

HIDDEN VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Thursday October 5, 2023**  
**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Trine Dennis  
Shannon Whellan  
Alisha Zylstra  
Chrissy Sands  
Natasha MacDonald

**GUESTS:**

Brad Cathers MLA

**REGRETS:**

Amanda Hicks

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Chrissy Sands

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
1	a. Call to Order	a. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:24 b. Welcome and Introduce Guests	Guest – Brad Cathers MLA
-	<u>Approval of:</u> a) Agenda b) Minutes	a Motion to approve the October Agenda b. Motion to approve the August Minutes	October Agenda Approved. Add discussion on space issues.  August Minutes Approved.
3	<u>New Business</u>	New Business  a. Doorbell  b. Data on numeracy and literacy          c. Space issues	<b>Some people are waiting 10 minutes plus to be let in, and parents are expressing frustration with this. Trine will remind everyone in the office.</b>  <b>Discussed data from Grade 1 last year. Almost 48% of children were not reading at grade level at the end of grade 1 last year. This number is ideally only at 5%. Trine noted improvements from the reading program purchased by council last year.</b>  <b>In numeracy there are concerns with students becoming more behind as the grades advance. Trine will provide more data on this before next meeting.</b>  <b>EA’s are working with students in a closet type room, with the door left open for safety. The library is already being used as class space, not as a true library.</b>

			<p>Trine has requested the changerooms be renovated to give more space. The space issues not conducive to learning.</p> <p>School Council will advocate for the renovation of the changerooms into a learning space.</p>
4	<u>Old Business</u>	<p>Old Business</p> <p>a. Back to School BBQ and Scholastic Fundraiser Update</p> <p>b. Lottery Calendar Updates</p> <p>c. Updates on Outdoor Classroom</p> <p>d. Playground install and Gaga Ball updates</p>	<p>Back to School BBQ was well attended. Scholastic fundraiser was great and 1616 is available for the school to spend. We may do another one but will tie to an event.</p> <p>24300 was raised for the school. There are a few missing packages, we will try to collect those packages still just for tracking.</p> <p>50/50 fundraiser for the Christmas Dance. Goal will be to purchase decodable books for the new reading program. Ms. Deanna is working on the thank you cards.</p> <p>Winter Wonderland will be the theme for the dance. Date is Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, since the next day is the PD day Friday.</p> <p>There is no date available for this.</p> <p>The playground equipment purchased by council is being installed now. The gaga ball pit will be installed in the front</p>

			area by the existing play structure. The gaga ball pit will installed in the spring.
5	Financial Report		38423.79
6	Administrators Report		<p><b>Written Administrators Report emailed. 182 students, 3 new staff members. O&amp;A has 23 000 approximately. Trust account at 45 000. Trine is considering sleeping bags and tents could be purchased.</b></p> <p><b>We are short on EA allocation. Children who have previously had an EA or had EA's at different schools are starting at HVES without an EA. We need 4 more EA's. EA's are being triaged currently, which is not appropriate for safety of learning. Council will advocate for increased EA's if not addressed.</b></p>
7	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting Nov 1, 2023	

**Prepared by:**

**Approved by:**

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**Chrissy Sands, Recording Secretary**

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**Natasha MacDonald, Chair**