

In Attendance

Mary Oppedisano, Principal
Michelle Eisen, Vice Principal
Chris Sarellas, Super Intendant
Tina Dias, Co-Chair
Jaime Cruz, Co-Chair
Amanda Morra, Communications Officer
Andrea Positano, Secretary
Dawn Mithra, Fundraising Officer
Parveen Mithra
Sabrina Mueller
Eric Mueller
Faranak Khani
Kroopa Shah
Christine Smith

Welcome & Appreciations 18:30

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 21, 2019 18:35

-Approved

Crossing guard 18:42

- By-law officer patrolling & following-up re: signage
- City considering whether to move other guard closer to the school (will provide notice to Mary)
- Staff cannot do it but since there's no one there, students can get community service hours – up to parents
- If more families walked it would slow the car traffic → ideally increase flow of pedestrians by 15% (walking clubs doable and successful)*
- Action items:
 - Mary to provide names of relevant municipal contacts so we can follow-up
 - Vanessa, Mandy to write something up to send out to school community

Upcoming School Council Events 18:40 (18:54)

- 2 more events to be scheduled
 - Feb 20 Purdees: 3-4 week duration; prize for the most sold (or have a chance to put tickets in to have a chance to win?)
 - Re prizes: whoever donates can receive tax receipt (examples of movie passes, Indigo gift cards, spirit wear)
 - Apr 23 (30th as backup) – Spring talent show (auditions)
 - Jun TBD (final event) – year end event TBD
- Other ideas:
 - Parent & kids yoga night (Pioneer Village does goat yoga)
 - Valentine's Day pizza day
 - Chai & Chat (food, Chris can attend, translators, questions & feedback, band plays)
 - Spelling bee, car wash, multicultural fair, bake sale
 - BBQ in June & September for new families (end and begin year with the new & returning students & staff)

-Action items:

- Dawn will create subcommittee for Purdees event & prizes
- Mandy & Vanessa will survey re: Candy Grams

Volunteers 19:00 (17:18)

- Can be part of subcommittee

Budget Update, Fundraising Plan 19:05

- Have maintained approximate budget to date plus float

-Money allocation in the school:

- Staff being surveyed to see about the tech (Mr. Mora & Gav working on plan) & other budget items (Mr. Chan asked for sports trips, well-being; music)
- Discussion of “non board funds” and how funds should be allocated to classes that raised the funds; grade 8 graduating class (often a separate fundraising initiative; school wish lists, longitudinal plans
- Water station (agreed on by Council earlier in the year)
- Need for sports pinnies was mentioned
- Concern around ensuring families can participate whether they can afford it or not – balancing school necessities vs. extras (being selective about what’s offered for a fee, putting)
 - Field trips etc. have been capped to help
 - Office pizza money is responsible for filling in participation gaps (magic show)
- Debriefed on magic show decisions

-Action items:

- Mary to communicate with Dan Reynolds (via Chris?) to see about activating the donation button during events so families can sponsor other children to attend (?)
- Chris mentioned he would address similar at “family of schools” meeting when job action has ended
- Tina / Jaime, Mary include Principal’s Report in agenda for meetings so the Council has context for what’s going on inside the school (between principal, teachers, students) i.e. events, pedagogy
 - Include ‘out the door’ about what our focus will be as the Council
- Tina / Jaime, Mary allow time between meetings to vet minutes and set new agenda (at least 2 weeks prior) – having principal’s report is a must as it will provide a runway to work with
 - Tina / Jaime, Mary email from chairs to Council if Mary brings something forward for us to vote on or recommend things etc. during the intermediate meeting, then everyone has time to discuss
 - Ensure we adhere to ministry and board level bylaws, overlapping with parent involvement councils
- Anyone who is interested in the YRDSB Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee can find more info here:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/PEAC-Call-for-Membership-Application.aspx>

Progressive Discipline 19:30 (20:02)

- Focus ‘caring and safe schools’
- Legislation, skillsets, expectations etc.

Forest Run School Council Meeting

January 16, 2019 6:30 – 8:46 pm

-Parents voiced current concerns

-Talked about inclusion

-Action items:

-Mary sending links; more on conversations about “snitching” (?)

Ticket out the door 19:55 (20:46)

-What does Council want to know more about to strengthen partnership with the school?

-Action items:

-Michelle to facilitate having social worker speak to Council; resiliency