

Forest Run Public School
School Council meeting minutes

Jan 16, 2018

In attendance

Sefi Chassid

Gav Givon

Naomi Fogel

Ms. Baldesarra

Miriam Goldenberg

Mary Oppedisano

Hashem Hajmirzaali

Rachel Kaplan

Jacqui Getfield

Item:

- 1) Welcome and appreciation – Rachel/Sefi
- 2) Approval of minutes – Naomi
 - a. Minutes accepted by the group
- 3) Budget report – Gav
 - a. Current balance is \$1777.22
 - i. We don't yet have the final profit made off spirit wear but the guess is around \$150 *UPDATE: We made \$128 from spirit wear, bringing our balance up to \$1905.22
- 4) Upcoming events
 - a. How do we make successful events with a lack of volunteers?
 - b. Do we focus on bringing the community together and really just break even or do we focus on raising money to buy stuff for the school?
 - i. We agreed that engaging the community is our main goal
 - c. How do we get people showing up and involved? Is it a cultural barrier? A language barrier?
 - d. Author night – Feb 1. Flyer is going out end of the week.
 - i. Ms. Baldesarra is looking in to bringing an author in during the day for grades 3-6
 - e. Silent auction/basket items/bingo prizes – got to get the letters out to local businesses for donations
 - f. Black History Month – bringing in speakers to the various age groups
 - i. Errol Lee and drumming are two potential options for interactive presentations
 1. The challenge is price – close to \$1000
 - g. Miriam brought up winter electives and the potential to have ski days for older grades
 - h. School limits for field trips is \$20 per student per year
 - i. How do we get things happening equitably across the board?
 - i. Bingo night – problematic because it's borderline gambling – Mary will check on status if it's allowed
- 5) Principal's report – Mary

- a. School climate survey results
 - i. For most questions and subsets, FRPS is within a few percentage points plus or minus compared to board
 - ii. 14% less than board for “what I learn at school is relevant in my everyday life”
 - iii. As a board and school, very low % know about the anonymous report it option for bullying – that’s an easy focus for improvement
 - iv. 60% indicated they “always/often feel that there are barriers that stand in the way of their learning at school” based on grades/marks and appearance.
 - 1. There may have been some misunderstanding on the definition of barrier
- 6) Ticket out the door – Rachel/Sefi
 - a. Naomi will create a flyer for donations for raffles and silent auction
 - b. Finalizing the official letter for donations
 - c. Miriam is going to organize the BBQ and get volunteers for the planning committee