

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 to add concern to our facebook page and tag Gila Marteau
 - Mary will reach out to Stephen Lewis students to volunteer (satisfy their volunteer hours)
 - 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
 - Earlier drop-off at 8am in the library could help ease congestion during peak hours
 - Speed bump(s) on school property
 - Signage
 - Engage the older grades
 - Socializing the 'helpers'
 - Could be on a 2-week rotation
 - Incentive-driven (if needed) – something on their report card, reward for participating (food?)
- Action items:

- Mary to connect with person on North side duty
- Mary to notify families re: homework club to facilitate earlier drop-off
- Mary to make open-ended announcement / reminder for volunteers (daily if needed)
- Mary look into short bus situation

Budget Update 19:00

- Starting with \$4,690
- Ideal outcomes:
 - Some sort of direction, quantified goal
 - Multi-year plan
 - Overflow can go towards things that come up
- 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:
 - Does either have a school program?
 - Safest option for controls

Action items:

- Dawn to check in with Rogers contacts to see if there is a membership option
- 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 & Touchstones
 - Songs performed will be somewhat of a dress rehearsal for the evening
- Evening:
 - Event name: “Winter Sing-Along”
 - Sing-along with option for talent performances
 - Jaime has bells & tea lights
 - Staff can participate but in order to avoid issues around commitment to job action, will be invited, not expressly involved
 - Ideas:
 - Agenda where there’s a sing-along and volunteers 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 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 updated with Tina & Jaime’s signatures

-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 list
- Mary communicate “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 to parents future dates for future fundraising events etc. if possible – to be included (posted?) during the evening. What the money might go towards.
- Council to brainstorm what needs of the school are

FRPS Chapters/Indigo Holiday Shopping Event 19:15

-Considerations:

- Based on how much we expect might be spent (and therefor percentage earned), what funds do we expect will come back to the school?
- Mary to look into it further

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

- Has received a number of fundraising ideas
- School needs:
 - Ms. Novak / 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 most popular languages in our school
 - Can we use School Cash Online for donations (it’s already an option on the site)
- Action items:
 - 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

- Kroopa & Vanessa share translation company options
- Vanessa ask Vibe re: dance class options for school to support a performance
- Mary communicate school sports 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 (Mr. Anania did) spirit day starting in anti-bullying week (Nov)
(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 → sports night where kids face-off with staff, parents
- Dance classes (Vibe?) → dance exhibition
- Drama class, similar idea → play / performance
- Sell-off current spirit gear (support sports team through spirit wear and showing up to school sports events)

View to creating 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)