

## Seneca Trail Public School SCC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2024

### Attendees:

- Karen Formosa
- Becky Nahvi
- Arabella Kiss
- Lori DaSilva Lacelle
- Pooja Nawal
- Mariam Shah
- Debbie Peters
- Bonnie Chiu
- Farrukh Ijaz
- Jennifer Montgomery (Teaching Representative)
- John McLeod (Principal)
- Jennifer French (Vice-Principal)

### Overview:

Principal John McLeod provided an overview of the School Community Council (SCC), explaining its function, purpose, and the important role it plays within the school.

### Roles:

- **Administration:** Principal John McLeod, Vice-Principal Jennifer French
- **Staff Representative:** Jennifer Montgomery
- **Non-Teacher Representative:** Position currently vacant
- **Community Representative:** Position currently vacant
- **Co-Chairs:** Kate Murphy, Angela Mastralangelo
- **Treasurer:** Becky Nahvi
- **Secretary:** Mariam Shah
- **Student Representation:** Introduced for the first time this year. Students have been selected, but their names have not yet been disclosed.

### Financial Report:

- The school has a rollover of almost \$6,000.
- There is a need to verify any outstanding funding requests from the 2023/24 school year.

### School Highlights:

- The school year has started successfully.
- **Events held:**
  - Terry Fox Run
  - Meet the Teacher Night
  - First Book Fair
  - Orange Shirt Day
  - Cross Country Meet
- **Field Trips:**

- Grade 4 students attended the Groundwater Festival and had a great experience.
- Grade 2 students visited the Outdoor Education Center and enjoyed their time.
- **Upcoming:**
  - Child care addition expected to open in January 2025, pending schedule adherence.
  - Halloween: Students may wear costumes (no face covers or weapons); no festivities on the day.
  - Diwali will be celebrated by many families in the community.
  - Area and regional cross-country meets are upcoming.
  - Kindergarten classes will visit the pumpkin patch.
  - Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to be sent home on October 15th.
  - Picture Day is scheduled for October 18th.

**Action Items:**

- A year-end SCC report is required.
- SCC by-laws must be drafted before the next meeting on November 4th.

**Next SCC Meeting:**

- **Date:** November 4, 2024

**Upcoming Events:**

- **November 8, 2024:** Movie night
  - Tickets will be free and issued through School Cash Online.
  - Pizza will be available for purchase via School Cash Online.
  - Water will be sold at the event.
  - Possible SCC information table at the venue.
  - Donations of mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves encouraged.

**Ideas Discussed:**

- Kernels popcorn sales
- Promoting diversity and inclusion, with discussions around various holiday celebrations