

**Hawthorn Elementary School Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2023**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
<b>Parent (Co-Chair)</b>	Emily Mercer	
<b>Parent (Co-Chair)</b>	Bryony McStay	
<b>Parent (Secretary)</b>	Scott McGaw	
<b>Parent</b>		Alexis Carter
<b>Parent</b>	Sean Sullivan	
<b>Staff</b>	Sheri Stulac	
<b>Staff</b>	Alison Campbell	
<b>Staff</b>	TBD	
<b>Staff (Principal)</b>	Anne Gourlay	
<b>Staff (Vice Principal)</b>		Laura Dunn
<b>Community Member</b>	Donna Gillespie	
<b>Community Member</b>	TBD	
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**1. Call to order**

Meeting started at 6:02pm

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Approval of Summary Minutes**

**4. Students Success Planning Update & Funding Request**

We are currently updating our Math and Literacy strategies and continue to implement strategies as designed in early September for our Well-Being goal.

Funding Request: 3 Hayes \$ 100 for "I survived" books; graphic novels and introduction to historical fiction. **Approved.**

**5. Principal's Report**

- Fire Drill
- Lockdown Drill
- Hold and Secure Drill
- Pink Shirt Day
- Terry Fox Walk
- Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation
- Run Club

- Cross Country meet postponed to next week
- Picture Day
- Grade 6 Assessments
- Power School Form sent home

#### Upcoming

- Bus Evacuation Drill
- Equity School Assembly
- HSA Halloween Howl
- Conference Day for staff
- Active Smarter Kids PD for staff
- Class photo picture day-November

#### **6. Continued Business**

- Reviewed and approved proposed meeting dates.

#### **7. New Business**

- Student Success Survey-Spring 2023: Our survey results show that the majority of students feel as though they have an adult or a friend they can go to if they need to talk to someone. Majority of students have high beliefs about their learning at school and feel as though they belong. This information, along with additional information helped our staff identify strategies to support our school's well-being goal. It was suggested that there may be community members who would like to assist or offer funding in support of this goal for things like quiet spaces outdoors, gardens, etc.
- Secretary Role: Scott Legrew offered to take our meeting notes going forward.
- School Photos: A variety of feedback has been shared after using a new company this year. Some families have stated that the cost is too high, especially the shipping fee and find the poses too silly. Some families have shared that they really like the variety of poses, the digital download, and students have commented on pictures they really like of themselves. When we review in the spring, we will see how many photos were purchased and develop a proposal of what would work best for the hawthorn community.

#### **8. Adjournment**

- The meeting ended at 6:57pm

#### **9. Future Meetings**

- Wednesday, November 15th 3:30pm
- Wednesday, January 17 3:30pm
- Monday February 12, 6pm virtual meeting only
- Wednesday, April 10 3:30 pm
- Monday, May 13 6pm