# June 14, 2017, Fred Varley School Council Meeting Minutes 

Attendance: Lori Hall (Principal), Hirosh Abeywardane, Tara Narine, Gail Auyeung, Jenny So, Anita Jarchow, Bonita Kwok, Pamela Selvaratnam, Leena Sultan, Jiacheng Zhang, Kim Sylvester, Belinda Lui, Jarka Crawford, Thiva Kulasingam
Staff: David Valentim (Vice Principal), Sara Leung (Gr 3), Don Kemball (Gr 6/7)
Students: Student council reps Nicole, Cecelia, Aathesh
Absent: Kevin Wong, Sionette Ottey, Anita Gill, Nalina Rajaruban, Saeeda Mirza, Anita Gill, Samira Jivraj

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| 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 (May 3, 2017) | - All approved | Motion Pamela S. Second Jiacheng Z. |
| 3. Principal's message | - Annual council report survey to be completed soon <br> - Music wish list is available for consideration for next year; specifically improving the band tenor section with new instruments; total request $\$ 3600$; List needs to be prioritized <br> - This year a lot of money spent on agendas; not every class is using agendas, school is considering buying less agendas; some classes using digital methods of communication <br> - Sometimes agendas contain personal information such as student IDs and network passwords; suggestion to find more secure ways to communicate this information to the student in the event that agendas get lost <br> - School received a silver eco certification; need to improve school yard greening; students were very involved in obtaining this certification | Action Amanda DaSilva |
| 4. Digital Code of Conduct | - Student council took initiative to create guidelines for technology use in the school <br> - Grade 5-8 students were involved with the process of brainstorming, feedback, group discussions to developing these guidelines <br> - Student friendly guidelines <br> - Guidelines will be shared with students and sent home <br> - Currently grade 5-8 students are involved with technology safety and digital code of conduct guidelines, but these guidelines/conversations may benefit younger children <br> - Student council has a suggestion box in the office |  |


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|  | - Suggestion to make the guidelines digital and have the students read through and sign to acknowledge; via school network or Google classroom etc. |  |
| 5. Staff appreciation lunch/tea | - Planned date Friday June 23 <br> - Expecting 60-70 staff to attend from 11am-2pm <br> - Variety of dishes volunteered by parents |  |
| 6. Treasury report | - Request to purchase two utility carts for office administration (approx. \$443) <br> - Request to purchase student recognition pins (Qty of 250 @ $\$ 1.20$ per piece, approx \$300), proposal to approve $\$ 350$ for these pins <br> - Proposal to sell ice cream the last week of school, Tuesday June 27, request to approve $\$ 400$ to pre-purchase the ice cream, on condition cash online can be setup in time; fundraising team to coordinate <br> - Suggestion to purchase more levelled readers and/or books to enhance classroom libraries for primary students; staff will investigate for next year and discuss <br> - Plan to merge current 3 accounts <br> - One more week of popcorn sales <br> - Total in all accounts after pizza removed $=\$ 15,535.07$ <br> - Account balance after all of these are removed: $\$ 4018.51$ <br> - New Budgeted items <br> - 5 tables $\$ 405$ <br> - Two utility carts $\$ 443$ <br> - Pin for grads $\$ 350$ <br> - Healthy Schools \$400 (originally \$200) <br> - Account balance after New items $=\$ 3420$ (This includes the $\$ 1000$ buffer) | Motion Pamela S. Second Bonita K. <br> Motion Leena S. Second Jiacheng Z. <br> Motion Anita J. Second Jiacheng Z. <br> Action Lori Hall |
| 7. Sub-Committees Reporting to | i. Health \& Well-Being <br> - Snack program: some parents will be able to continue the initiative next year |  |


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| Council | - Staff on board to continue healthy school initiative, application for funding for next year will be followed up on <br> - Walk to school program: 6 classes won the walk to school challenge and will have a smoothie party, possibly offer a sample smoothie to all the students, request for additional \$200 (\$200 already allocated previously) for smoothies for all students <br> - $150+$ Celebration planned for June 16: parents working in partnership, supporting the student leaders <br> - Parents volunteering should obtain their Vulnerable Sector Screening <br> ii. School Improvement (Math, Inquiry, and Outdoor Education) <br> - No updates <br> iii. Fundraising <br> - Refer to treasury report above <br> v. Principal's profile / Pro-grant <br> - Final principal's profile approved and adopted by council <br> - Pro-Grant application submitted May 29, 2017 and will centre around fitness | Action Sara Leung <br> Motion Anita J. Second Bonita K. |
| 8. Next meeting | - First meeting for 2017-2018 school year planned for September 13, 2017 <br> - Election meeting planned for September 27, 2017 |  |
| 9. Adjournment | Motioned by Anita J. <br> Second by Pamela S. <br> FVSC meeting adjourned at $8: 45 \mathrm{pm}$. |  |

