

May 3, 2017, Fred Varley School Council Meeting Minutes
Fred Varley Public School, 81 Alexander Lawrie Avenue, Markham, ON L6E 0J8
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Attendance: Lori Hall (Principal), Hirosh Abeywardane, Tara Narine, Gail Auyeung, Jenny So, Anita Jarchow, Bonita Kwok, Sionette Ottey, Pamela Selvaratnam, Samira Jivraj, Jarka Crawford, Niki Paizis
Staff: David Valentim (Vice Principal), Sara Leung (Gr 3)
Absent: Kevin Wong, Anita Gill, Nalina Rajaruban, Saeeda Mirza, Thiva Kulasingam, Jiacheng Zhang, Leena Sultan, Anita Gill

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Welcome	Tara N. and Hirosh A. welcomed staff and members to the Fred Varley School Council (FVSC) meeting.	
2. Approval of last meeting's minutes (April 12, 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All references to 150 celebration should be 150+ celebration for cultural sensitivity • All approved pending updates. 	Motion Bonita K. Second Sionette O.
3. Principal's message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School improvement plan (5 year plan) underway; been developing since the beginning of school year; incorporates parent feedback • Fred Varley Theory of Action: If...our educators are supported in a collaborative school learning environment to develop and facilitate knowledge building tasks that consider the learner, learning and learning environment using Culturally Responsive & Relevant Pedagogy to support students and their families. • Plan is a living document that will be updated as required • Plan to paint tarmac Saturday May 13; layout modified a bit to be more intentional in terms of potential use, quote now reduced to \$3300 • Extra funds could be allocated to a purchase of a new basketball net 	
4. Treasury report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza funds: approx \$700 left after approved expenditure and cost sharing, there's still about \$1000 buffer • Popcorn: leftover movie night popcorn purchase to be used for popcorn Fridays, \$387 left in popcorn category • Math night final expense \$300 • Movie night: 450 people participated, net loss \$167 due to purchase of license (see April 2017 minutes), funds from popcorn to cover this amount, overall a success; Gail to put together a lessons learned to help the next organizers of movie night • Suggestion to merge some of the account categories to simplify accounting • Overall funds available after all expenses and cost sharing = approx \$2000 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to allocate \$500 to purchase extra folding tables for events 	Motion Sionette O. Second Bonita K.
5. Staff appreciation lunch/tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned date Friday June 23 • Bonita K. to organize 	
6. Class photo vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall feedback is positive • Plan to continue using Green Apple Studios 	
7. Sub-Committees - Reporting to Council	<p>i. Health & Well-Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack program is running smoothly; some minor issues with the vendor as to freshness of food • Suggestion to look into getting a fridge for the snacks • Walk to school program moving along well • 150+ Celebration planned for June 16; various staff and parents on board to help; starts at 10:20 am through the end of the day, four rotations of activities (35 minutes each with 40 students) • Volunteers needed to bring their expertise in to share with the kids and how it would support their learning (e.g. a parent will run a workshop to produce Rangoli materials and then it will be taught to other students); also parents needed to help with each station during the day • Parents volunteering should obtain their Vulnerable Sector Screening <p>ii. School Improvement (Math, Inquiry, and Outdoor Education)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Principal's message above <p>iii. Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie night: can plan two more starting fall 2017 and before April 26, 2018 • Suggestion to present a pin/token of appreciation to the student volunteers during the year to thank them for their contribution <p>v. Principal's profile / Pro-grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final principal's profile approved and adopted by council • Pro-Grant will centre around fitness; Hirosh to draft the application for review; due May 25, 2017 	<p>Motion Sionette O. Second Anita J</p> <p>Action Hirosh A..</p>
8. Next meeting	Next meeting date: June 14, 2017; last meeting of the year	

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9. Adjournment	Motioned by Bonita K. Second by Sionette O. FVSC meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.	