

# Legacy School Council (LSC) – Meeting Minutes

Monday June 18, 2018

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

Regrets: Tricia Mohammed, Thaya Mahesan, Sylvia Vocino

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome: Nandita

### 2. Administrator's Update: Shelley & Leanne

#### Mental Health Week

- Variety of activities took place
- Teachers were taught stress lessons from Health Nurse
- Staff and student bubble blowing was a big success

#### First Nations, Metis and Inuit Learning

- Speak up Grant
- Guest Speaker – Chad Soloman – 7 Grandfather teachings
- Classes created dream catchers

#### Concert – "Music in the Air"

- Huge success – lots of positive feedback
- \$ raised goes directly to the Music Dept.
- This event was organized entirely by the Music Dept.
- Council hopes to see this type of concert again next year

#### Ice Dawgs

- Tentative date of June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Will be sold for \$2.00 each during snack recess
- This product meets PPM 150 and is Peanut / tree nut free

### Financial Support for Families

- This year 5 families required financial support totalling \$460.

### School Organization for 2018-2019 and Staff Moves

- Letter was sent home with students re: staff moves
- While enrolment is down there may be new students registering over the summer including from the new subdivision – numbers can change and a reorg may be necessary
- There is an increase in split classes. The question was raised – what determines which students are placed in a split? Splits are more about independence than about academics. All classes (straight and split) need to be balanced with a variety of students, taking into account academics, learning styles, peers etc.

### Fundraising Plan for Next Year

- Council was shown an initial proposal of some ideas of where \$ will be spent next year
- Suggestion to include Teacher Wish List items
- Suggestion to scrap the Annual Lice Checks
- Suggestion to look into an additional water filling station on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- Teachers will be given a chance to have input as well

### LSC Elections 2018-2019

- Election will be held on the day of the first LSC meeting of the new school year
- First Meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will be on: **September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**
- Specific information about nomination deadlines will be sent home with students

### **3. Annual School Council Report: Nandita**

- Council met 6 times
- Council was commended on what a great year this was

- Members and committees worked very hard and accomplished many good things
- “our most successful year ever”
- Some highlights include: establishing a Twitter account, establishing a LSC newsletter, Read-a-thon, bringing new lunch programs into the school, procuring pylons & fences and generally raising the level of safety awareness. Also great progress was made with the parking situation – very few parents are now parking on Russell Jarvis at the front of the school during drop off and pick up – this greatly improves the visibility and therefore safety of all children crossing the street. As well, the situation with the bus loop has been greatly improved – less parents are pulling into the bus loop

#### **4. Annual Treasurer’s Report: Susan**

- Detailed spreadsheet comparing this year to other years was shown to council
- We started the year at \$13,300
- \$21k was raised through the read-a-thon, pasta & sushi lunches and Legacy Wear
- \$21k was spent in support of our fundraising initiatives as well as on the outdoor classroom outdoor play equipment, technology, school trips and the Lice Crew.
- Available cash moved down on a net basis by \$90.75
- Closing balance: \$13,200 (preliminary basis – there are still some items to pay for and finalize
- Once the year is complete the final report will be posted and sent to council members

#### **5. Proposal – LSC to Organize & Promote Markham Fair Art Contest Participation: Diba**

- Initial teacher feedback was positive and very supportive
- Deadline for submissions is September 21, 2018
- Guidelines and categories will be distributed to students/parents

- N.B. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> students are deemed to be in their next grade level (keep this in mind when reviewing the categories for submissions)
- A reminder will be put out via Twitter during the summer for parents who would like to encourage their children to participate
- *Reminder:* to save any artwork that could potentially be submitted
- Parent Council will call on volunteers to drive the artwork to and from Markham Fair

#### **6. Condensing the LSC Newsletter: Diba**

- This year the newsletter was published 5 times
- Going forward there will be 2 issues a year (end of Term 1 and end of Term 2) – this reduction is due to the fact that the ebulletin is published weekly and has become an excellent source of information and updates

#### **7. PRO Grant Update: application is underway**

- **Grants Committee** – will continue to explore new grants to apply for (Crayola, etc.)

#### **8. By-Laws Committee Update: Susan**

- Section 6.3 (Officers) to be carried over

**Next Meeting: September 24, 2018**

Minutes Taken By: Julie Mallinos