

Legacy P.S. School Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, November 7th, 2016

Attendees

Irene Dimov, Adela Pinnock, Michelle Probert, Lori Nickerson, Zahra Tharani, Saumea Thayalan, Simone Reali, Jeff Demacio, Laura Ryckman, Melody McVey, Sonia Babra, Sandy Acquaviva, Tricia Mohammed, Dayo Babalola, Sanjay Bhatia, Sukhjit Randhawa, Francine Mathai, Shazar Shallwani, Melina Lavasidis, Sophia Pollastrone, Gabriella Costanzo, Yvonne Lavasidis, Sylvia Vocino, Kirstie Andrews, Nandita Bhatia, Shama Ansar

Absent Members

Nimisha Patel, Peyvand Melatirad, Altaf Patel, W. Pratheep,

Agenda

School Council Voting Members-Nandita

Regarding last meeting's motions, asked for a show of hands as to who voted by google form.

Lori, Michelle, Nandita, Adela, Tricia, Francine, Sonia, Irene, Sukhjit, - voting members who voted in favour of last meeting's motions. Sandy voted at meeting.

School Council Voting Members-Motion to vote off members Peyvand Melatirad and W. Pratheep who have not been in attendance and who have not been in touch since being voted as members for the school year 2016-17.

New Voting Members voted in: We welcomed new members Saumea Thayalan and Zahra Premji

Sandy, Lori, Michelle, Nandita, Adela, Tricia, Francine, Sonia, Irene, Sukhjit all voted in favour.

NOTE:Review Bylaw re: election of council members during school year.

Treasurer's update- Michelle

We have earmarked \$4000 for technology, \$5,000 was set aside for outdoor space, we have \$2300 remaining in the account.

Legacy Math Strategy- Ms. Andrews (Math Lead)-we divided into groups and did a math problem as an example of the Math as it is being taught in the school. The focus is to ask students to be highly creative and find different ways to come up with answers.

Principal's Update- Laura

Legacy Math Strategy- Math is a huge focus for the ministry and we are getting lots of support from the board. Long term data shows this is an area we need to focus on. Staff is still trying to learn the content to be able to teach properly. The school has two school Math Representatives- Mr. Strutt and Mrs. Papaikonoumou. Two Instructional Coaches- Ms. Gardner and Ms. Andrews. Teachers are trying to make changes to make an impact on the students. Looking at adding more manipulatives in the classroom to allow students to learn better.

*School Council Forum-*the school board puts on 2 school council forums per year. One is Nov. 21 from (5:30pm to 8:00pm) the evening will involve dinner, sharing of information, session on EQAO, meet and greet with trustees. Jeff will be attending with 3 people. They ask the chairs to attend but if they cannot, another 3 can attend.

Student Council reps.- Sophia, Melina introduced themselves. They are school co-prime ministers and they will be attending all future meetings.

Recess at Legacy- Morning recess- 10:40-10:55 snack in classroom, 10:55-11:10 play recess. Play opportunities, every day: outdoor play plus library. Sometimes: intramural sports, clubs, leadership meetings. Lunch recess- lunch in classroom- 12:50-1:10, 1:10-1:50 play recess. Laura and Jeff described how supervision is done at recess on visual slides. Jeff explained at a given time there are 4 lunch recess monitors on duty, 4 EAs with the community class and the 2 teachers come out around 1:25pm to help with supervision. The lunch recess monitors have 2 Walkie talkies to be able to communicate with the teachers and office whilst on duty.

RAP- Recess Activity Program- supported by York region public health. Activities and materials for structured play, 6 students have been chosen to lead facilitating play once they receive training. Training in November, implementation in December. This is part of the Unity Community initiative. Update from committee once in place (likely January).

Reviewing school safety procedures- Tricia

School Boundaries: Tricia brought up concerns about the size of the boundaries around the school and the number of supervisors available to manage that large number of students. Better training for the lunch monitors is perhaps necessary to have them to be able to resolve conflicts and interact better with the students. The following points were discussed:

1. Tricia suggested that perhaps more walkie talkies should be purchased so that more people supervising outside can have one. The LSC Members suggested helping with the funding of the additional walkie talkies required (NOTE: Vote needed).
2. It was also suggested by members that grade 7 and 8 students act as ambassadors in the school and to help with supervision.
3. A suggestion of a "Recess Safety Committee" be struck to look at the school's policies and procedures in relation to safety in the school.
4. Laura will take these concerns to the staff to gain their input at the next staff meeting and report back at the January Council meeting.

Policy for outdoor recess in the cold weather: Tricia also brought up the policy for students playing outside in the cold weather. Board policy is to go outside if it above -20 degrees Celsius. If it is a sunny day, the students need to go out even if for a short time. If it is a rainy day or windy day maybe not. Ultimately, it is necessary for students to get out and get fresh air.

PRO Grant 2016-2017- STEM- Irene

Irene talked about the Pro Grant and what we applied for which was STEM event. Logics Academy was chosen to run this event. We need to nail down a date for the event and communicate to Ramy at Logics Academy. Ideally we would have two nights one geared towards the primary grades and one towards the older grades. There is also a Rocketry component to this event. This component can be done outdoors as well as indoors in the gym. We will work towards a Wednesday in February and one in April, avoiding Diamond days and after checking Ramy's availability. The cost is a bit over the \$1000 PRO Grant allotted by the YRDSB and may need to be funded by the community.

Outdoor classroom project- Francine

Francine brought us up to date on where we stand with this project. Outdoor classroom would cost approx. \$25,000. We need to have funds raised before any of this will be

approved by the board. The board put together some ideas for us and it was all based on prefab materials that will last a long time. We must decide what we want it to look like in the end and tackle it a little at a time.

Holiday Charity event update-Nimisha

Nimisha was out of town and could not make it to the meeting. Nandita conveyed on behalf of Nimisha that a decision needs to be made on whether to do the "Tree of Wishes" event or a "Markham Food Bank" food drive. Attendees were in favour of doing a combination of the two events. We will get a further update from Nimisha at a later date.

NEXT MEETING- Monday January 16th, 2016 -7-8:30 pm