

## **Legacy P.S. School Council**

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

**Nov 2nd, 2015**

*Present*

Laura Ryckman, Jeff Demacio, Lori Nickerson, Michelle Probert, Dayo Babalola, Mike Michalos, Adela Pinnock, Nimisha Patel, Irene Dimov, Teddy Kardaras, Sandy Acquaviva, Saumea Thayalan, Nandita Bhatia, Sanjay Bhatia, Simone Reali, Tricia Mohammed, Anusha Uthayakumaran

*Minutes: Adela Pinnock*

**Welcome-** Irene and Nandita- Irene welcomed everyone to the first meeting with the new council and introduced herself and Nandita.

**LPS Principal Leadership Profile-** Irene and Nandita will print a new copy based on everyone's feedback and will circulate a copy to everyone as well as to Laura and Jeff so that it can be submitted to the board as soon as possible. We had a brief discussion on what we would like to see in this document.

**LPS Bylaws and Constitution-**Jeff mentioned the process was started last year on updating our bylaws and constitution document. We need to look at the current document and work on refining it, make it clear and align it with the Ontario board policies. All changes that have ever happened can be tracked so it is easy to go back and see all the changes. This council should set up a sub committee to finalize the document. There are suggestions in the constitution from the board that we may want to look at. Teddy, Lori, Mike and Sanjay would be interested in taking this on.

**Holiday Initiative-**Irene talked about last year's initiative which was very successful. We need to come up with something quite quickly as Christmas is 8 weeks away. There was lots of student engagement so we would like to try and keep the same concept. We came up with the idea of having each house colour be assigned a food category and each student can bring in an item from that category. We voted unanimously to go ahead with this idea. Nimisha, Simone, Anusha, Saumea, Nandita, Irene. Irene will initiate the first meeting for next week.

**Job Action Update-** as of tomorrow, everyone who was on strike will be back to work as usual.

Laura wanted to know if we still would like an open house to meet the teachers and we all agreed that it would be a good idea.

**Treasurer report-** we have just over \$11,000 and we need to spend the money. We are not supposed to carry forward a balance. We will definitely be spending money on technology again and perhaps now that the job action is over, teachers will be requesting things they may need.

**Fun Fair-** the Fun Fair has never been meant as a fundraiser but it is a community engagement opportunity. It is a lot of work and we lack enough volunteers so we may want to try something else this year. Perhaps try a movie night or a barbeque or both.

We will be looking at whether we can get signs for “slow down children at play” in light of the recent tragedy at David Suzuki school. Nimisha mentioned that our councillor is supposed to be coming to the school during the morning rush so they can see how dangerous it is in the mornings. A letter will also be sent to the kindergarten parents to encourage them to use the kiss n ride as a lot of the congestion occurs in the kindergarten drop off/pick up area.

**Next meeting-** we should have a meeting in early December to discuss the holiday initiative. The next official school council meeting will still be on January 4<sup>th</sup>.