

MEETING DATE	Tuesday, February 21, 2017	START TIME	7:15 PM
MEETING #	6 (2016-2017 school year)	END TIME	8:45 PM
MEETING LOCATION	school library	# OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT	5 (incl. principal)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, March 21, 2017	# VOTING	4 (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	ABSENT	Treasurer	X	
MAHALINGAM, Sancharieni	PRESENT	Secretary	X	
DOGRA, Nappinder	ABSENT	Member	X	
FAWAD, Sana	ABSENT	Member		X
HO, Rita	ABSENT	Member		X
KOMALAFE, Bola	ABSENT	Member		X
KOMALAFE, Peter	PRESENT	Member		
PATIL, Vishakha	ABSENT	Member		X
SUKUMAR, Anjula	ABSENT	Member	X	
THINAGARIPPILLAI, Nathan	ABSENT	Member	X	

WELCOME: CALL TO ORDER (7:15 PM)

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

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- to adopt Minutes next meeting

TREASURER’S REPORT

- balance as per Treasurer (end of Feb) is \$5,327.24
- after paying out pizza term 2, estimated cash balance will be approximately \$4k
- proposed and approved

PIZZA FUNDRAISING

- currently in pizza term 2 (goes to end of March – 5 more weeks left)
- **have to get out term 3 orders soon sometime in March (before March break)**
- as of last meeting, we now have a term 2 standing order
- we took away one pepperoni pizza – less leftover now (as per Principal)
- they were not bringing napkins and plates
 - this was a problem b/c there are lots of kids eating pizza
 - that same day they came back and they dropped off napkins, even though kids had already eaten food (but as long as they bring in napkins and plates going forward, we’re OK)
- we have plates left from a previous years’ purchase (possibly from Costco or maybe from Pizza Pizza)

- **helpful regular square dinner napkins as a backup – Principal will get it and take funds out of SC account for the napkins (out of cash sales for pizza)**
- cash sales from weekly pizza sales doing very well
- every 5th or 10th order, you get credit - \$725.52 in our Pizza Pizza bank (balance left over from our previous years' \$160-170 – it builds week over week – or 2 weeks' worth of pizza – it stays in there even if you don't use it on the 5th or 10th order of pizza)

TELUS WISE

- TELUS WISE update – Co-Chair Chan did submit Principal's proposed dates (week before March break) – coordinator is supposed to be back tomorrow from vacation and Co-Chair Chan hopes to hear from her tomorrow so they can connect and figure out dates – but not able to coordinate so changed to end of March
- target now is before the end of March (avoid March 30 b/c Math Night that day)
- we want to target a Thursday night (standing booking of gym for parents on Thursday night)
- **Co-Chair Chan has to confirm details** (i.e. if grade 7 kids will be included in the younger group vs. if they are going to be included in the older kids sessions) – 2 sessions for younger 4-6 and 2 sessions for older kids 7 & 8 and a 5th session for the parents
- Principal flexible on the date
- should aim for April

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- Math Night update
 - Feb 3, met with staff and decided on date (Thurs, March 30)
 - focus: three part math lesson (using meaningful problems) – kindergarten session, primary session (grade 1-3), junior/intermediate (4-8)
 - b/c of the different type of sessions, going to be working on a problem; teacher is going to be taking you through the problem and there'll be information as well – parents have to register (it's going to be in a classroom)
 - will host three sessions for different age groups
 - to keep our numbers manageable, parents will have to register to secure a spot – **not going to say one parent per family just yet will see how the #s are but prefers one parent family so that everyone can get a spot**
 - might divide it even further (i.e. group of 4-8) depending on parent response
 - **will request parents to not bring kids (due to space)**
 - Math donation letter draft
 - Principal read draft letter to us
 - he will email us the letter and we can provide feedback
- technology update
 - we have received the 12 Dell Latitude Notebooks and they are in classrooms
 - our attention is now on getting more iPads for primary classes
 - Principal emailed council members our current technology inventory today
 - Q from Co-Chair Kadakia: she noticed ratio higher than 2:1 for laptops in one of the classes and is there a way to move it to another class – Mrs. Breckenridge (14 to 8) – so maybe move it to Mr. Kim or Ms. Fitzgerald – **Principal has to speak to teachers b/c distribution done in consultation**
 - Grade 3 and under do we need to have 2:1 ratio – maybe 4:1 ratio? **should we reduce their ratio to 4:1 – again he'll bring it back to staff (Principal to also email Member Peter Komalafe inventory list)**
- school projections
 - projected to have approx. 351 students (has to be over 450 generally for a VP) but not a hard and fast number
 - have been approved for 15 classes (this includes 3 K classes and a mix of straight and combined grades)
- science equipment

- YRDSB doesn't repair microscopes
- microscopes Ms. Breckenridge has requested (full metal body, plug in power, student proof construction, LED) costs approximately \$385.00
- she just wants regular sturdy microscopes
- pizza sales and donations
 - pizza sales have been going well
 - less leftover pizza and we are getting cash sales (last few weeks we have sold approx. 70, 80, 90)
- donations: have rec'd two more 50 online payment parent since January (\$100 in total , 50 per family)
- newsletter: thank yous
 - Co-Chair Chain included note of appreciation to various staff members that add to the school (nutrition, activities, safety)
 - **forgot to add Ms. York** (but, Principal did share School Council's gratitude with her)
- school calendar upcoming events
 - boys intermediate basketball tournament @ Middlefield C.I. Feb 24
 - Character Matters assembly Feb 28
 - two types of awards: character trait and subject award or skill
 - Member Ho asked: are parents allowed to attend – yes, however the list of students receiving recognition isn't submitted early enough for parents to be notified
 - March break: March 13-17
 - Boxwood Cultural Day planned by Student Council on March 21 (to recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)
 - organize a day and advertise and talk about the elimination of racial discrimination
 - encouraging people to wear their cultural attire

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

- no issues @ boxwood (b/c it's so diverse); yes, it is a problem in Canada
- there was a case of Shadeism (intermediate level) – this was an isolated incident
- Principal wants to have a presenter
- funding from SC for a cultural snack?

AREAS OF FOCUS FOR BOARD

- organizing professional learning for math for teachers
- mental health focus by board
 - anxiety, feeling like they belong, recognizing students are in distress or isolated
- modern learning
 - using technology effectively
 - helping teacher use technology for assessment (instead of just tests – if they can for example use Google Forms)
- question from Member Komalafe: why is language not an area of focus for the board?
 - language was an area of great focus for the Board before
 - students have since done well in language, so now focus has shifted to math (b/c students weren't doing as well in math)
 - for language, there are no textbooks in class; students have readers, guided reading books, etc.

FUNDING PRIORITY

- how else do we want to leverage the funds that we have based on all the assessments we have recently done – to talk about
- we should have 4k leftover at the end of pizza term and another pizza term which should give us some more funds

- funding priority
 - speaker on racism/discrimination topic (Principal will find out)
 - cost will be btwn \$200-400
 - **Principal to update on cost and speaker**
 - science equipment
 - need to replace microscope and other items
 - cost: approximately \$1,000.00
 - **need updated list with cost and total**
- graduation
 - last year, we allocated \$12 per student graduation (it was agreed upon that this would be the per student amount going forward)
 - this year, 64 grade 8 students (= \$768.00)
- new microphone

OTHER

- next SC meeting: March 21
- to discuss: fundraising night idea (can use free pizza)
- to discuss: Lego Robotics (3 groups going on) and Science Night

MEETING ADJOURNED

- meeting adjourned @ 8:45PM