

Legacy Public School - School Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2019

Administrator and Staff Attendees: Shelley Jones, Leeanne Hoover-Joy, Rosan Chung.

School Council Member Attendees (confirmed prior to meeting):

Parent / Guardian Members: Tricia Ali, Nandita Bhatia, Diba Bot-Roche, Yogeswary Kandiah, Mike Marshall, Giulia Perri-Tsingis, Michelle Probert, Kelly Taiabjee. *Regrets:* Melanie Davis.

Community Representative: Winston Balchand.

Teacher Representative: Sylvia Vocino.

Support Staff Representative: Mike Reali.

Parent / Guardian Attendees: Sabrina Antonopoulos, Natasha Balchand-Marshall, Sanjay Bhatia, Susan Budinszky, Carrie Cheung, Mollie Henrich, Cheryl Law, Sandi Liang, Emily Michalos, Nimisha Patel, Rishma Rajkumar, Gajalini Ramachandran, Saumea Thayalan, Nantha Thiruchelvam

Meeting Commenced 7:05 pm

7:05 pm - 7:15 pm

Introductions:

- Shelley Jones, Principal, introduced herself and asked for everyone to introduce themselves

Welcome to the Legacy School Council 2019/20:

- Shelley introduces the school council voting representatives

7:15 pm - 7:50 pm - Election of School Council Officers/Executive

Chair / Co-chairs

- Two groups interested in being Chairs this year therefore an election is necessary – 1) Tricia Ali-Mohammed and Nandita Bhatia as Co-Chairs and 2) Michelle Probert as Chair
- Each group provided an opportunity to speak
- Attendees were invited to ask questions
- Voting for chairs (anonymous vote) – 11 votes total
- Election Committee counts votes (Susan, Natasha, Shelley, Sylvia) in Shelley's office
- Michelle Probert is announced as Legacy School Council Chair for the 2019-2020 school year

Treasurer – Kelly Taiabjee appointed

Secretary – Giulia Perri-Tsingis appointed

7:50 - 8:05 pm - Setting School Council Dates and Filling School Council Vacancies

- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd
- February 3rd

- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 8th

Michelle asks who is interested in filling School Council vacancies and the following parents were added to the council as voting members:

1. Natasha Balchand-Marshall
2. Shelley Blake
3. Mollie Henrich
4. Cheryl Law
5. Rishma Rajkumar
6. Gajalini Ramachandran

8:05 - 8:25 pm - School Report - Shelley

- 552 students
- 2 Autism Classes-practice integration
- Restorative Practices Approach to Solving Conflicts
- Community Circles
- School focus on Mattering and Belonging
- Work on Culturally Responsive Pedagogy-Want to see our school identities reflected in our classrooms and curriculum
- Continue work with building greater math fundamentals to apply to problem solving
- Shelley shares fundraising plan-slide
- Pavement painting is a result of Student Council funds
- Active School Travel Pilot-painting on the sidewalks to encourage students to walk to school
- Sandi asked if the items on the fundraising plan also reflects needs of Primary Division - ie equipment, technology, assemblies and if there could be more trips? We would like to ensure we balance the costs of trips (two trips per year is norm)
- Saumea-asks how they could find out about extra-curricular activities for primary? Could there be funds allocated for activities for the primaries. There seems to be more activities for junior and intermediate. How might we support this communication for parents? Suggestion to have grades added to the activities in the school in the ebulletin or on the calendar to help parents know what they can encourage their children to become involved with.
- Shelley summarizes the school re-organization process. Primary classes are too high and need to be capped at 20. We were able to hire a teacher and a 2/3 class was created. We were also called last week and we were able to create a new junior class 4/5. All new teachers have been hired.
- Shelley shares the challenges of determining an overnight trip ie Pinecrest, Ottawa. There are challenges having all students attend an overnight trip for a variety of reasons. Shelley and Leeanne will be meeting with the teachers about planning an overnight trip. Some parents indicated that they would really like to see the teachers

organize these overnight trips and have these trips continue from year to year. Natasha asked to table this conversation about field trips for another time and ensure communication about trips is shared with all families. Shelley indicated that communication would go out to grade 8 parents once a decision has been made.