

Forest Run Public School
School Council meeting minutes

Nov 7, 2017

In attendance:

Henry Hu
Gav Givon
Hashem Hajmirzaali
Naomi Fogel
Sefi Chassid
Rachel Kapcan
Mary Oppedisano
Lily Catrisiotis

Item:

- 1) Welcome and appreciation – Rachel/Sefi
 - a. Movie night- kids had a blast, looking forward to the next one. Positive buzz in the building. Great volunteers, opt for older kids/graduates. Wonderful turnout.
- 2) Approval of minutes – Naomi
 - a. Gav approves minutes, Naomi seconds. Minutes accepted.
- 3) Chair report of dates and goals – Rachel/Sefi
 - a. Ideas brainstormed for the year: feedback from teachers is the need for money for tech, maker space, STEM. Possibility of sponsoring a bigger grad celebration. Mary said in process is creating a grad committee which could then present to Parent Council about funding/helping to fund it.
 - b. In order for us to be successful we need more parent engagement – that's Parent Council's biggest challenge. What is engagement vs what is involvement? What meets the needs of the community? Rachel will be attending a forum and will hopefully bring back some ideas.
 - c. Why is FRPS not taking advantage of opportunities? Eg all schools in the neighbouring area go to see Holocaust play, FR does not. Why is this happening? Does Parent Council step in to help fund this so it CAN happen?
 - i. School has a cap of \$30 per child per school year for trips
 - ii. As a council and parents, we are concerned that students aren't getting the field trip exposure
- 4) Budget report – Gav
 - a. After movie night balance is \$1777.22
 - i. Parent Council contributed half the licensing fees for the media streaming
 - ii. First fundraiser is spirit wear – school branded clothing
 1. Samples and sizes will be available for parent teacher interviews, company takes care of orders online, packaging up orders, delivering to the class
- 5) Principal's report – Mary

- a. Breakfast club – stopped this year because the stigma attached to it. All classrooms have apples and various other snacks that they can take what they need.
 - b. Lunch programs don't happen anymore due to equity– challenge for kids who can't afford it. Survey showed families prefer after school programs. Will implement as a response to what families in the community need to support their children.
 - c. Sefi asked what the tech goal was for the school – Mary advised that the longer term goal is for a tablet/chromebook per child ratio
 - d. Staff meeting, working on budget and their wish list tied to school SIP goals and can then approach us about assisting/supporting purchasing
 - e. Board is embracing EDSBY as a tool for communicating with families.
 - f. Why equity & inclusivity as a Board Focus?
 - i. Working with students who struggle to belong
 - ii. Got the data back and reviewing/analyzing the data
 - g. New report cards coming next year
 - i. Highlighting transferable skills and global competencies
- 6) Ticket out the door – Rachel/Sefi
- a. Sending out a communication to form a fundraising committee
 - b. School Council Meetings: Thurs Dec 7 + Jan 16, 2018, March 27, 2018, May 22, 2018.