

# Forest Green School: School Council Meeting

December 12, 2023 @ 2:00 PM, in-person

## Attendees

Leah Andrews (Principal), Miranda Niebergall (Assistant Principal), Nicole Beliveau (Library Tech and Secretary), Paul McCann (Trustee), Cindy Owles, Danielle Clark, Liz D'Arcy, Sarah Kaufmann, Barb Palowski.

## Minutes

**1.0 Call to Order:** by Elizabeth at 2:05 pm

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda**

- Motioned by : Sarah
- Seconded by : Danielle

**2.1 Adoption of Nov 2023 minutes**

- Moved by: Danielle
- Seconded by : Sarah

**2.2 Welcome and Introductions :** Welcoming a new member at large- Barb Palowski.

**3.0 Teacher Report :** Mrs. Barmby/ Ms. Jenkins class features a presentation showcasing “learning in small groups” in both literacy and numeracy instruction. This might include small groups learning with the teacher, tech centers, time with an educator, and reading to self. Grade 4 teachers have laid the groundwork for expected routines, and classroom expectations during small group sessions since september. These routines have now been established.

**4.0 Chair’s Report :** An evening stakeholder engagement at Westview School on November 22, 2023 - no one attended.

COSC meeting summary -

- *Idea: One Small Thing* for educators. QR code used to send teachers a message to encourage and acknowledge classroom initiatives . Monthly report is populated to collect data. Suggestion was offered to reinstate a lock-box to initiate an analogue version here at Forest Green. Kids referred to the box as a *Brag Box*.
- Idea: Social Media Safety and Bullying information sessions- Safety in social media ICE ( sexual predator awareness) and Constable Gord Marshall of the RCMP is available to attend schools for information sessions for parents.
- COSC suggested using the \$500 grant to fund sending School council members to attend the annual meeting.
- Suggestion to bring transparency to fundraising projects by posting a percentage of profits to social media.
- Scott Johnson suggested reserved seating for council members at events, to acknowledge and show the value of volunteerism in our school community.
- Next COSC mtg: FEB 6, 2024

**5.0 Fundraising report :**

- The Christmas concert bake sale was successful. The Kinder concert was very successful. In the future, plan to build in a kinder bake sale.

- Christmas shop is December 18, 19 & 20th. Will take place in the learning Commons. School council needs donations and volunteers.
- Oil Kings fundraiser is underway. Collaboration with Connie Jenkins is rolling.

**6.0 Principal's Report**

- Introducing Linda Piwowar - our temporary FMNI liason.
- Open discussion on the Read- a-thon and Scholastic Book Fair. Council to contact Nicole Beliveau at [nicole.beliveau@psd.ca](mailto:nicole.beliveau@psd.ca) to collaborate.
- Please consider adding to our school's: 'Share a Thought' survey.
- Please share the Christmas Concert survey attached to the Dragons Dish Newsletter. FG wants to see families attend the concert. How can we do better?
- FG will continue to live stream concert events.
- Important events reviewed
- I wish.... our school had an updated bell.

**7.0 Board Report**

- Congrats to FG on the completion of concert season. Paul noted the joy and positive energy of the PSD holiday concerts throughout the division.
- Acknowledgement to the artists who contributed to holiday art display in the gym at FG
- Stakeholders' meeting hosted politicians and special guests to celebrate the opening of Westview School in November.
- Negotiations with ATA begin Dec 12, 2023 .

**8.0 Adjournment:** at 3:04 pm

Next meeting is February 13 @ 6:30 PM the Learning Commons

**Approval of Meeting Minute:**

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**Chairperson**

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**School Principal**

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