

# Forest Rub Public School

## School Council meeting minutes

### Date

June 13, 2017

### Attendees

Naomi Fogel  
Zalina Mohamad  
Sefi Chassid  
Mary Oppedisano  
Miriam Goldenberg  
Elisabeth Lau  
Hashem Hajmirzalli  
Martha Malute-Quinonez  
Thakshi Sasiharan  
Jacqui Getfield  
Rachel Kapcan

### Minutes

- School Council meeting minutes from Apr 25, 2017 meeting were accepted.
- Graduation Breakfast
  - Martha requested that PTC will pitch 200\$ to the breakfast. Motion was raised and accepted.
  - PTC will also provide napkins, plates and cutleries left from movie night.
  - Any left over from the 200\$ will be return to PTC.
- Teachers' appreciation lunch
  - Planned for the 29, to be led by Sefi.
  - Sefi will send an email to all parents tomorrow.
- Principal update:
  - Both Mary and Elisabeth continuing next year, Elisabeth will continue part time as current
  - Talent Show is coming up (two shows as there was lots of participants)
  - Miriam requested to have the talent show early in the day to make it easier for parents to come, or have it in the evening. Mary to take that back to consider for next year.
  - School ordered white boards to all classes and pods
  - Looking for quite space in each class to allow for quite time for children when needed
  - Maker space in the library will be a focus next year (Lego, build robot, coding, etc)
  - Board is updating their homework policy. Different homework based on the child's need. Engaging families in conversations about the needs and homework. Policy 320 is on draft and is on the YDRC site, open for comments (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Documents/PP-homework-320.pdf>).

- Miriam mentioned that currently each teacher can interpret the homework policy as they wish, the concern is the implementation of this by each teacher, follow through by each teacher. Mary commented that it is in the drafted policy.
- Support at track and field
  - Martha raised the need to support the children in setting up a Tent, provide water and look at providing Uniform to support the school team for next year.
  - Stated that Mr. Anania drove back and forth in the past to pick up children that completed their part for the day. Mary/Elisabeth to address for next time.
- Grant
  - Email from Corrine regarding parent survey, indicated that most parents are interested in math and bullying. Corrine submitted the grant request with those two subjects.
  - Mary will review the other topics requested by parents and look to address those by the school.
- PTC constitution
  - Miriam will no longer be able to co-chair the PTC, Miriam suggested to have changes in the constitution to have one or two chairs instead of three.
  - PTC formed a sub-committee to look at revision of constitution, election, etc. Members of the sub-committee are: Jacqui, Martha, Naomi, Hashem, Rachel. The sub-committee will work on this in September as it is required to be voted and done by Oct.
  - Jacqui suggested that everyone read through the constitution to provide comments.
  - Rachel would like PTC to review PTC goals to ensure that the goals are clear and provide high priority value added to the community.
- Culture
  - Miriam stated that the culture of Scholl is lacking, suggested to create a fund for children to get help to be able to go to see a play as they do not get it from school.
  - Parent's survey should include those items to address what is valuable, trips, plays, etc.
- School and home communications
  - Jacqui mentioned that communication between teachers and home is lacking, especially due to immigrant community. As an example, Jacqui just learned about the talent show yesterday.
  - Suggested to invite teachers and parents to an evening for open communication that will create actions and results. Should be school initiative with PTC participation.
  - Mary will bring back morning coffee and chat to school next year.
  - Hashem suggested that parents in class share their contact info if they are in agreement. Miriam stated that this is against school board privacy policy.
- PEAC (Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee)
  - Jacqui introduced PEAC bringing up questions such as: How does PEAC related to PTC? How do we want to bring parent's voice to PEAC?
  - Jacqui is representing the west region and will look at connecting PTC and PEAC.
  - More info on PEAC <http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Documents/PP-parentengagement-238.pdf>.