

In Attendance

Mary Oppedisano, Principal
Tina Dias, Co-Chair
Jaime Cruz, Co-Chair
Vanessa Miller, Communications
Officer Amanda Morra,
Communications Officer Gav Givon,
Treasurer
Andrea Positano, Secretary
Dawn Mithra, Fundraising
Officer Sabrina Mueller
Kroopa Shah

Welcome & Appreciations 18:30

Approval of Minutes from Oct. 10, 2019 18:35

- Updates to be made: last names and emails to be corrected (Michelle has the document)
- Otherwise approved

Crossing Guard 18:40

- Parents have expressed concern
- Suggestions:
 - Safety club for older students to direct younger students on safe opportunities to cross (would have vests to be visible, training, etc.)
 - Rotate teachers or lunch monitors
 - Engage those who have volunteered to help
 - Contacting municipal parties (provide verbiage and contact info)
 - Our own job posting versus asking the city to do it (faster)
- Action items:
 - Vanessa will share concern with Gila Marteau
 - Mary will reach out to Stephen Lewis, as suggested by parents, to see if high school students can satisfy their volunteer hours by supporting with crossing; review if staff / Board employees can do duty off school property; and check with Board staff to see what other options are available.
 - Mobilize municipal contact info?

Drop-Off & Pick-Up 18:50

- Parents have expressed concern around parking lot use during pick-up and drop-off
 - Cars parked on both sides of the driveway with kids crossing
 - Cars unattended in lot for excess amount of time blocking traffic
- Suggestions:
 - North side duty especially needs attention (continue to announce moving cars parked over the PA, facilitate flow of traffic)
 - Earlier drop-off at 8am in the library could help ease congestion during peak hours
 - Reminder to K families that they can drop off and pick up 10 minutes early, as DECEs are available for duty from that time
 - Speed bump(s) on school property
 - Signage
 - Engage the older grades

Forest Run School Council Meeting

November 21, 2019 6:30 – 8:00 pm

- Socializing the 'helpers'
- Could be on a 2-week rotation
- Incentive-driven (if needed) – something on their report card, reward for participating (food?)
- Action item -Mary to connect with staff on duty to remind them to walkie inside for cars to be moved and admin to come outside to support, if needed
- Mary to remind families re: homework club to facilitate earlier drop-off
- Mary to share announcement / reminder for volunteers to support with student transport to classes (daily if needed)
- Mary look into short bus situation

Budget Update 19:00

- Starting with \$4,690
- Ideal outcomes:
 - A fundraising plan with specific areas to contribute to
 - Multi-year plan, if relevant
- Streaming membership is up for renewal (ACF films)
 - Other options: Netflix (kids), Disney+ including Discovery
 - Would need multiple memberships for login for 21 classes
- Considerations:
 - Are the other programs Board approved options?
 - Safest option for controls

Action items:

- Dawn to check in with Rogers contacts to see if there is a membership option for schools
- Mary to confirm cost of second water fill station

Dec. 12 Community Sing Along 19:05

- Daytime: sing-along as during previous years – parents are invited
 - Coordinated by Ms Khairi & Touchstone Team
 - Songs performed during the day could be somewhat of a dress rehearsal for the evening
- Evening:
 - Event name: "Winter Sing-Along"
 - Sing-along with option for talent performances in between?
 - Jaime has bells & tea lights
 - Staff can participate but in order to avoid challenges relating to job action, and to support staff, they will be invited, not expressly involved
- Ideas:
 - Agenda with timing, including schedule with volunteers to be used during breaks (need to call for max number of performances)
 - Option of colour groups to dictate area of gym & song to sing
 - Could their daytime songs be repeated at the evening performance?
 - Can band or students who play piano, play during entry time?
- Vote: *Should the event be a sing-along? Should there be a talent portion?*
 - All vote yes to both
- Vote: *Should we charge for entry or just for the food & extras?*
 - No charge for entry
 - We're accepting canned goods / toy drive / clothing / glasses in support of the holiday

season and the spirit of giving in place of entry fee

-Fundraising ideas:

-“Guess how many” jars – prize is what’s in the jar

-Raffle items (via businesses in the community)

-Mary will provide the letter to give to the businesses mentioning tax receipt can be provided, with Tina & Jaime’s signatures included

-Logistical considerations:

-Full gym to be used for concert, all food etc. in the hallway

-Re-perform songs used during the day

-Pizza, cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn, water (cases)

-Action items:

-Mary to send Council the Touchstone song list

-Mary communicate with school during announcements that there’s a “Limited number of talent spots available” must know by next Wednesday (let them know there will be other events in future for opportunities to showcase their talent

-RSVP comes to school Council email

-Vanessa & Amanda (with Gav & Dawn) facilitate communication with families

-Future dates for future fundraising events etc. if possible – to be included (posted?) during the evening. What the money will go towards (if any profit) should be shared.

-Council to consider the SIP and staff input when considering what the needs of the school are

FRPS Chapters/Indigo Holiday Shopping Event 19:15

-Considerations:

-Percentage of sales to Forest Run earned, confirm what funds we expect will come back to the school?

-Mary to look into it further and share info

Council Calendar of Events 19:20

-Current future event dates: Feb 20, 2020; Jun 18, 2020

-Need alternate ideas for bouncy castle for fun fair as it’s the biggest revenue item

-Keep eyes open for community events

-Action items:

-Dawn, Mary to send list of fundraising / event ideas

Council Fundraising Commitments 19:40

-Have received a number of fundraising ideas

-School needs:

-Ms. Novak suggested building school technology

-Could consider board matching amount, \$5 contribution per family

-Other notes:

-Is there a centralized place tech can be stored to facilitate sharing and booking of current tech available?

-How to use Edsby and other options for Council to best communicate with community
-Translating communications for fundraising etc. into other popular languages in our school

-Can we use School Cash Online for donations (it’s already an option on the site)

-Action items:

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- Mary look into max amount the board will match for tech (based on number of students)
 - Then consider how much school & Council will each contribute
 - Determine the gap we need to fill (how many we need)
- Gav look into alternate tech options
- Communication & translation
 - Mary share major languages of the school (Russian, Hebrew, Chinese)
 - Kroopa & Vanessa share translation options
- Vanessa ask Vibe re: dance class options for school to support a performance
- Mary connect with coaches to communicate school sports practice dates in the bulletin
- Figure out how Forest Run can host a meet at our school
- Council to brainstorm ideas and dates off-line and send to Mary

Other fundraising ideas:

- Read-a-long (during literacy week)
- Spelling B
- General Mills box tops
- Toonie Tuesday
- Chatime/bubble tea event at the school?
- McDonald's will donate coffee etc. for events

Other community engagement / environmental relations ideas:

- Free yoga night, well-being night
- Crayola recycling program
- Penny wars
- Pop tabs for wheelchair (donation for a good cause)
- Monthly anti-bullying spirit day (Jaime reached out to someone: \$400)
- Newspaper club?

Other ideas that could combine the above two (funds from school & Council support community / students and can become a fundraising event):

- Basketball program à sports night where kids face-off with staff, parents
- Dance classes (Vibe?) à dance exhibition
- Drama class, similar idea à play / performance
- Sell-off current spirit gear (support sports team through spirit wear and showing up to school sports events)

How to create a new view of things that are known in the school as “things the Council always hosts” to create a connection & dialogue between Council and school community

Ticket out the door 20:00 (20:47)