accepted. Rosalie seconded it.  
Carried.

**3. Review and approval of previous minutes:**

Rosalie moved that they be accepted. Cheryl seconded it.  
Carried.

**4. School Council Positions Discussed:**

- Co-chairs: Heidi and Hope
- Community Partner: Hope
- Education Support Personnel (ESP) Rep: still open

**5. Fundraising Update:**

- Discussion was held around fundraising using the Canadian Safety-branded car kits. There is a 40% return and the company will provide brochures to the 115 DYS families.
  - Additional discussion pertaining to community partners offering a safety presentation one evening to further promote safety
- The fundraising objective is to have a more permanent music wall as part of the outdoor classroom on one side of the red shed
- Silent auction/penny table at the Christmas Concert (Thurs., Dec. 14/23) - The Council reached out to the Emo Township office to obtain info about what is needed for the license.
- Borderland Orchestra (Kathryn Williams) will be contacted to determine what potential fundraisers could be considered for their Winter concert over Emo Holly Daze
- The possibility of hosting a talent show in the Spring

**6. PIC Report:**

- No updates at this time

**7. Outdoor Classroom Update:**

- Discussion was held around how long the seats would be and if the brackets would be enough to support the weight or if more brackets would be needed
- Stevie-Lee will be asked to provide an update at the next meeting

**8. Principal's Report:**

- Fall Harvest at RRFN this week
  - It is being hosted by RRFN with 10 activity stations for 260 students (K-8)
  - Lunch is being provided for all students
- After-School Social Skills Program
  - Has started after school with a group of 4 students

- Variety of activities completed each week
- PALs Program
  - Has started and it is an opportunity for students in the grade 4/5 class to foster leadership skills through planning and executing activities geared toward specific grade levels
- Cyber Awareness Update
  - Will collaborate with community partners to establish parent information sessions that possibly be located at DYS and Manitou
- Roots of Empathy
  - 1st baby visit occurred
  - Students were very engaged and able to participate in activities associated with perception through the baby's eyes
  - Part of the DYS Bullying Awareness and Prevention Plan

**9. Next Meeting Date:**

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 20th at 6:15 p.m.

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.