

Legacy School Council (LSC) – Meeting Minutes

Monday April 9, 2018

Attendees: Nandita Bhatia, Susan Budinszky, Julie Mallinos, Sonia Babra, Irene Dimov, Tricia Mohammed, Nimisha Patel, Mike Reali, Saumea Thayalan, Shelley Jones, Leeanne Hoover-Joy

Regrets: Diba Bot, Thaya Mahesan, Zahra Premji, Sylvia Vocino

Note: Francine Mathai has voluntarily withdrawn from the Council

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Treasurer's Update: Susan B.

- **Approx. \$6,300. available cash** (includes the profit made from Sushi Lunch)
- Consensus was achieved on spending \$500. for the Read-a-thon

3. Administrator's Update

Lice

- One of our kindergarten classes has had repeated lice outbreaks (the issue does appear to be gone at the moment)
- Parents have raised the concern that if their child is found to have lice, they treat it (often spending \$ to do so) and then the child returns to school and gets it again
- Lice Crew has been contacted to come in and do a lice check - every student would be checked unless parents decline and opt out. No permission form will be sent home, if parents want to opt out they need to contact the school office
- Cost will be \$1.00 per head and is a special one-time deal
- Checks will be done in the conference room. Full discretion will be used and no student will be singled out
- If lice is found, child will return to class and parents will be contacted. Parents are obligated to treat head lice and

before child will be allowed to re-enter the class they will be checked to ensure there are no live lice

- It is the hope that this will serve to educate the parent population and confirm that the issue is under control (at least for the time being)

Outdoor Equipment

- Equipment has arrived!
- Due to the weather and consequently a soggy field, it will be “pavement only” recess for all of April and quite probably most / all of May (students will be allowed to use the path)
- N.B. Outdoor equipment is essentially a consumable. It is always put to “good use”. Therefore it should be noted, that for budgeting purposes, funds should be allocated to new equipment approx. every 2 years
- Peer Mediators program will be in full swing to assist students with using and sharing this new equipment
- With the arrival of new equipment students will be asked not to bring balls from home

Grade 8 Grad

- Legacy tradition is to hold Grad at MDHS. This is “special” as it is the home school for most of our students and where they will be transitioning to
- In the past Grade 7s would pay for graduation – this will no longer be the case
- It is traditionally a simple graduation – *the question was raised whether or not we can “take it up a notch”.*
 - Suggestion of finger foods (more than just chips), perhaps a sweet table – bearing in mind that it must be age appropriate to our Grade 8 students
- There was a food truck at last year’s grad and feedback was not so positive. Not all students had cash on hand to purchase food

- Grad Committee – TBD - once the committee and details are established, Shelley will let them know that Parent Council is willing to help

Anaphylaxis Assembly

- Safety Training is carried out every September for staff and students (across all of YRDSB)
- Next September (2018/2019 school year) Legacy will have a Puppet Show / Assembly to highlight the importance of anaphylaxis awareness
- There will be 2 assemblies: Grades JK-4 and 5-8; approx. 45 minutes in length

School Council Funds

- Admin works with staff to create a fundraising plan
- The plan is then brought to the first parent council meeting of the new school year for feedback and discussion
- N.B. Ultimately the decision on how / where to spend \$ rests with the Principal

4. Safety Committee Update: Tricia M.

- Fences are up! (at the gates)
- Boundaries have been brought in
- Safety Committee met with Logan Kanapathy
- Pedestrian crossing has been approved and signs will be installed on Russell Jarvis
- Plastic Pylon saying "School Zone" will be coming
- The committee is advocating for painted signage to stop people from parking on Russell Jarvis
- We will not be able to get traffic lights due to provincial guidelines. Committee is trying to devise a work around
- Bigger signage is needed in certain places
- The half wall (at the parking lot) creates a visual barrier and there is some safety concerns around this

5. New Grants Committee & Applying for PRO Grant 2017/2018

- Grants Committee has been formed

- Student Equity Team submitted the application for the Speak Up Grant and was successful in obtaining \$2,100 (Grades 7&8) N.B. "Orange Day" is in September – focus on Residential Schools – *Positive feedback from Council to encourage and enhance Aboriginal & First Nations learning*
- PRO Grant application will be completed by the committee – STEM, Mathletes or Mindfulness (last year the grant went towards Mindfulness)
- N.B. Application for this grant is due June 5th

6. Annual Fundraiser Update: Nandita B.

- Nandita illustrated the results of the online survey -Council members voted on options for this years' fundraiser
- Result - a READ-A-THON (April 23-May 4)
- Guidelines were discussed – reading targets will be established; students will collect pledges; each pledge of (or pledges totalling) \$5 earns 1 ballot; ballots will then be put in boxes for prize draws

7. Summary of Seminar on addressing Student Violence in Schools: Nandita B. – deferred until next meeting

8. Presentation on YRDSB Parent Symposium 2018

- Slide presentation will be emailed

9. Open Forum

- Question was raised if there is a possibility of having a Kindergarten Graduation
- Teacher Appreciation Week – suggestion was made to have a Tea in the Library ("tea"-cher) to honour our teachers; Potluck Luncheon would still be held in June – this would be a separate event to coincide with and show support for Teacher Appreciation Week

Next Meeting: Monday May 7, 2018

Minutes Taken By: Julie Mallinos