

MEETING DATE	Monday, May 16, 2016	START TIME	7:14 PM
MEETING #	9 (2015 – 2016 school year)	END TIME	8:32 PM
MEETING LOCATION	school library	# OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT	10 (includes principal)
NEXT MEETING	n/a	# VOTING	9

NAME	ATTENDANCE	POSITION	RETURNING MEMBER	NEW MEMBER
PRINCE, Dane	PRESENT	Principal	X	
CHIN, Kurt	absent	Vice Principal		X
CHAN, Elsa	PRESENT	Chair		
KADAKIA, Bina	PRESENT	Treasurer	X	
MAHALINGAM, Sancha	PRESENT	Secretary		X
ASIMI, Adam	absent	Member	X	
DEOL, Jaspal	PRESENT	Member	X	
DOGRA, Nappinder	PRESENT	Member	X	
MITRA, Pranab	PRESENT	Member	X	
NASIM, Shahab	absent	Member		X
PANCHU, Bobby	PRESENT	Member	X	
PRASAD, Kashmira	PRESENT	Member		X
SUBRAMANIAM, Suganthini and SURESH, Sara	absent	Member (one household)	X	
SUKUMAR, Anjula	PRESENT	Member	X	
THINAGARIPPILLAI, Nathan	absent	Member	X	

WELCOME: CALL TO ORDER (7:14 PM)

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes from last meeting adopted

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Treasurer sent out Treasurer’s Report on Saturday
- balance: \$7500 , Subway, pizza approx. 14k (profit for both approx. 5500k or so)
- G8 graduation and school funding around 6k
- balance after everything paid off = 3k
- we dipped into last year’s fund by \$500
- Treasurer found we spent approx. \$325 on the online surcharge fees (from January to now)
- Treasurer’s Report approved

PAST ACTION ITEMS, ETC.

- re: open house held in April re: new physical education curriculum

- what has school sent out to inform parents of curriculum? each teacher sent out a little half sheet - only if they are starting the curriculum
- Principal has had some parents come in and talk to him and he's also sought some parents out in anticipation of questions
- School Cash Online contingency plan documentation
 - **Chair advised she would do this** (in the summer as there is no urgency to this) – it is a work in progress
 - as discussed before and as per Principal: in the event of a strike, no SCO and fundraising will be done in cash
 - we have lots of time in case of a strike (won't be for at least another 2 years, as per contracts)
- school jersey orders:
 - last meeting, weren't sure if Ms. Smith placed order for jerseys
 - we've since rec'd jerseys
 - in the process of taking an inventory of all the jerseys and implementing a sign-out and sign-in system before our area Track and Field meet (June 13)
 - Principal is very happy with the new jerseys
- Math Night
 - Member Mitra suggestion: saying thank you to parents for attending Math Night – **Chair will include it in the June newsletter** (deadline for the June newsletter submission: Monday, June 6, 2016)
- March 30, Regional Parents Symposium: how'd it go for those that attended?
 - Treasurer: math was good and it gave parents ideas on what to do with kids at home
 - other workshop that Treasurer and Member Prasad attended was cancelled (re: healthy eating)
 - per Secretary, who attended an advocacy workshop with Principal:
 - there was a council member from a school that increased their parent #s in council by removing fundraising discussion from their agenda– **will let Council know which school this is**
- ideas to increase School Council meeting attendance
 - per Member Sukumar: class reps via School Council
 - Principal: we should explore topics of interest (i.e. EQAO, homework)
 - reducing amount of time spent on discussing fundraising and finances? perhaps someone can keep time and move things along? Chair can be this person
 - "hook" ideas
 - EQAO
 - technology
 - math
 - homework
 - per Treasurer: ask students on Student Council what's stopping their parents from coming in for School Council meetings
 - per Panchu: sent out survey? Chair has already conducted one
 - ideas brainstormed:
 - IT person can talk about how to protect children on Facebook, etc. – social media topic
 - how can I engage with my child – using different senses/learning styles – how to communicate with kids
- question from Member Dogra re: pizza – is there any chance that some kids may not be ordering it b/c of financial limits?
 - per Member Dogra: not concerned about sales; do we think there are some kids who can't afford the pizzas?
 - per Treasurer: some kids may not be ordering simply b/c they've had the same pizza over the weekend

- should we subsidize pizza? Principal thinks this will be hard to do
- per Member Panchu: families have approached the school in the past
- per Principal: even with school trips, some parents approach the school and then a “pay what you can” arrangement is made for them
- maybe complimentary pizza at the start of the year? slice per student?
 - good idea
 - we did this for the current school year (due to the strike)
 - great way to kick off the new school year and also promote the pizza program
 - **the day we provide the free pizza, we should send out the pizza order form on that date**
- school council updates in newsletters confirmed

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

- SCO
 - as this is a system through a third party vendor, there are limitations in how online fees are separated
 - when there are multiple items in a deposit, all the online fees are totalled
 - online fees are taken out automatically by the 3rd party vendor, not the school
 - the program doesn't separate all the fees do it for us and that's the challenge
- Grade 8 graduation
 - Tuesday, June 21 @ Shangri-La Banquet Hall
 - there's a website
 - Mr. Chin had a meeting with G8 reps to decide on a theme (down to three themes: Midnight in Venice, Tropical Paradise and Hollywood Red Carpet/Oscars)
 - they believe they'd need support to decorate the hall according to this theme on the day of the graduation
 - we have two parents who have volunteered to help
 - 48/49 graduating
 - everything (the ceremony, dinner, etc.) will be happening @ Shangri La
 - **can Principal ask if we can go in on a Monday and decorate – check with the hall**
- Bingo Night
 - at this point, the school doesn't have plans to have a Bingo Night without School Council (we used to do it in previous years – this year we said we aren't doing one)
 - we have a drama performance coming; many of the intermediate students are focusing on this (tentative date of June 9)
 - not possible to organize a Bingo Night – **tentative Bingo/Talent Night for next year**
- sexual health education curriculum
 - to inform parents about the new curriculum, we've:
 - had an information night
 - sent home information packages with students
 - sent home letters of when classes will begin learning curriculum (date and time)
 - admin. has met/spoken with some parents to clarify the curriculum
 - a few parents have opted to take their kids out of class when this curriculum is being taught; no in class accommodations have been given
- PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant
 - **Principal would like to do a follow-up on Math Night**
 - show parents a lesson students will get in the classroom – what an actual math problem will look like
 - show parents how students will engage with the math problem
 - ramp it up so parents see what the student experience is like in a math classroom
- school calendar

- recently
 - Arts Carousel Night
 - Google and math professional learning sessions for teachers
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - junior achievement intermediate students
 - junior boys and girls basketball
 - badminton
 - 5k running club
 - Earth Day: some yard clean up, etc. happened
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- upcoming
 - Boxwood Olympics (Track and Field Day)
 - Grade 8 Overnight Trip (May 18 – 20)
 - Victoria Day (May 23)
 - Grade 6-8 Spring Fling Dance (May 27)
 - Special Needs Track Meet (May 25)
 - Grade 3 EQAO Assessment (May 25 – 27)
 - Welcome to Kindergarten (May 26)
 - Grade 6 EQAO Assessment (May 31 – June 2)
 - PA Day (June 3)

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

adjourned @ 8:32 PM