

Legacy P.S. School Council

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

November 3rd, 2014

Present

Val Taylor, Jeff Demacio, Lori Nickerson, Saqib Qureshi, Michelle Probert, Dayo Babalola, , Teddy Kardaras, Mike Michalos, Sylvia Vocino, Nandita Bhatia, Tricia Ali-Mohammed, Adela Pinnock, Nimisha Patel, Nanda Bharat, Joginder Kaur, Sandy Acquaviva, Irene Dimov

Minutes: Adela Pinnock

NEXT MEETING: December 1st, 2014

1. **Welcome** – approval of minutes from previous meeting
2. **Treasurer's update** – Michelle provided an update on the status of our available funds. We have a couple of outstanding items that we have committed funds to but have not yet paid for. Recess bins, team jerseys, subsidy of one grade 8 student trip to Ottawa.
3. **Principal and VP update- Jeff**

We will discuss EQAO results further during our next meeting.

Incident Update - The individual thought to be suspicious was actually a family member of one of our students. However, we have made changes and upgrades in our security and safety protocols.

We had an incident at school recently involving running in the hallways, which left a student with injuries requiring a visit to the hospital.

Classes were visited by the Principal and Vice-Principal to remind students about safety in the hallways.

PA Day Oct. 27th- discussed was the plan focusing on academics, parent engagement and school climate. "Grade Teams" digging a bit deeper to see how we can better deal with these matters. Trying to come up with a richer experience for students.

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted the evening of Nov.13th and morning of Nov. 14th. An online booking system will be open on Monday November 10th.

The Quest conference which showcases, technology, equity and changing education among other topics, will take place on November 19th and 20th. Staff will be attending.

Some students will be attending a pre-conference on November 6th and will then also attend the session on November 20th.

Mrs. Giotis will be starting her Maternity Leave on Friday, November 28th. A job posting will be up on November 4th. We hope to hire someone as soon as possible so that there can be an overlap before Mrs. Giotis leaves.

Laura is doing very well and will likely be back in the new year.

4. **Voting member adjustment-** 12 voting members currently made up of: 9 parent members, 1 community member, 1 association member, 1 teacher member. Minimum of 9 voting members required so no adjustment is necessary.
5. **Council's focus for disbursement of funds-** Academic Achievement and Student Well Being. We will change our mission statement to reflect this.
6. **Dr. Shyamala Kiru Pro Grant presentation-** we will use our pro grant money once again to have Dr. Shyamala do 2 presentations. One will be on November 26th at 1 pm, the other on March 11th at 7 pm. We have chosen 2 topics. **Fostering Self Discipline: Surviving a culture of over indulgence.** Nov. 26th
Training the brain for success: Power of positive perspective. Mar. 11th
7. **Holiday initiative-** We have chosen to do something different this year, the "Tree of wishes." We will work with a shelter or organization of our choice. They will provide us with a list of wishes and we will set up a Christmas Tree with ornaments listing these wishes. Each class will select a wish and collect money to purchase the item. We will have a sub committee that will help in purchasing, wrapping and organization as well as delivery of these items.
8. **Muskoka Woods-** parents are interested in having additional security and supervision during this trip. It will cost approximately \$500 to have a security guard stationed at the site. This will be considered part of the trip cost. Vote against school council covering this cost was unanimous, as all funding provided by school council needs to be equitable for all students in the school
9. **Brainstorming for 2014/2015 Fundraiser-** We will talk further about bringing back the Fun Fair next year and possibly holding a Dance-A-Thon.

Future council meetings: Dec. 1, 2014
Feb. 9, 2015
Apr. 13, 2015
Jun. 15, 2015