

DATE	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	START TIME	7:17 PM
MEETING #	6 (2018-2019 school year)	END TIME	8:09 PM
MEETING LOCATION	school library	# OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT	5 (incl. principal)
NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, April 23, 2019	# VOTING	4 (quorum = 7)

VOTING MEMBER	NAME	ATTENDANCE	POSITION	RETURNING MEMBER	NEW MEMBER
N/A	PRINCE, Dane	PRESENT	Principal	n/a	
1	AKALJAN, Kanagaratnam	ABSENT	Member	X	
	AKALJAN, Kirushanthi	ABSENT	Member	X	
2	ASIMI, Adam	PRESENT	Treasurer	X	
3	CHAN, Elsa	PRESENT	Chair	X	
4	HO, Rita	ABSENT	Member	X	
	HUANG, Andy	ABSENT	Member	X	
5	KHERA, Manju	ABSENT	Member	X	
6	KOMOLAFE, Bola	PRESENT	Member	X	
	KOMOLAFE, Peter	ABSENT	Member	X	
7	MAHALINGAM, Sancha	PRESENT	Secretary	X	
8	MIRZA, Bilal	ABSENT	Member		X
9	PATIL, Vishakha	ABSENT	Member	X	
10	SATCHI, Luxman	ABSENT	Member		X
11	SHAIKH, Anushka	ABSENT	Member	X	
	SHAIKH, Saquib	ABSENT	Member	X	
12	SHANMUGATHAS, Abirami	ABSENT	Member		X
13	THINAGARIPPILLAI, Nathan	ABSENT	Member	X	

WELCOME: CALL TO ORDER

- sign-in sheet circulated by Secretary
- meeting called to order by Chair
- **to adopt Minutes from December and February meetings at next meeting**

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **current balance = \$5,335.63** (after accounting for Grade 8 graduation contribution of \$600.00)
- as per usual, Treasurer will update the report once he gets latest statement
- Treasurer's Report approved

FUNDING

- NB: we said, in the past, we'd reassess Grade 8 graduation contribution
- Principal's funding request (more specific details to follow in Principal's Update)
 - school budget is spread thin b/c of math release days
 - funding request of \$500.00 for a guest speaker (Duane Gibson) for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - this is for Grades 3-8 and Intermediate students will be doing workshop
 - **Chair will send out email**
 - per Treasurer: we have the funds to cover this cost
- last meeting (February 19) Parent School Council (PSC) discussed funding for mats for the school gym
 - may ask for funding for mats next or to **revisit funding for mats in May**

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- upcoming events
 - coding workshops: March 19-21
 - a company comes in and set up workshops; most kids get a computer and 2 instructors work with kids on coding
 - Math planning release days: March 20 and 25
 - Grade 1 to 8 doing fractions (diagnostic assessment said fractions area of improvement); Ks doing counting #s
 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination assembly: March 21
 - Grades 6-8 ski trip: March 22
 - Grade 6 Junior Achievement: March 26
 - people from business community come to school and talk about what they do (career planning, etc.)
 - grad picture day: April 3
 - Grade 7 vaccinations: April 17
 - no school April 19 and 22 (Good Friday and Easter)
- math professional learning update
 - on March 20 and 25, our teachers will be engaging in our final math collaborative inquiry on fractions
 - teachers will be marking students' final assessments
 - Ms. Brown and Principal will also be retesting students on their original assessment to see how much they have progressed
- coding workshop
 - the "code mobile" will be @ Boxwood to run workshops from Tuesday, March 19 to Thursday, March 21
 - workshops are free and the coding crew will bring MacBooks with them
 - there will be enough computers for students to share, and, in some cases, 1:1 student use
 - the coding crew will run the workshops
 - Ms. Calverley has created a schedule for the classes; kids come down as a class and have 100-minute sessions (morning to recess is a class, then to lunch is another class, and then to the end of day is another class)
 - basic computer programming
 - for all students: Ks to 8
- The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - background: on March 21, 1960 police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in South Africa resulting in the UN calling on the international community to double its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination
 - 2 years ago, we had someone come in and speak on shadeism
 - Intermediate learning for Black History Month
 - reading *Dear Martin*
 - learning the difference b/w equality and equity
 - Intermediate grades will be hosting an assembly as a culminating task
 - will have a variety of student presentations on a wide range of topics that have been discussed in-class throughout the school year; topics include, but are not limited to: free speech, affirmative action, racial profiling, everyone welcome – refugee crisis
 - presentations made today and students picked who will present at the assembly (via secret ballot)
 - working on a written form: a rant (Grade 7s and 8s)
 - assembly is for Grades 3-8
 - funding request
 - to support this event, school has scheduled a public speaker, Duane Gibson, to speak to Boxwood students and facilitate some workshops for Intermediate students

- Gibson is a Guinness world record setting rapper, author, and university graduate who was on the Dean's List
- he has spoken at more than 500 schools focusing on anti-bullying, literacy and character education
- Principal showed PSC a clip of Gibson speaking
- his fee is \$500.00
- other
 - right now, kids have pavement-only recess b/c grass is very wet; Ks area still has a lot of ice (they went on a walk today) and stayed indoors for lunch

GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO CLASS SIZES, ETC.

- class sizes
 - hasn't trickled down to elementary schools yet
 - no decisions regarding Ks and Junior and Intermediate size goals increased a little bit
 - NB: more students in a class = less classes = less teachers
 - we are not there yet
 - class size changes government has made affect high schools
 - cap means every class has to be compliant by a certain date; once date has passed, no cap
 - Junior Intermediate average (board wide – but individual classes can exceed)
- math curriculum isn't that different than what we presently have
 - **Principal will bring examples next time**
 - Fundamentals of Math document
 - as mentioned before, we need to do better in problem solving, conceptual understanding
 - there will be more emphasis on counting, etc.
 - changes will be next year
- health curriculum
 - gone back to old curriculum (change in content and age)
 - **maybe have another session**

OTHER

- per Chair: Pizza Pizza Term 3 to go out maybe Thursday/Friday
- come April, **Chair will be sending out Boston Pizza and Paramount orders**

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- meeting adjourned @ 8:09 PM