

Barbara Reid School Council Minutes

Meeting Name: January 2020 School Council Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:30pm-8:15pm

Location: Staff Room

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 12, 2020

Attendees: Lynne Cohen, Greg Hambly, Nora Jones, Angela Mehak, Kamla Wray, Asim Sayed, Ashley Auciello, Shannon Champ, Albert Forero, Amie Isaac, Priya Mihevc, Laura O'Leary, Bessie Petrou, Theresa Simpatico, Meghan Skelton, Sophia Zissopoulos

Regrets:

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Agenda: Approved by Kamla Wray

School Council Anchors: Nora Jones

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Principal's Report: Lynne Cohen & Greg Hambly
2. Financial Report: Asim Sayed
3. Fundraising Survey Results – Nora Jones
4. Fun Fair Report – Caroline Jardim
5. Fundraising Planning/Discussion: Angela Mehak, Nora Jones, Laura O'Leary, Meghan Skelton
6. Other Business: Open Forum
 - a. Inclusivity/Diversity – How can we help engage the Barbara Reid community and our children?
 - b. Reminders: Coming parent education/information sessions/dates re: cyber security, Baythorn, French Immersion, Kindergarten registration, SDSS school council invite. Additional feedback, ideas, items of note.

1. Principal's Report

- a. Work-to-rule/sanctions. Due to the current work-to-rule situation, extra curricular activities outside of the regular school day have stopped. During the school day regular activities are taking place but music rehearsals, robotics, field trips etc. are on hold until a resolution is in place. For additional information, please refer to the York Region District School Board website - www.yrdsb.ca
- b. Book fundraiser went well. (Please see Financial Report for more information.)
- c. With the exception of the kindergarten classes, all other classes were given \$100 to purchase games, activities etc.
- d. Snowshoe day was last week. Students had a fun day enjoying the weather whilst navigating through the snow.

- e. Mathletes on Feb. 19-20 for grades 2-6. This initiative aims to promote math literacy and problem solving in a team environment. The cost is \$2400 plus HST. Approximant cost is \$2712.
- f. A babysitting/child minding course (offsite) will be running along with kids from Glad Park in the multi-purpose room.

2. Financial Report

- a. Book sale - \$800 of new books have been purchased by library with school council contributing \$650
- b. Warm lunches – We are looking into other vendors including Boston Pizza, Greek and Harveys. (Thank you to Ashley and Shannon for looking into these options!)
- c. Council has paid for two basketball posts – one especially for primary students. Please refer to the fundraising plan for more information.

3. Fundraising Survey Results

The results of the fundraising survey indicated the following items were most important:

- a. Technology and cost sharing (top 5 for most people)
- b. Teacher wish list
- c. Alternative recess space games, maths
- d. Upgrades to music, basketball post, lice crew
- e. Bottom items were the planetarium, sewing studio and mathletes

Principal Cohen indicated the school has already committed to and booked the Sewing Studio. The survey revealed the average dollar amount council was willing to subsidize was \$8/student or approximately \$5000. The total cost per student is \$16.95. A \$5 subsidy by non-school funds raised by council has been approved. Parents will pay \$12 per child.

4. Fun Fair Report

- a. Caroline was unfortunately delayed permanently today. There will not be another meeting for the fair since not much had changed. There are no new members. There has been discussion about how to include the older students. Amy's husband is working to bring in a DJ.
- b. We don't have a full breakdown of money spent and brought in last year because the funds were not handled by council but by admin/the office.
- c. Council has agreed to front \$4K (the same amount as last year) in order to secure vendors, advertising etc. (Full vote in favour.)
- d. Kamla asked about the funds received by the food trucks from last year. Because they were on the "honour system" we were supposed to receive a percentage of the profits from the vendors. We received approximately \$240 from Jimmy's, \$70 from Gangster Cheese and the other vendor. This year we will have a contract in place to ensure a set amount is given to the school.

5. Fundraising Planning/Discussion

- a. **Firehouse Subs.** Laura indicated sub sales from Firehouse Subs went well. Feedback included the labeling was great, well organized and the subs were warm. Four volunteers show up. The subs have been well-received by the students and the parents can still order subs. The next order is in April.
- b. **Used Book Sale.** Theresa would like to coordinate the used book sale. This is great for community building and literacy promotion. We are in need of volunteers to assist during the days. No date has been confirmed but we are looking at April 7-8.
- c. Other initiatives to consider include painting ceiling tiles, Big Box of Cards and Bags to School – a textiles recycling program where we receive a dollar amount based on the weight. More info to follow at next meeting.

6. Other Business: Open Forum

- a. **Inclusivity:** Theresa indicated she would like to see our community interact in a positive way by making our events wider so students have a space to share their story. She would like students to be able to share their uniqueness (religion, culture etc.). in the Touchstone assemblies as a way of making connections or connecting to others.
- b. **Reminders:** upcoming parent education/information sessions/dates re. cyber security, Baythorn, French Immersion, Kindergarten registration, SDSS school council invite
- c. Welcome to Kindie/Discover Kindergarten Info Session has been scheduled for May 6th from 6-7pm. Parents bring their kids and experience a day in kindergarten. There will be a separate event for adults after in evening and one in the school day (two sessions over two days).

FUTURE MEETINGS: February 12th, April 15th, May 13th, June TBD.

Meeting Adjourned: Kamla Wray at 8:15pm