

School Council, October 30, 2017

In attendance: Sher Ahmad, Lynn Cruickshank, Megan Morrow, Marlee Corcoran, Shaila Ishaq, Christine Sonevski, Sadia Jellani, Caroline Johnson, Natalie Murphy (acting chair), Michael Campbell, Laurie Finn, Jason Eygenraam

Guests: Rubana Telly, Jennifer Sakamoto

Regrets: Connie Diep, Shanyn MacIntyre, Mike Ogsten, Santosh Pande

Minutes from last month: approved

Motion to approve: Marlee; Sher seconded

Treasurer's report

Most of the profit is from pizza term 1

We still have some Fun Fair expenses; doesn't think that Mike Feld has submitted his expenses, and waiting for Erin for some too

The musical instruments and tech (\$1000) is taken care of

Not spent for gym, and have the rest of Jungle Sports to pay for

After all actual and committed expenses, we have \$8400 remaining at this point

Principal's report

1. Edsby is coming as a new communication tool with parents
 - a. More information is coming out Wednesday, November 1 via an email
 - b. There will be another email after that from the Board with information about how to set up your account
 - c. November 10 there will be another email to inform parents that sign-up for parent/teacher conferences or student-led conferences, open that day to the 22nd ahead of the time slots on the 23rd and 24th
 - d. The next thing that we will move to with Edsby will be attendance, but that will not be happening yet; more details will come
2. Update to funds spent allocated June 2017
 - a. Spent for music, \$2000
 - b. Gym, \$1000 was set aside, but we were not clear on what that was intended for; looking for input. Does anyone recall what the focus of this money is for?
 - i. Discussed the motion
 - ii. Megan Morrow asked for a further \$1500 to go toward other
 - iii. Voted to put the \$1000 toward supply teachers
3. Wish list/fundraising plan
 - a. This list comes from staff who submitted items to admin for consideration by School Council
 - b. The items are all within the context of Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health
 - c. Sher suggested that we could bring in an outside organization to work with the students on something like martial arts, to improve physical fitness
 - d. The items are:
 - i. \$3000 for primary & junior book room, English and French,
 - ii. \$6000 for literacy and science: science kits
 - iii. \$3000 arts program
 - iv. \$1000 modern learning library resources
 - v. \$2500 kindergarten:
 - vi. \$6250 plus cost sharing:
 - vii. \$1000 outdoor play equipment,
 - viii. \$500 grade 8 grad
 - ix. \$1500 to send a second coach as needed
 - e. What are the priorities?
 - f. Questions about math manipulatives

- g. OPHEA has bronze, silver and gold levels for Healthy Schools; if you pick physical activity as the focus, then they will send equipment. Marlee is willing to work with our Healthy Schools person to get this happening
 - h. Modern learning: focus on robotics, etc. in the library
 - i. Asked about other fundraising opportunities; could talk about it at the fundraising subcommittee: Shaila, Natalie, Sher, Sadia
 - j. Committed to \$1500 to teams – voted and carried
 - k. \$3000 for science – voted and carried
 - l. \$4000 for computer cost sharing – voted and carried
4. Reminder from Sept School Council Mtg: school council review on items for input: homework policy, leadership profile, code of behaviour, school profile by the end of October
 5. Pro grant update
 - a. Mike Campbell volunteered to take over from Mike Salvagna
 - b. Jason has been talking with the presenter and her husband regarding dates in the spring

Chair's update

- c. Jungle Sports is booked for the week of November 27

Sub-Committee Reports/Updates

1. Fall School Council Forum attended by Mike and Laurie
 - a. They talked about communication
 - b. The breakout meeting Mike went to was about parent involvement vs. parent engagement
 - c. The breakout meeting Laurie went to was about SEPYR, the settlement workers of York Region, where they talked about different groups settling in the area
2. Pizza program: discussed different options; Sher knows the person who just bought the Pizza in town; we could connect Charisma with him so he can interact with the pizza committee. He volunteered to help
3. Traffic: received the traffic study report from Stantec. Jason shared some highlights. Our next meeting is planned for the end of November or first week of December. We discussed incentivizing/encouraging "Park and walk a block"; Marlee said that she gets passes and other things from the City of Markham, and perhaps Stouffville might have incentives to offer as well
4. Fun Fair: no update. History has been that it's done every other year. Shaila is willing to take it on; Sher too. Natalie will connect Shaila with the committee from last year
5. Parade: if anyone would like to take this on, please talk with someone on Council. At this point, there are no volunteers

Motion to adjourn. Next meeting November 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.