

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Alexander Public School

Date | time 11/6/2018 7:00 PM – 8:30pm |

In Attendance

Brenda Burton, Craig Barton, Yi Feng, Baljit Sahdra, Dia Tsakopoulos, Sandeep Batra, Amy Hsu, Andrew Lee, Dharmesh Mistry, Sheila Shah, Ritu Kalathil, Jean Wong, Janfer Lau, Nagwa Karras, Eugene Tse, Rev. Freddy Lam

Administrator's Report

- EDSBY - YRDSB uses for attendance / booking student lead / parent-teacher night appointment.
 - Email has been set to get parents signing up for account. Deadline: Nov. 15, 2017. Appointment booking opens at 4 p.m. on November 16, 2017.
 - Multiple kid should be in same account - contact Craig for any issue.
- Student lead/Parent-teach night will be held on the evening of November 23 / morning of November 24
- Progress reports will go out on November 21.
- Math Focus: Documentation - teachers are gathering information to understand the area of challenges in every grade.
- Mental health - school is now focus on preventative technique before any poor choice is made/ misbehaving (stress behave) happens. Teaching how to cope with stress and pressure.
- Equity - equity committee - announcements of different holidays/ celebrations.
- Eco initiatives - student group works with consultant and work around the natural surroundings of the school.
- Poetry writing experience (facilitator guided 45 min poet writing session) - Grade 5 - 8
- YRDSB promotes equity/peace. Student grad 7+ sent to rally and hear speakers.
- Holiday concert: Dec. 5 and 6 (Details to follow)
- EQAO result discussion to come in future meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approved via email by Yi, second motion by Dharmesh.

Pizza Lunch

- *Sub-Committee: Sandeep / Yi*
- Pizza lunch has started for 2 weeks and it went smoothly ~ 500 slices.
- We have a great team of volunteers and welcomed many new volunteers.
- Issue feedback: pizza sticks to the top (maybe put parchment paper on top?) - Sandeep will check with the supplier
- Signup for next term - start communication early December for signup.

Alternative Lunches

- *Sub-committee: Shelia*
- We need a 2nd lunch to raise fund to support this school year.
- Nonna's Oven Pasta - egg/nut/peanut free. Three options: Butter / Tomato/Meat (Beef) / Alfredo cost = \$3.50 / \$4.50 (for Alferdo) 12oz portion . For 16 oz +1.00

- Council has decided to do butter / tomato and 12/16oz options due to limitation on School Cash system and administrative effort.
- Price to charge: 12oz: \$5.50 and 16 oz \$6.50
- Volunteers will need to help to sort by class as vendor will be sorting by menu items.
- Offering on Tuesdays.
- Starting at the same time as Pizza lunch for January - March break.
- **Brenda will have the paper signed and email school council when paperwork is completed.**

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant

- *Sub-committee: Yi*
- Thanks to Dharmesh for the designing the survey
- we received 101 responses and we can see the first 100 results.
 - Responses rate from every grades is pretty balanced across the board with a strong participation from JK/SK parents, which is a good sign for new parents involvement.
 - 60% of response said they have attended school council event. We can work on attracting more participation for future events.
 - Parent concerns raised in the feedback will be forwarded to Brenda/Craig.
- Top four interested topics: Homework survival, Cyber bullying awareness, Relationship building and Family math night.
- Home work Survival
 - The new homework policy limits amount of homework a student can have.
 - We will put Review of New Homework Policy presentation as an agenda item for the next council meeting so parents can participate and raise any concern they have to be discussed in the meeting.
- Yi /Dia will reach out to the speakers for relationship building / cyber bullying/ math night.
- Some schools have teachers host math night. This is an option to be explored. Math night material need to be in line with YRDSB.
- Survey result to be populated in the newsletter school council section.

Movie Night

- *Sub-committee: Ritu, Dia and Baljit*
- Common sense media website provides info on movie elements for selecting age appropriate moves.
- Dia will send out list of options. *Update:* council has decided on the movie options via email as the following:
 - Jungle Book on December 15, 2017 (aiming younger students)
 - Spiderman : Home coming on January 26, 2018
- Snacks will be provided from staff room and will purchase bottle water if needed.
- As our movie license expires at the end of January, we do not need to renew for the two movies nights this school year. For future reference: \$380 for license renewal. For any pre-released movie, we will need to pay additional \$100 fee.

Winter Holiday Events

- *Sub-Committee: Dharmesh, Vijie*
- Hot Chocolate Send Off
 - to be held on Dec. 22 (Usually held on the Friday before the kids are off).
 - Equipments are in storage room.

- sub-committee to discuss details and check out equipments before the event.
 - Lesson learned from previous years: milk need to be picked up earlier in the day (7am from Longo) so heating up will not take too long.
- Family Skating
 - Plan to be held in February - Details to be discussed in January.

Year Book discussion

- Some parents raised concern year book was only available for upper grades. Parents would like to have it for all grades.
- Root cause: Year book is volunteer based - last year there was no staff member to run it. We will need volunteer for year book year after year in order to make it available.
- This year we have a staff that has volunteered to run the program - it will be available for all grades including kindergarten.

School Council Communication

- We will publish the survey result in this week's newsletter.

Others/Question

- Volunteers bank to be built. Dia will help to maintain volunteer database, so please send any volunteer to Dia.
- Put out volunteer call for Pasta lunch in next week's newsletter school council section.
- **Principal profile:** School council has a right to decide on the principal profile. Brenda will share the current document to school council to read over and get feedback via email.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting on January 15, 2017 at 7pm-8pm. Lincoln Alexander P.S. Library.