



South Branch School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 12, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Tanya Peters, Peter Knight, Samantha Kutowy, Melody Busuttil, Chris Hewett, Tina Flood, Beth Searle, Denise Mahoney, Laurel Cardy, Emily Kehler, Shannon Watson, Katie O'Connor, Jennie Childs

1. **Welcome & attendance** (Samantha and Melody)
2. **Additions & acceptance of meeting agenda** (Samantha) Moved to accept Katie, 2nd Tina
3. **Acceptance of September 2021 meeting minutes** (Samantha) Moved to accept Chris, 2nd Tina
4. **Teacher's Report (Emily Schaafsma)**

Kindergarten (Ross/Rothwell) We have established our math and literacy learning centers. Having fun with apples, tasting, graphing, and looking forward to some applesauce or apple crisp. Coming up next lots of pumpkin fun.

Kindergarten (Howison/Trayner) We are continuing to work on our colors and seasonal fall vocabulary through carpet times, literacy centers and songs. We have started our letter of the week literacy activities and crafts. Mme. Trayner has found a way to use glitter every day so your children may all be coming home sparkling and shining. We are moving onto pumpkin exploration and Halloween activities.

Kindergarten (Dawson/Harrington) We are continuing to work on rhyming words and letter sounds. We are listening to stories about fall. We had an apple tasting to see what color apple we like the best (red, green, or red). We graphed our results in a pictograph and found that yellow class likes red apples and blue class likes yellow apples. We will be starting a science experiment this week to discover if we can grow pumpkin seeds inside a pumpkin.

Kinder/Gr 1 Core (Bryan) We are working on color words, number words and lots of rhyming games and songs. We have been playing a lot of dice games and learning about each other with our daily sign in questions (graphing). We are noticing seasonal changes with the arrival of fall and spending extra time outdoors with all the beautiful weather. The rest of October will be all about pumpkins and patterns and more number games in math.

Kinder/Gr.1 Smith/McCool Science – Learning about how to help make our earth a better place through the investigation of living things. We are reading lots of shared poems in class and love to act them out!

Gr.1 McCool/Smith Science – Learning about how to help make our earth a better place through the investigation of living things We have started using our Mathletics program in class with the iPad. Kids are enjoying it!

FI Gr.2/3 Morrow/Berry Science Gr. 2 – Identifying the pros and cons of a variety of animals. Science Gr. 3- Comparing the parts of different plants Math -making and breaking numbers to 200/1000 Writing-narratives and complex sentences French – working on narrative oral retell as well as writing a retell

FI Gr.2 Niska/Morrow Science Gr. 2 – Identifying the pros and cons of a variety of animals. Students are identifying countries of familial significance (which countries and why) and locating them on a map. Math -making and breaking numbers to 200 Writing-narratives and complex sentences

Gr.1/2 Price CORE -We are making and breaking numbers to 50 and exploring patterns -Reviewing vowel sounds and working on sounding out words and recording what we hear. -Learning about responsibility and what we can do at home, school, and the community to show responsibility - Exploring Autumn changes

Gr. 2/3 Gaw CORE

Gr. 3 Mellaney CORE Language – Types of sentences, using our senses to write about different topics, shape poetry, writing about what we are thankful for, reading strategy – visualization Math – creating and extending repeating patterns, identifying the pattern core, looking at changing attributes (color, shape, size, direction) Art – Element of Line (pumpkin art designs), Drama – freeze technique

Gr.3/4 Lynch CORE

Gr. 4 Kay CORE

Gr. 5 McCracken CORE We've been busy getting to know each other and settling in with our "new" group. Math – started working on place value Language – working on parts of a sentence and types of sentences in writing and working on looking at the parts of non-fiction for reading Socials – looked at the provinces and capital cities of Canada and will be learning about the physical regions of Canada this week

Art – used pastels to create a beautiful pumpkin; this week we will plan how we will paint our pumpkins Health – we are starting a unit on healthy living (food labels, nutrition, food in the media...)

Gr. 5 Wormald CORE Math - place value Language – Just finished our "Terry Fox Connections". We started our "Superhero" assignment. Social Studies – Canadian Government and Citizenship Art – We finished our "Sunset Art" by mixing paint colors Gym – Ultimate Frisbee

Gr. 6. Stone CORE We have moved on to place value – large numbers (1 000 000). Still working on biodiversity - posters and report writing. We are reading the "breadwinner". Language: continue to practice our paragraph writing skills. Still working on our summarizing abilities. Media: Logs in our lives.

Gr. 6 Schaafsma CORE Math – place value and number sense Language – the writing process, good paragraphs and creating short stories Science – Biodiversity, writing reports on a chosen animal Art – Color work We have been helping with the planting in the butterfly garden and hope to have it completed and ready for the winter by the end of this month

FRENCH Berry/Niska/Gagne/Peters Core French 1-3 Learning vocabulary related to greetings, numbers, weather, Terry Fox and Thanksgiving, Core French 4-6 writing-pendant le weekend, daily routines, l'automne vocabulary and reading.

Gr 5/6 Bond CORE • Math - Place value and operations

Music -Kinders have started making their own individual instrument kits. We started with shakers and working on moving safely in our own space

Language - Paragraph writing, response to literature, currently reading Pax by Sarah Pennypacker • Science - Biodiversity and Human Body • Social Studies – Communities in Canada, Past and Present and Interactions of Indigenous Peoples and Europeans Prior to 1713 -Grade 1's working on recognizing, identifying and keeping beat -Grade 2's and 3's working on creative ways to review note values taught -Grade 4's and 5's did xylophone work to accompany the story "All Are Welcome Here" -Grade 6's are working on sound stories and playing accompaniments to classical music -October will be a month of fall and Halloween activities in the music room

5. Principal's Report (Tanya Preston and Peter Knight)

School Report

- Play Structure Update: Dec. 22 was date provided for installation. Due to the need of ground thaw, therefore spring install is expected.
- Active Screening-policy updated Friday p.m. We are not an "outbreak" area therefore, we do not have to active screen staff/students
- Fundraising: Board directed pause but since Mr. Mozzarella Tiger Tuesdays is already active we will continue to let it run. Nothing new can be initiated until further direction is provided.
- Halloween- Friday, Oct 29 (costumes, no masks. No wrapped Peanut free snacks, no baked)
- Spirit Days- Fridays in November- Be on the lookout for weekly Spirit Days

Staffing update: 5/6 UPDATE. Jessica Bond is our new 5/6 teacher. LTO Emily Kehler 4/5, Alyssa McMillan for Mme Smith. Mrs. Lynch off. Mrs. Morrow off

6. Treasurer's Report (Laurel)

- a. the financial statement insurance to be take off. Revenue needed from Tiger to be added. Monthly revenue. Need in voice for play structure. \$24,000
- b. conversation about information management procedures (pre-existing or new) binder at school, how to update files for financials

7. Fundraising (Katie and Jennie)

- a. Tiger Tuesday raised \$127 through orders
- b. FlipGive-Melody to request funding to school-Rene to take over program app
- c. Mabel's Labels-cheque for school
- d. To Be Continued N/A
- e. Rideau Roastery Coffee Fundraiser-N/a
- f. Wreaths My Local Markets same as last year. ON pause
- g. Fun To You-On pause
- h. Tru Earth Infor here: <https://www.tru.earth/Fundraising>
NO contact: No update at this time to move forward with program
- i. Dieleman Fundraising Program <https://dfscanada.com/>
- j. Promotion: Flyers around town, calendars, online, website, etc.
- k. Maple Syrup -On pause
- l. Winter Boutique: fundraiser in past. Requesting Board to reconsider due to order deadline
- m. Hot lunch program to end of school fundraiser. On pause until updated by board

Voting in preference to which support Motion to move forward with wreaths for Christmas, coffee for New YEAR, Fun to you easter/spring
True Earth:

Equipment for zones: ask kids for wish list of toys
Application for outdoor fundraising equipment.
6 votes to move forward with updating

8. Social Media (Ashley) Deferred to next meeting

- a. Promotion of SBSC activities
- b. Website

9. **Discussion Topics** – Open for any issues parents would like to discuss (to be addressed now and future meetings)
- a. Recess and weather-masks ongoing. education act winter roles – 23 principles discretion
Rain: going outside. Requesting guidelines health and safety for students.
Goal is to always be outside.
 - b. Hot Lunch Program on pause. Maybe in the New year.
 - c. SB Boutique – Warm weather clothes drive and purchases. Program to be paired with Mr. Mozzarella who kindly donated social media promotion for school

Defer items D through G to next meeting.

- d. Environmental Activities
- e. Book Swap
- f. Garden update
- g. Yearbook
- h. Halloween
- i. Sustain Ontario's Edible Education Network is pleased to celebrate [Farm to School Month 2021](#) with a 90 minute webinar, *How Ontario Local Food to School Programs are Keeping Kids Connected During COVID*, which will be held on **October 27th, 2021, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST.**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsfumspi0pHdQbWdVm7ePO1wWd6eqr9BvB>

Motion to move forward with shopping for winter inventory petty cash \$400

-All votes approved to request petty cash donation from school to support top up clothing for SB Boutique

10. **Adjournment of Meeting:** motion and accepted by Chris, 2nd Denise at 8:07pm

Dates to Remember for the 2021-2022 School Year

Meeting dates for the 2021-2022 school year. SBSC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during the school year. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. online via TEAMS until further notice. Please add the dates to your calendar!

September 14 th	February 8 th
October 12 th (6:30)	March 8 th
November 9 th	April 12 th
December 14 th	May 10 th
January 11 th	June 14 th

Please contact School Council Chair for more information at southbranchcouncil@gmail.com

***Tentative* Annual Activities for the 2021-2022 School Year**

September 14th School Council Election

October Tentative Fundraiser (Date TBD)

December 14th Holiday Shop 'n' Drop Set Up

December 15th & 16th Holiday Annual Shop 'n' Drop

January 11th SBSC New Year's Potluck Dinner

March Maple Syrup Fundraiser (Date TBD)

May 7th or 14th Annual Plant & Bake Sale

June 14th SBSC Dessert & Coffee Reception

June – Staff Appreciation Lunch (Date TBD)