

## **Legacy P.S. School Council**

Meeting Minutes: meeting held in Legacy P.S. Library

**April 27, 2015**

*Present*

Laura Ryckman, Jeff Demacio, Lori Nickerson, Michelle Probert, Dayo Babalola, Mike Michalos, Sylvia Vocino, Nandita Bhatia, Tricia Mohammed, Adela Pinnock, Nimisha Patel, Irene Dimov, Fuad Muhammad, Dur-E- Shehwar

*Minutes: Adela Pinnock*

**NEXT MEETING:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Welcome and approval of minutes from last meeting.

### **Treasurer Update**

Lots has happened since February. Dance-a thon raised just over \$7,000. This is after the payment to DJ, Pizza lunch to class with most participation and the prize to the student who raised the most money. \$2000 to computer cost sharing has gone out and the \$1099 for jerseys to Mr. Carlisle. Some money has been spent for the fun fair, \$1444. \$6,930 is still in our account.

### **Principal and VP update**

Ms. Campbell and Ms. Beintema- talked about helping with some improvement for the Kindergarten Playground. Looking at getting some small child size picnic tables, \$300 each. Giant Polydron Blocks \$170, additional \$500 for more balls, hoola hoops, etc. There are 120 students in kindergarten. \$1000 was already used by the Kindergarten teachers to make purchases but they need a lot more.

**Motion purposed to give \$1,000 for picnic table and toys/equipment for kindergarten playground - Tricia, Irene, Nimisha, Michelle, Lori and Adela – Motion Approved**

Jeff- School Field- fields are very soft, muddy and the grass gets ruined. Moved to pavement only recess, problem was too many kids in a small area and many injuries. Suggestion was made to have kids walk, skip, run around the paths at recess to give them someplace to go that is not on the fields. Intermediate students continue to play on the basketball court. Morning recess has 5 monitors in the back and lunch recess 7 monitors.

Technology update- As far as technology, we have enough LCD projectors, 24 new stand alone laptops/chrome books and 8 desktops. 4 full operating carts of equipment, a new cart of 10 iPads. Staff has applied to the board for equipment that is given to them to use as their own. Technology is being used on a regular basis. We are using digital signage at the front by the office and are looking to possibly get signage in other areas of the building to provide students with information as well.

Laura- focus for next year is math. Hoping to engage the public to help with this. You can teach the math but a lot of us don't know the math. We should start seeing more than the Math Makes Sense program starting next year.

Grade 8 trip is booked for Ottawa. Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Chin, Ms. Papai, Ms. Kauffman and Laura will be chaperoning. Laura is asking for \$500 to help some families who have expressed that they require help in order to send their kids.

**Motion proposed to give \$500 towards helping with the grade 8 trip. - Irene, Tricia, Lori, Michelle, Adela – Motion Approved**

Instructional Rounds - May 14<sup>th</sup>, data will be collected from 12 classrooms, by 16 visitor teachers from neighbouring schools, 20 minutes in each class. Our staff requested this in order to get constructive feedback and learn from the experience.

Tricia and Sandy attended a parent symposium. Board is talking a lot about emotional intelligence and mental health. Keeping kids safe in the world of social media. There was a speaker by the name of Gillian Barker who may be able to come and speak to us about this subject. There was a lot of useful information about how other schools deal with different aspects of Parent council, community engagement, etc. We should try and find some new parent volunteers to help out with putting together a road map for everything we want to do as far as activities, fund raisers, conversation cafes, etc. and get people more involved.

Dance-A-thon- very successful, kids had a blast. DJ was great. Mr. Chin's class won for most participation. Girl in grade 6 in Ms. Vocino's class won for most money raised. Received movie tickets and a certificate of thanks.

Fun Fair- we need parent volunteers.

Pro Grant- deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup> to apply for next year's pro grant. Laura suggested a math focus and parent's role in the education of their children. Several nights of how to help your kids with math. The money would be spent on resources, manipulatives. Maybe a Mathletes for parents.

Sylvia and Dayo - May 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Pan Am day, 12 activities, one activity will be a rest stop with healthy foods, maybe some fruit representing some of the countries that are participating. They have \$100 to purchase fruit. They are looking for some additional money to purchase the fruit and also for some volunteers to cut up fruit and hand it out that day.

**Motion purposed to give \$200 for fruit for the event - Mike, Tricia, Irene, Lori, Michelle and Adela –  
Motion Approved**