

February 8, 2017, Fred Varley School Council Meeting Minutes
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Attendance: Lori Hall (Principal), Tara Narine, Bonita Kwok, Jenny So, Hirosh Abeywardane, Anita Jarchow, Jarka Crawford, Kevin Wong, Thiva Kulasingam, Sionette Ottey, Leena Sultan
Guests/Volunteers: Kim Sylvester, Shiyam Sundarananda, SiWen Fu, Althea Benjamin, Michael Smith
Staff: Amanda Da Silva, Sara Leung, Alice Wong, David Valentim
Absent: Gail Auyeung, Anita Gill, Saeeda Mirza, Nalina Rajaruban, Jason Zhang, Pamela Silvaratnam

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Welcome & Call to Order	Introductions and welcome. All actions from the last meeting was carried forward.	We have quorum.
2. Approval of the Agenda	Review the agenda & any new business	
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes	Approval of minutes from November 8, 2016 meeting Notes from Dec meetings were circulated.	Motion: Sionette Second: Thiva Carried Action: update notes March 8, 2017
4. Meeting Agenda		
(a) Principal's message (L. Hall)	Commucations & Website: List of Council Members Gathering of Voices: Jan 25 th Feedback is being collated. Languages – we have translated recent notices in Cantonese and Mandarin as we have several families that need the translation in order that they can access the opportunities while they are acquiring the English language. We offer to have other notices in other languages should we be made aware of difficulties of other families to access our events due to a language barrier. (In the works) Math Night (End of March) (Planning) Math: Kathy Fosnot, Jo Boaler (Stanford Math Learning) - something for parents Traffic: getting better with drop off.	Action: Lori to post
(b) School Improvement Plan		
(c) Parent Engagement	The App- can possibly get slow or crash on Inclement Weather Days (very high volume). Suggestion is that families contact the school before 7:45am. Too many families are waiting until 7:55 am to call.	
(d) Treasury report (G. Auyeung)	<u>Spirit wear account:</u> Current balance \$4038.06. Invoices have not been taken out yet but when they do get removed. We will be left with about \$1800. <u>School council account:</u>	

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	Current balance \$9037. \$6166 cost sharing \$7391 approved items from list \$1065 spent but still to come be removed from the account \$14622 total spent from approved list Once the remaining pizza lunches are removed. The account will be \$4980.55.	
(e) Subcommittees		
i. Healthy Schools	Chair: Jarka C., Anita G. (with Kevin W. & School Staff) Staff: Sara Leung Health Snack Program is a go and funded. We need volunteers. Looking to plan a parent engagement meeting on an evening.	Established: Communication out to the parents. Committee is active
i. Parent Engagement: Math/Modern Learning/ProGrant/ Outdoor Education/ Events	Chair: Thiva S. (Committee: Tara, Hirosh, Leena, Althea B., Anita G., Bonita) Staff: Stephanie/Dave ProGrant (Hirosh, Kevin, Shiyam) (ETA: May 2017)	
ii. Fundraising	Chair: Gail (Committee: Anita J., Jenny, Anita G., Leena) Staff:Lori Looking to diversify and transition of programs (including Pizza)	Action: update forms
iii. Constitution	Chair:Hirosh (Committee: Kevin, Shiyam) Staff:Lori	
iv. Principal Profile	Chair:Shiyam (Committee: Hirosh, Kevin, Bonita, SiWen Fu) Staff:	
5. New issues/ New Business	Black History Month: Featured in the Library and school discussion in class ongoing. There is a need for something to be done in class and within the programming to highlight the month.	Action: Lori to update staff (completed)
6. Next Meeting Date	Second Wednesday of the month Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 6:30pm Dates to be posted on website	
7. Adjournment	FVSC meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.	Motioned: Bonita Second :Leena Carried

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