

MEETING DATE Tuesday, April 25, 2017
MEETING # 8 (2016-2017 school year)
MEETING LOCATION school library
NEXT MEETING Tuesday, May 23, 2017

START TIME 7:08 PM
END TIME 8:27 PM
OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT (incl. principal)
VOTING (quorum = 5)

NAME	ATTENDANCE	POSITION 2016-2017	RETURNING MEMBER	NEW MEMBER
PRINCE, Dane	PRESENT	Principal	n/a	
CHAN, Elsa	PRESENT	Co-Chair	X	
KADAKIA, Bina	PRESENT	Co-Chair	X	
MITRA, Pranab	PRESENT	Treasurer	X	
MAHALINGAM, Sancharieni	PRESENT	Secretary	X	
DOGRA, Nappinder	PRESENT	Member	X	
FAWAD, Sana		Member		X
HO, Rita	PRESENT	Member		X
KOMALAFE, Bola		Member		X
KOMALAFE, Peter		Member		
PATIL, Vishakha		Member		X
SUKUMAR, Anjula		Member	X	
THINAGARIPPILLAI, Nathan		Member	X	

WELCOME: CALL TO ORDER (7:08 PM)

- sign-in sheet circulated
- meeting called to order by Co-Chair Chan

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **March Minutes to be emailed**

TREASURER’S REPORT

- balance as of last meeting: \$8,733
- w/ pizza orders, balance will change
- total expenses about \$4800; so w/ a current balance of approx. \$8,700, we will have close to 4k left at the end of today (excluding, of course, any funding decisions made today)
- we started year w/ \$3,100
- NB: Student Council is also allocating some of their funds towards graduation
- Treasurers report approved

PIZZA FUNDRAISING

- **will wait to get Heather York’s feedback over whether #s are correct so Co-Chair Chan can standardize order for the rest of term**
- May might go down by \$10-\$20 – if reduced by 1 to 2 pizzas
- 19k pizza fundraiser (gross)
- cost around 12k

PAST ACTION ITEMS

- idea of redistributing some of the hardware (Grade 8s) – as per teacher: it's working the way it is, so it's been left as it is
- science lab equipment: everything ordered has arrived and has been set up

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - had a speaker
 - had some students who did a wonderful poem (Ms. Fitzgerald's class)
 - puzzle piece activity
- Math Night
 - Kindergartens, Primary, Junior, Intermediate
 - parents did problems – shown the types of problems kids do in class and went through the process – deconstruct problems
- Math professional learning: Fosnot kits
 - Principal has taken some funds from the Board
 - Fosnot lessons in action: i.e. Grade 3 key concepts of multiplication
 - Grade 8 gifted class: very sophisticated problem – figure out a new number system
- Upcoming events
 - May 5 - 15 Book Fair
 - May 9 Track and Field
 - May 11 Arts Carousel
 - May 31 walk-a-thon (afternoon): for physical education supplies
 - June 1 Welcome to Kindergarten Night
 - June 6 Volunteer Tea
 - June 12 Area Track and Field
 - June 15 Kindergarten Graduation
 - June 20 Grade 8 Graduation
- field trips
 - mandatory field trips must be directly related to curriculum and all eligible students are expected to attend
 - mandatory field trips will have no charge and include assessment and evaluation
 - non-mandatory field trip enhances learning and may or may not be related to a class or course
 - non-mandatory field trips will be voluntary, ensure participants meet class and school requirements, be run on a cost recovery basis, minimize costs, wherever possible, be scheduled so as not to minimize absence from school and not include assessment and evaluation
 - field trip responsibilities
 - Principals shall
 - authorize one day field trips
 - ensure that the field trip meets approval and supervision criteria
 - encourage parent/guardian participation in accordance with the volunteers in our school's policy
 - ensure all participants receive appropriate information about the trip
 - communicate the availability of financial assistance with dignity and confidentiality
 - work with staff organizers to determine which students participate
 - decide whether volunteer supervisors are to be reimbursed for reasonable out of pocket expenses
 - cancel transportation for field trips on inclement weather days; and
 - shorten, cancel or terminate a field trip if the activity cannot proceed safely

- SC discussed SC contributing to field trips
 - if we can have more trips, where part is paid by school, parent, council – then kids can have better outdoor exposure
 - you need volunteer teachers for trips
 - per Principal: have to be careful in expecting all classes to attend trips – depends year, teacher, etc.
 - why not make it a suggestion and see if teacher’s are interested? Principal: don’t expect a huge increase in the amount of teachers interested – cost has never been a deterrent for teachers
 - **Principal will ask: were the students given a choice camping vs/ out of town trip for this year (per SC parents)**
 - past years: bus funded by SC – if board not giving school \$ specifically for trips, can school not allocate some of the operating funds for trips – if SC can support administration’s willingness to motivate teachers via funding?
 - about 5 field trips this year
 - **maybe Principal can communicate that we’d be happy to help fund the school bus transportation – if we can encourage even one or two field trips – what do teachers need to make more field trips happen?**

BEE-BOTS

- Secretary proposed purchasing Bee-Bots of Kindergarten – Grade 3 classes
- teachers are currently using them (on loan from the YRDSB) and love them and would like to have some permanently in the school (there is a long waiting list to use check them out)
- no eligible under Cost Sharing program (as per Principal)
- cost: approx.. \$400 for a set of 6
- can it be categorized as a manipulate/tools for education - no
- Canadian classroom: the more that you buy, cost per item is reduced
 - Principal will look at catalog and ask SC what we think and will speak to teachers re: how much they need
- **Principal will email SC re: catalogue price and how much Principal needs to allocate**
 - Principal has committed to two and he’s going to talk to teachers to determine how much teacher require

TABLE TENNIS

- does school have a table tennis table?
 - SC parent: ping pong is considered the best exercise for the brain
 - no – it’s an “abbreviated” table (plastic with a net – students put tables together and use it as a table tennis table)
 - vs. other sports, table tennis takes up less space so why not use it in the gym, etc. (but, Principal doesn’t think it’s feasible since other sports take up too much space – no space to put a full table tennis table)
 - so, the challenge is space – where do we keep it and when do students play AND it’s another activity that requires observation/supervision
 - school is already busy w/ activities (i.e. house league)
 - therefore, the “abbreviated table” we have now is good enough for the time being (due to lack of time and space)

LEGO ROBOTICS

- Lego Robotics: \$350/week camps run by York – we have the equipment, so we need to make more use of it
- what if we got volunteers to come in and supervise students and simply present the kids with the kits and leave them to their own devices in terms of creating designs (while volunteer simply supervises)?
- per Principal: still need to have a teacher present since there’s someone coming from outside of the school

TRACK & FIELD

- May 9: Track and Field
 - in the past, we've provided students w/ a snack
 - there was a suggestion in giving juice to students
 - any funding for a snack that day would be good
 - Grade 4-8 **(Principal to give us #)**
 - approximately 260 students participating
 - last year: cut fruit
 - year before: booster juice
 - per Co-Chair Kadakia: an provide a granola bar, juice box/water
 - Principal can purchase snacks (since they already make purchases for breakfast program - sometimes via Costco; just got gift cards so they use it @ Metro)

FREE PIZZA DAY

- free pizza day?
- Principal can ask students/teachers if there's a day they want free pizza
- or, we can use the free pizza to kick off next year's pizza fundraising program
- we have enough free pizza points to buy pizza this year and once next year
- if we do same as a weekly order, we can support two orders based on the orders we have
- so, maybe we can keep one this year for free and one next year for free **(Principal will get back to SC re: possible dates)**

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

- this year's funds go to DJ (\$12/head)
- **Principal will get back to SC re: # of students graduating**

MEETING ADJOURNED

- meeting adjourned @ 8:27