Legacy Public School Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022

Council Members Present:	Tricia Ali, Giulia Perri-Tsingis, Kelly Taiabjee, Saumea Thayalan, Janie Lin, Simone Realie, Cherly Law, Winston Balchand, Natasha Balchand, Ellia Davis, Tinotenda Senderayi, Gajalini Suranjan, Natasha Marshall, Niresha Rameswaran, Noreen Ocampo
	Administrative Members: Jennifer Cowley, Initha Subramaniam
	Teacher Member: Sylvia Vocino, Rosan Chung
Council	
Members	
Absent:	
Other	
Members	
Present:	

Agenda Item	Decisions/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Introduction Land Acknowledgement African Ancestor Acknowledgement	 Call to order, 7:05pm Introductions: All participants had an opportunity to introduce themselves Land Acknowledgement and connection African Ancestor Acknowledgement and Connection Meeting norms: Meetings begin and end on time Consensus decision-making All speakers and opinions are respected Individual students, parents, and staff are not discussed Be open-minded and objective Refer parent or student issues to the teacher or principal Agenda 	Jennifer
Administrative Update	School Council Introduction for New Members: YRDSB Video on School Council https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni2UmiRmfBA	Jennifer

Council purpose and objectives:

- Assist in the creation & maintenance of a collaborative environment which works to improve student learning & school effectiveness at our school
- School councils are an advisory body that can make recommendations to the Principal or the Board

Council membership

- VOTING MEMBERS: 15 Parents/guardians of students currently enrolled at Legacy Public School; Teacher Representative; Community Representative, Association Representative
- NON-VOTING MEMBERS include: Principal or Vice-Principal, Student Representative (1 if available), and NON-Voting Parent Members.

Voting Members:

Voting parent members of the School Council:

- Maximum 15 voting members only
- Attend scheduled meetings of the School Council
- Notify the Chair/Co-Chairs of any absences from School Council meetings
- Vote on school-wide topics when required
- Must be nominated or self-nominated
- Must have a child registered at the school
- Must declare if they are employed by YRDSB
- One voting member from one household
- Expected to attend all meetings

Non voting members

- Join committee
- Attend meetings
- Do not have to inform chair or school if they are not attending
- Will need to abstain from voting

CHAIRPERSON/CO-CHAIRS

The Chair shall:

- 1. Be a parent/guardian of a student(s) who attend Legacy P.S.;
- 2. Preside over Council meetings or arrange for the co-chair to preside in his/her absence;
- 3. Act as a spokesperson and represent the Council or delegate a member to do so when required;

- 4. Prepare a written agenda with the Principal/Vice-Principal
- 5. Ensure that parents/guardians are consulted about matters under consideration by the Council
- 6. Have a working knowledge of the Council Constitution; review annually
- 7. Prepare and submit the School Council Annual Report to the Board.

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- 1. Receive funds for the Council
- 2. Make disbursements in accordance with motions passed by the Council
- 3. Present a current account of all financial transactions at each Council meeting
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Subcommittees

- Safety
- Holiday Initiative
- Legacy Wear
- Lunch Committee
- Staff Appreciation
- Fundraising

School Council Elections

- Chair/Co-Chair Tricia Ali
- Secretary/Co-Secretary -Ellia Davis
- Treasurer/Co-Treasurer Kelly Taiajbee
- Voting Members Tinotenda Senderayi, Gajalini Suranjan, Natasha Marshall, Niresha Rameswaran, Giulia

Perr-Tsingis, Sylvia Vocino, Noreen Ocampo

School Concil Contact Information Distribution List

- Google form completed by members in attendance
- Consent to release information completed by three executive members.

Administrative Update

- K-8 School 494 students
- 2 Community Classes students are integrated for part of the day
- Grades Kindergarten to Grade 5 impacted in reorganization
- One Kindergarten was increased in numbers and a DECE was assigned by the board.
- There were a few moves in primary to get all of our classes to compliance
- In Junior our Gr. 4/5 class changed to a Gr. 4 class
- Area Cross Country event last week 8 students going to the Regional Event
- Legacy Open House this Thursday
- Picture Day this Thursday
- Caring and Safe School Presentations have begun this week
- Pizza Day Changed vendor to Boston Pizza, will be on Tuesdays; will start by end of October
- Lunch Lady delivers operates on Thursdays
- School Organization

Council Updates

- Opening Balance for 2022-2023: \$12 678.66
- Buddy Bench

Next Meeting October 7

- Zoom not viable so need to use MS Teams for virtual meetings
- November, December In person
- January May MS Teams (Virtual)
- June In person

Buddy Bench

- Need Buddy Bench Subcommittee
- School Grounds enhancements
- Plant services involvement
- Approved vendors are used.
- Around 4 weeks to 6 months to get approval once an application is submitted
- Latest could be spring installation.
- The total cost will be based on what kind of bench.
- AODA compliance is a MUST
- Suggested: One for kindergarten and one for outdoor
- Buddy benches are for students who are looking for a friend, just want to take a time out and read, new to the community.
- To improve Mental health and wellness.
- There are teachings around the buddy bench (intentional teaching around the usage of buddy benches) Older children who are more mature and build relationships can go there and other children who want to be friends can come over to the bench.
- BC school- Took the children who are comfortable and used them to welcome the other students.
- Peer mentorship: Build back the peer mentorship program. Champions of the message of inclusivity.
- Question: How do you help children not feel singled out if they are going and sitting on the bench and signal that they need a friend without making them a target.
- Student government can lead the project as well.

Crossing Guard

- Resignation of crossing guard
- Request for members present to inform the school if they know of anyone who is interested in the position.
- By law will support after the election with traffic

June Minutes

• Will look over before approval at the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm Next Meeting November 7, 2022