



# South Branch School Council Meeting Agenda Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

**Samantha Kutowy, Katie O'Connor, Tina Flood, Emily Westbrook, Kami Link, Christie LaBrash, Gina Merlin, Kylie Howison, Debbie Gaw, Denise Mahoney, Julie Culkeen**

1. Welcome & attendance.
2. Additions & acceptance of meeting agenda –accepted by Katie and Emily.
3. Acceptance of November 2020 meeting minutes –Accepted by Katie and Emily
4. Teacher's Report (Kylie Howison)

Kindergarten: Rosswell/Rm 1: Gingerbread activities, playing math games, little elves, making Christmas art

Spronk/Howison: Bear Party, STEM activities

Grade 1: Crafting Christmas cards with kinder class for Bayfield Manor.

Grade 2: Mrs. Gaw's class is travelling around the world finding out how Christmas is celebrated in different countries.

Grade 3: Mrs. Adamson: wrote letter to people in a retirement home instead of writing letters to Santa this year. Math/addition/subtractions with regrouping/data management.

Grade 4: Data management. Making Christmas Art for families

Grade 5: Mrs. Corby: grid systems. Language. Fairy tales. Holiday Are and decorating. Drama.

Grade 6: Classes made Christmas cards for Retirement Homes. We are learning about immigration and Canadian heritage. In math: understanding data and graphing.

French: Lots of Christmas vocabulary being taught. Gr ¾ are working on Xmas plays. K's are excited about learning these words in French!

5. Principal's Report (Christie LaBrash and Kami Link)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> pickup/exchange of non/digital learning studies. Working well.
  - First virtual Remembrance Day ceremony went well.
  - Spirit week for Christmas Holidays. Daily activity to share with the school/class I.e.: Christmas sweater day
  - Making Christmas Cards for local Retirement Homes

6. Treasurer's Report (Emily)
  - a. Update about Playground transfer – Christie
    - Present balance of monies raised have noted that funds for school playground have not transferred over to school account yet. Due to concern of potential funds needed for school in present terms and potential lockdown in new year, it was agreed by present council members at meeting to hold off on transfer until Spring.
  - b. Current Playground Revitalization is ~\$26,000
  - c. Current SBSC Fund is ~\$11,000

7. Fundraising Report (Katie)
  - a. South Branch Pizza Nights with Mr. Mozzarella- great success and raised \$255  
Update: wreath sales raised \$151.50 thanks to My Local Markets!  
**NEXT TIGER TUESDAY is January 5th**
  - b. FlipGive (Melody)-standing at \$100 raised. Promotion of app needed to support.
  - c. Rideau Roastery Coffee-possible in the new year
  - d. To Be Continued – Donation of consignment sales (40% of sale price)-needed to promote.
  
8. Discussion Topics – Open for any issues parents would like to discuss (to be addressed now and future meetings)
  - a. School Yearbook – is it an option? – Julie-clarification to support moving forward on how to obtain photos and create yearbook. Will there be interest for 2020/2021 year? Teachers are able to provide photos to Julie to compile into a yearbook.
  - b. Online payment – update? My Family Room is growing and to be utilized as a payment option.
  - c. Winter clothing and other student needs –Christie to provide update to Melody on clothing items lacking for students. Utilize recent fundraisers of wreaths and pizza to purchase needed clothing. Able to promote drop offs of clothing to school to donate. Funds Approved for winter clothing purchases are \$151.50 (100% of Wreath Sales) and \$127.50 (50% of the December Tiger Tuesday Sales) for a total of **\$279.00**.
  - d. Outdoor learning and activities - Katie, Denise
    - a. Activities
    - b. Garden
  - e. Goals, plans, initiatives for the 2020-2021 school year
    - a. Farm to School Canada Grants program – deferred to next meeting.
    - b. What items do we want to fundraise for?  
i.e. – Phase two of the **Playground Revitalization**, garden, **leaving ceremony**, etc....
  
9. Next meeting January 12th at 6:00 p.m.
  
10. Adjournment of Meeting-motioned by Julie and Denise

#### **Dates to Remember**

**Meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year. SBSC meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month during the school year. We meet at 6:00 p.m. online via TEAMS. Please add the dates to your calendar!**

September 29 <sup>th</sup>	February 9 <sup>th</sup>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 9 <sup>th</sup>
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	June 8 <sup>th</sup>

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