

## Legacy P.S. School Council

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

**March 3, 2014**

**Present:** Laura Ryckman, Jeff Demacio, Lori Nickerson, Saqib Qureshi, Dayo Babalola, Joginder Kaur, Teddy Kardaras, Mike Michalos, Sylvia Vocino, Nandita Bhatia, Tricia Ali-Mohammed

**Regrets:** Michelle Probert, Anne Mullen, Traci Graham, Adela Pinnock

**Special Guest:** Dayo Babalola presented

**NEXT MEETING:** May 5, 2014

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### 1. Welcome & Approval of previous meeting minutes- Lori chaired

Motion made to approve minutes from March 3, 2014 School Council Meeting: **APPROVED**

Minutes Taker: Teddy Kardaras

### 2. Treasurer's update

Michelle was away, but treasurer update is same as prior month. Read-a-thon will be targeted for month of April to raise funds this year.

### 3. Principal and VP Update

- *School Trips:* survey has been sent out to families in Gr 8 to determine if there is an interest in having an overnight (2 night) trip for Gr 8 students; Funding has traditionally been provided by parents and therefore need to determine if interest is there to support this very good experience for these graduating students
- *Tutors in the classroom:* school has 200 hrs available from university student; available during the school day; Dayo put in the proposal to receive this assistance and this was approved (Thanks Dayo!!)
- *Request for \$ for cost share:* Board will match funds dollar for dollar (non-school budget available for this only); list of choices of technology products and school is matching to needs → focus on presentation capabilities; council to be asked for participation now as school needs to make choices up to mid-april on what to select; school has been testing various types of technology such as LCD projectors, document cameras, smart boards etc. School has goal to have 1 projector for every 2 classrooms. Broader use of laptops is also being promoted. Laura and Jeff have been working on a 5 yr plan for technology;
- *Parent Symposium:* School Board has Parent Symposium on April 9, 2014 for any parents who would like to attend. (workshop structure)

### 4. Pro-Grant money- Lori

- Lori applied for Pro Grant money and it was approved (Great job Lori!)
- \$1000 is available toward daytime sessions to get more parent engagement
- Council brainstormed on various ways to host the sessions and meet requirements where it benefits children and community; student achievement and well being. Some options brought up:
  - i. Healthy food target- get volunteers to come in and present
  - ii. Yoga and wellness/Naturopath session?

- iii. Family stress/Positive parenting  
Need to connect this event to child bringing parent to school; Tea and Tibits?  
Conduct classroom visit and library tea?

## 5. Fun Fair Update

- Tricia brought up fact that she can get donations from Walmart, TD Bank, Royal. Tricia needs guidance from board on what she needs to provide donors in order to finalize commitment; typically thank you letters are sent out so Lori will get sample letter that can be provided.
- Fun Fair to be held in fall (beg of Oct)—Sept 26 perhaps
- Volunteers and fundraisers needed for silent auction as well as donations for auction
- Focus on planning now includes: (1) fundraising for silent auction; need stronger marketing in community (2) food and jumping castle (3) volunteers and organization – teachers, Gr 8 students etc.
- Lori will send out email for Fun Fair Committee to begin shortly given this parent council is not meeting until May.

## 6. NEW TOPIC: POSITIVE CLIMATE - Dayo

- PC4L presentation: focus on Positive Climate For Learning; have parent council beome part of it
- Part of York Region School Board and asking for parent engagement; this effort includes school improvement plan
- Parents can meet during the day or right after school
- Tricia and Nandita volunteered → adding 5<sup>th</sup> Pillar now!

**Dayo – Diversity Day to be hosted at school**—please send ideas for culture day

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### VOTING Summary:

**A) Topic: Request for \$ for cost share - Approval to use available funding amount below for technology purchases (this will allow matching to be done)**  
**Amount for Funding by council: ~ \$6250**

- ✓ YES Voting Members:
  - ✓ Saqib Qureshi
  - ✓ Tricia Ali-Mohammed
  - ✓ Nandita Bhatia
  - ✓ Mike Michalos
  - ✓ Joginder Kaur
  - ✓ Dayo Babalola
  - ✓ Lori Nickerson
  - ✓ Teddy Kardaras

Note: Lori will email Michelle, Treasurer, to notify her of approved spend

**Next meeting: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ Legacy P.S. Library**