

# Stewart Avenue - School Council

Minutes - January 15, 2025

Location: Library & Online Time: 6:30 pm start

Attendance: Christina White, Lara Green, Caleigh Farquhar, Taylor Fliestra, Elaheh Diba Sadr, Amanda Dunbar, Holly McNeill, Anne MacInnes, Carol Coyle

Item	Person Presenting	Time Allocated	Notes
1. Welcome	Christina	5 min	Some introductions to our new members. Question about losing Council members and voting members. Talked about if we are losing voting members we can advertise to the community that we are going to start fresh and to give the opportunity to have new voting members.
2. Principal's report	Carol	5 min	See below
3. Treasurer report	Carol	15 min	Caleigh presented the School Council Funds. <a href="#">January School Council Funds</a>
<p>4. Request for funds:</p> <p>Sept. 25/24 approval for funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>- \$2000 for Nutrition for Learning</li> <li>- Buses for Art trip - Grades 7 &amp; 8 - \$2250</li> <li>- Outdoor recess equipment updates - Pr/Jr./Int. - \$1000</li> </ul> <p>Oct. 16/24 requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student leadership shirts \$600 (30-40 shirts)</li> </ul> <p>Nov. 20/24 - no requests</p> <p><b>Jan. 15/24 requests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$200 for materials for Peace and Quiet club (rainbow loom kit &amp; fuse bead kit to start with)</li> <li>- \$2000 request for Nutrition for Learning - term 2</li> <li>- French carnival - Discs (\$50), Hot chocolate (\$130), cups (\$40), Squeeze bottles for painting (\$30), Sleds &amp; crazy carpets - (\$400) - for a total of \$650</li> </ul>	Carol	15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All fund requests for Jan 15, 2025 were approved.</li> </ul>

<p>Paused on the following funds requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$1000.00 for Grade 8 celebration</li> <li>- Flexible seating 4A - \$500</li> <li>- \$500 for mascot upkeep</li> <li>- \$500 for grounds upkeep</li> </ul> <p><b>We have heard from staff that most requests will be for transportation for field trips.</b></p>			
<p>5. Pizza day discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update</li> <li>- Allergen pizza</li> <li>- "Payment" for student helpers</li> </ul>	Caleigh	5 min.	<p>Staying with Twice the Deal as our pizza vendor.</p> <p>Double the student volunteers due to the way nutrition break is structured. In the past the student volunteers received a payment of one slice of pizza every month but this is increasing our costs due to an increase of volunteers. Had a lot of leftover concessions from movie night and have been giving out pop and chips as payment and it seems that students are preferring that over pizza. Moving forward we are going to use pop as a payment. Taylor will purchase a couple of cases of pop at Costco.</p> <p>February and March orders will go out on School Day soon.</p>
<p>6. Fundraising discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bingo update</li> <li>- FlipGive initiative</li> <li>- N4L update</li> <li>- Other ideas</li> </ul>	Whole committee	15 min.	<p>-Bingo starts shortly and Stewart staff have signed up to volunteer to cover Bingo shifts.</p> <p>-FlipGive initiative is going to be promoted through our different media channels.</p> <p>-Nutrition for Learning discussion about how the organization works and how to bring in revenue and donations for the school to use.</p> <p>-Discussion about clothing and housewares drive as a fundraiser. Moved discussion to have that type of event as a community event and not as a fundraiser.</p> <p>-Idea of a craft fair and selling of tables to raise money.</p> <p>-Discussion about the balance between what is work intensive and what is able to bring in funds.</p> <p>-Discussion about ESNS and other food options. Going to come back with some additional ideas of how to fundraise.</p>

			-General idea that food sales are what works the best for our school.
7. Movie Night Review - Feedback - What to keep in mind for next time	Whole committee	5 min.	About 150 people. Concessions sales were down. Pizza sales were great. It was a better movie option as well as the body breaks worked well. Felt that the night was more manageable than the previous year. Lots of inquiries about a movie night for Junior students. Look to plan one for April that will be marketed towards Junior students. Maybe look towards having a games night rather than a movie night. Looking towards planning a fun fair for the following school year ( 2025-2026).
8. Ideas for an activity during school hours for K or primary classes?	Whole committee	10 min.	Idea of School Council to provide an activity for Kindergarten classes/primary classes at the end of school year. Give classes some options for an event and that School Council plans and volunteers for it and that can be presented to staff.
9. PRO Grant discussion	Whole committee	15 min	Ideas were generated for an application. Suggestion to host a math night. Carol will look to enter the application.
10. Walk to School day ideas	Whole committee	5 min.	Can we coincide the Walk to School Day ( Feb 5 ) with our French winter event? Look to talk with French teachers about this.
11. Nutrition for learning link provided on School Day	Whole committee	5 m	Specific link where donations can be made to Nutrition for Learning and it can be directed towards our school. Christina and Lara will create a School Day announcement to share out to the school community about how to donate.
12. Any additional items/questions	Whole committee	10 min	
NEXT MEETING DATE			Wed. Feb. 19/25 at 6:30 pm

### **Principal's Notes - Jan. 15, 2024**

- Some of our Junior classes have been able to participate in Outdoor Learning field trips end of November and beginning of December
- Spirit Colour Week was a success

- Intermediate Volleyball teams wrapped up their season with both our boys and girls team making it to the Quarter Final Round
- Dec 4 a group of Grade 7 & 8s went to Galt Collegiate to participate in a Math Contest held by students at that school. Stewart did very well and the teams felt very successful with their performance. One of our teams came in 2nd overall. And all other teams were in the top 10 for the competition.
- Dec. 17 was our winter concert. Many families enjoyed the multiple performances in the day and evening times.
- Dec. 18 was accessory spirit day. Students got so creative.
- Dec. 19 - Wildcat Day - black and red
- Kindergarten registration for Sept. 2025 has opened up. The first steps for registration begins with an online form found at [www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca)
- Junior Volleyball teams participated in two tournaments in December, one of those tournaments being held here at Stewart
- Jan 10 - Twin Day
- January 17 - PD Day - Staff will be focusing on assessment that day.
- Grade 7 & 8s are heading to Laurier to watch a hockey game on January 23rd
- Intermediate basketball teams are up and going and will go until March
- Intermediate Boys Basketball team will be participating in a tournament hosted by Glenview on January 29th
- Wildcat Day is January 30th - wear black and red
- We will be hosting a visit from School Trustee and Chair, Maedith Radlein and the Superintendent, Jay Fedosoff - on January 30th
- Term 1 Report Cards go home to all student on Monday, February 10th
- Term 2 IEPs (modified pages) - go home with students on Tuesday, February 18
- Grade 8 Celebration Photos are Wednesday, February 19th
- Next School Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 19th
- 93rd Annual Skating races at Galt Arena - Fri. Feb. 28 - at 7pm

#### Additional Booster Juice info:

The dates for Stewart Ave. will be the last Wednesday of the month aside from the December and June:

Jan 29

Feb 26

Mar 26

April 30

May 28

**June 18**

Flavours - starberry, berry blossom, and mango mania.

8 oz & 12 oz option

We're going to do the \$1.00 increase fundraising option

Drop off time is our **second nutrition break 1:10pm start so 12:50 pm** drop off if possible.

We'll do boostyourlunch payment options and have about 50 cash order envelope options for the office if possible please. The teachers just want the online option.