

Eastview Parent Council

Date: November 17th, 2022 at 7:00pm

Via Microsoft Teams

In attendance: Tyson Maxwell, Melony Lapp, Jennifer McLean, Stephanie Sylvester, David O'Brien, Ruth, Leila Verheyen, Dr Lohita, Cheryl, Andrea Eth, Kim Lintack, Donna Der Heyden, Eme I, Joel Faris, Chantal Enright, Jennifer Ro, Alice

1. Introductions and Welcomes
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of September minutes – Approved – Jen, Seconded - Chantal
4. Student Representative Report – Student rep not able to attend
5. Staff Report shared by Stephanie Sylvester
6. Principals Report

Staff Report from Stephanie Sylvester

Clubs/Teams running/were running since last meeting:

- Cross country
- Dance Team
- Lacrosse
- Sr. Boys Golf
- Girls Flag Football
- Boys Soccer
- Boys Football
- Art Club
- Swim Team
- Video games club
- Tennis
- Girls Flag Football
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Boys and Girls Hockey
- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Alpine Ski Racing
- Curling

Lunch Options:

- Karaoke club
- Fitness Centre

- DECCA – Business Club
- Equity/GSA Club
- Knitting club – many scarves already donated to "Uplifting Blessings" for those in need of warm winter clothing. The club is always looking for donations of yarn and knitting needles. Students are learning to knit and then creating scarves to give to those in need. For every scarf made, a student can earn 10 community service hours.

Fundraising Opportunities (great Christmas gifts)

- Healthcare classes are running another First Aid kit Fundraiser (raising money for new hospital bed in Healthcare class) Go to <http://eas.scdsb.on.ca/about-us/news/school-news/241> for more details and information on the contents of each of these specialized kits. All kits will be delivered before Christmas if you are looking for a great Christmas gift
- Life Skills is running a Purdy's chocolate fundraising campaign for the holiday season. The company will give up to 25% of their profits back to our classes. As a result, we are hoping to be able to raise enough funds to take the students on different outings in the community. Our campaign number: 65844 Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1637925-101285> Enter your email and click "Join Campaign"

Around the School:

- Homeroom challenge Food Drive for the Little Pantry - a local project where people can take what they need from a wooden box outside the United Church - also community service opportunity
- Graduating Students received "After Eastview" publication which covers detailed application/entrance information for Apprenticeships, College and University, as well as Financial Aid options and visiting post-secondary school schedule
 - Post-secondary representatives have been meeting with Graduating students at the school again
- Spirit wear was on sale until Nov. 11
- Students co-created a 'Gratitude Tree' - wrote something they are grateful for on a leaf which was added to a tree affixed to the wall by the main office
- Congratulations to three of our students from Eastview SS for winning first and tying for second place in the Simcoe County Historical Association's (SCHA) Andrew Hunter Award for excellence in essay writing (featured in Barrie Today)
- Junior and senior boys' football has ended but coaches wanted to let you know that over 120 students tried out for tackle football and 81 made the teams. Those student-athletes, along with the scorers, yardsticks and film crew, and the hundreds of other students who watched our games made for an exciting atmosphere on the field. Football is the most expensive athletic program at Eastview and is made possible by the efforts of the coaches and others who volunteer year-round at the Delta Barrie Bingo Centre. Playing Bingo supports Eastview athletics!
- Congratulations goes out to Megan and Ava for winning the GBSSA Senior Tennis Championships. They will participate at OFSSA in the spring.
- The Eastview eSports Rocket League team is currently first in Ontario and has qualified for the OFSEA (Ontario Federation of School Esports Associations) Provincial Championships on November 26th
- From French: Gr. 9 students just finished writing letters to students in France. They talked about cultural things in Canada that might be interesting to the students from Normandy, France. Eg. Our yellow school busses, snow days, food (poutine, maple syrup), our cafeteria-

giant cookies lol and that debit is a payment option, our semester school system, etc. We are looking forward to hearing back from them soon!

- Last month we had a community representative into French classes from International Student Exchanges to talk to French students about exchange opportunities. Our students can travel to various countries in Europe as well as to the province of Quebec to learn a language and share cultures;). Most exchanges are 2 1/2 months abroad but there is also a summer opportunity in Quebec for 1 month.
- Finally, in addition to French and Spanish, we are welcoming GERMAN to our language options! When students engage in course selections, they will be able to choose German for next year as one of their electives
- Our Well-being/Yoga class practiced “goat yoga” and have “puppy yoga” scheduled at a local studio in December
- Skills Ontario Competition returns – visit <https://www.skillsontario.com/qualifying-competitions#Overview> for more information
- Collaborative colouring board outside of 113 as part of wellness team
- The MacLaren Art Centre is pleased to announce Portfolio 2023! Portfolio provides an exceptional opportunity to showcase the creative talent of youth in Simcoe County. Portfolio will be on display in the Gallery’s Carnegie Room from March 4 to April 2, 2023, with a special opening reception on Saturday, March 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for students, their parents and teachers, and community members. Secondary art teachers can pre-select up to 10 artworks per art class that best represent the art created by graduating students at each school
- The environmental club received a 500 dollar grant from Learning for a Sustainable Future to help create a pollinator garden below our school sign
- Remembrance Day assemblies took place in person. Sticker poppies provided to students with donation option
- Leadership Halloween events: pumpkin carving contest (pumpkins got fed to pigs in Minesing), greenscreen costume pictures (emailed to students and some will be posted on Instagram), haunted house classroom
- ESS Teacher team participating in/raising funds for Movember. Donations can be made at <https://movember.com/t/eastview-wildcats?mc=1>

Upcoming:

- Report cards going home Nov. 24 (grades submitted by this Friday 18th)
- Dec. 7 and 8: Gr. 8 days – students participate in hands-on activity in elective courses to spark their interest. More information on compulsory courses coming during Gr. 8 day in February
- Musicians of the school are currently preparing for their December 9 winter concert.
- OSSLT scheduled to be written between Mon. Nov. 28 and Fri. Dec. 2
- Just announced: Winter Semi-Formal, Dec. 2nd, tickets will be available on schoolcashonline
- K-Cup Dec. 21st (K-Cup Sponsorship opportunities available – 7th annual Kempenfelt Cup will take place Wed. Dec. 21st at Sadlon Centre. This is a yearly showcase of Barrie area high school girls and boys hockey teams – all proceeds of event go to Barrie & District Christmas Cheer – interested sponsors can contact Tyson by Nov. 25th)

Business:

- IEPs sent digitally this year

- Student cards have been \$15. Cards provide discounts on transit and around town, as well as visual identification for attending school events
- Academic award certificates were distributed Oct. 25
- Teachers eligible for paid tutoring positions
- Vaping prevention materials available through SMDHU at notanexperiment.ca

DEI

- As part of the goal of promoting equity in our courses, staff can access our new EDI teacher Nicola Raven (nraven@scdsb.on.ca) on Thursdays working out of room 107. (Her role is to support schools in implementing instructional and assessment strategies that will support the School Action Equity Plan, increase student achievement and learning, increase culturally responsive and relevant practices, and build collaborative cultures through an equitable lens.)
- Some of the leadership students worked on creating a short slide show/video that looks at the perspectives Indigenous people have about the celebration of Thanksgiving. Some of the interviews share the hurt felt about the colonial roots of this holiday, while others acknowledge the hurt but share their practice of the holiday within their own cultural framework.
- The SCDSB EDI Department is offering a book club on the book: *A Culturally Proficient Response to LGBT Communities: A Guidebook for Educators* by Randall B. Lindsay. This is a guide for educators to collaboratively combat issues of discrimination, inequity, and bullying and deeply held assumptions about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) communities. Interested Educators will commit to 2 evenings to discuss chapters through guided discussion and development of a school-based plan for the integration of 2SLGBTQ targets that will align with the SCDSB strategic priorities.
- Release time is available for teachers to collectively review or work on courses for to implement some lessons/units around EDI
- SCDSB is subsidizing full special education additional qualification (AQ) course registration fees (not including textbooks) for a maximum of 30 SCDSB educators (teachers/school administrators).
- SCDSB is also subsidizing cost for ASD Professional Learning Opportunity for Educators at Sonderly (Geneva Centre for Autism).
- Resources to support classroom learning for Treaties Recognition week, during first week of November, provided to RCTs
- There is a new club called Best Buddies - It pairs up life skills students with other students in the school to develop friendships. Activities like crafts, cooking, walks, holiday celebrations, once a week eating lunch together. The hopes is to have the Life Skills students become more involved in the school community and create friendships. Participating students may earn up to 10 Community Hours. Lifeskills students have been doing the morning announcement, using assistive technology when non-verbal – great hearing these new voices around the school!
- For Veterans' Week (Nov. 5-11), resources were sent to teachers for the unique contribution perspectives of different races and cultures (Indigenous Veterans' Day SCDSB flag flown at half-mast on Nov. 8)
- On Thursdays Jessica Martin, Indigenous Social Worker with SCDSB, will be at ESS. Smudging will occur on these days throughout the day.
- Students from 3 NBE3U classes took part in smudges with Rosanne, a visiting Elder who works for the SCDSB. All students were hugely respectful, and it was interesting to hear

about her journey in reclaiming her traditions after not having access to them as a young girl.

- Transgender Awareness Week! This week we celebrate transgender and gender non-conforming people everywhere! Follow @Eastview.GSA on Instagram to learn more. Information about Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov. 20th) given to RCTs in Newsletter. "This solemn day was sparked by the brutal murder of Rita Hester that occurred in 1998...Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to antitransgender bigotry and violence."
- Sense of Belonging School Departmental Action Planning at Staff Meeting this week

Principal's Report from Tyson Maxwell

-BSA (Black Student Association) has started. Our grad coach Jean is supporting the students. They are working on creating a banner, to show representation from the different background of students in our school

-A successful scholarship workshop, presented by Mike Howell, was held on parent teacher night. Mr Wilson from guidance, also assisted and is always available to students talk about bursaries, grants and subsidies with students.

-A workshop entitled the 6 different work habits of learning skills was held for students. Self regulation was the focus for October. Another topic will be the focus for November

-FYI, Job Action is a possibility next week. There may have a withdrawal of service starting Monday and schools will be closed to in person learning. On Monday information will be shared around how technology will be distributed to students who need it, or paper copies can be requested if technology is not an option for students.

-OSSLT will run Nov 28- Dec 2. It is scheduled to happen in morning for grade 10 classes. Librarians have been practicing with grade 10s to be ready to write the test.

-Mid term report cards go home on Thursday Nov 24

-Funding for tutors in classrooms, has been extended, to help student who need extra help specifically in areas around math

-First lock down drill happened this week. New technology was introduced this summer but it worked without issue. Police were impressed with how students respectfully managed themselves.

-IEPs were delivered online to parents. It was sent by email from pcgcanada. Check your Spam folders if you did not see it

-There is a school dance happening Dec 2nd

-KCup is on Dec 21st This is a hockey tournament, boys and girls hockey team from 5 schools, to raise money for Christmas Cheer. We have some sponsors already participating

-Construction: We still have renovations to come. It will start with the changerooms. It has gone out to tender and we are waiting to see when it might get started.

Pro Grant

Suggestions from parents

-a list of past activities, or current offering of speakers, was requested so parents can look at options available

-a DEI presentation was also suggested, to extend greater understanding into our homes, about what children are learning and experiencing at school

-administration will do some research around speakers and ask staff groups for any suggestions that may be coming up from parents

New Business / Discussion

-Monies left over from a student generated account from a play the Wizard of Oz were discussed. The lighting on the stage needs to be replaced. Tyson was wondering if parent council would support these monies going towards repairing the lighting.

Motion: Monies remaining from this fund raising should go towards the stage lighting

– Jennifer moved to have the motion approved . Seconded by Ruth, Opposed – none

-Semi formal and prom – students approached Tyson and he has gone ahead and approved it
Tyson has also spoken to student council about other upcoming events

7. Next meeting: February 16th, 2022 at 7pm