

Legacy P.S. School Council

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

May 5, 2014

Present: Laura Ryckman, Jeff Demacio, Lori Nickerson, Saqib Qureshi, Michelle Probert, Dayo Babalola, Joginder Kaur, Teddy Kardaras, Mike Michalos, Sylvia Vocino, Nandita Bhatia, Tricia Ali-Mohammed, Ian Faulds, Adela Pinnock

Regrets: Anne Mullen, Traci Graham

Special Guest: Ian Faulds presented

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2014

1. Welcome & Approval of previous meeting minutes- Lori chaired

Motion made to approve minutes from May 5, 2014 School Council Meeting: **APPROVED**

Minutes Taker: Teddy Kardaras

2. Treasurer's update

We currently have a balance of \$9,975 in treasury balance. Read-a-thon was a success (10K) and it basically balanced back to even as of April.

3. Eco Greening presentation – Ian Faulds

Legacy has gold level eco school status but we need to keep focus and apply each year for the required points (100) evaluation that allows you to maintain that status. Eco camp - provides for leadership training and the students who have attended have benefitted greatly in the past. Legacy Habitat Project- creation of alternative space for school and community and we have available real estate that we can take advantage of; planning has been in the works for some time, we need to put a 3-5 year plan in place leveraging resources such as landscapers and volunteers. Overall the board was in agreement to go forward and begin focusing on this effort.

4. Principal and VP Update

- *Staffing:* Laura indicated Teachers would be realigned across the grades given there are 2 retirements and two new teachers onboarding;
- *Placements:* School is accepting letters from parents (parents are not permitted to request for Teachers) and friendship lists are being circulated now; School will be announcing school placements for next year before this school year ends; give kids an opportunity to get comfortable over the summer;
- *Grade 8 Ottawa Trip request:* trip is coming up and Laura requested Council to cover the cost of one trip for a kid. Council agreed (see voting section).
- *Grad Update:* taking place at Markham Dist High school for more space. Gr 7 will do catering for it and serving (they will dress up ☺) and this was be a part of the graduation; still require some parent support to cover food.

5. Fundraising thru a Charity

- Saqib updated council on another technique used by institutions: leverage fund raising site to sponsor a project; this allows for broad communication to a wider

audience for participation; spreads canvas beyond the regular population; easier from a marketing perspective as well

- **What would be the project:** council members discussed the green project potentially? Not decided in the discussion. We need to find a “cause” that would meet the goals of providing mental health, well-being and student achievement

6. Read-A-Thon/Fun Fair/BBQ

- Ballots were drawn with teachers and were presented during morning announcements and via Videos from the teachers. (Great work Teachers!)
- Fund fair is not going to occur this year; we will plan for Welcome BBQ instead and include Teacher involvement so that parents can meet Teachers as well. Target first Thursday back from summer vacation.

7. Conversation Café/Fostering Confidence Event

- Naturpath was successful with 26 parents participating
- 2nd event for May 27 - Fostering Confidence session with Dr Kiru
- Part of the \$1000 previously funded by the council; great results coming out from this effort

8. NEW TOPIC: Competitive Jerseys

- Low on supplies - need 25 white/25 blue - at a cost of around \$1100. See vote below
- We have GREAT team spirit!

VOTING Summary:

A) Topic: Request for \$1100 for Competitive Jerseys

B) Topic : Request for council to pay for 1 child's y/e school trip (~\$500)

✓ YES Voting Members for both **Topic A and B:**

- ✓ Saqib Qureshi
- ✓ Tricia Ali-Mohammed
- ✓ Nandita Bhatia
- ✓ Mike Michalos
- ✓ Joginder Kaur
- ✓ Dayo Babalola
- ✓ Lori Nickerson
- ✓ Adela Pinnock
- ✓ Michelle Probert
- ✓ Teddy Kardaras

C) EMAIL VOTE: Done on April 24th, 2014:

The motion has been approved to use our Pro Grant money of \$1000 to hire therapist Shyamala Kiru to present at our school on May 27th, two presentations, one during the day and one in the evening.

YES: Teddy, Nandita, Lori, Adela, Saqib, Mike, Dayo and Tricia.

NO: no one...

Next meeting: June 16th, 2014 @ Legacy P.S. Library