

7:00 pm School Council Meeting - Mon. Nov. 22nd, 2021

1. Welcome from Yana - Council Chair

2. Introductions

- a. Arin, Angie, Rose (school team) and self (Yana)
- b. Participants introduced selves - names and grades of students

3. Principal Update

- progress reports with interviews, next reports in February
- Class Reviews
- small staffing changes - Mme. Bennacer -grade 4 has left the board, Mme. Macdonell - grade 3 has returned from leave, Mme Niketeghad covered in grade 3 and now grade 4
- sports started in the intermediate grades for students with vaccines
- Virtual presentation for Grade 7s today
- Book Fair wrapping up this week
- Grade 8s transitions to high school and options they have for programs next year
- school photos - Dec 2nd, grad photos - Feb 8th

4. Treasurer Report - \$3064.17 in hand currently

5. School Council Information

- agenda will be prepared ahead of time
- let us (Yana, Arin, Angie, or Rose) know before any items if you would like to discuss
- minutes will be sent out afterwards for details and for corrections as needed
- YRDSB website has more information about school councils if interested

6. Fundraising - last year money was spent on technology, gym, and library

- currently we are doing water bottle sales

Brainstorming: What do we want to do this year?

- a. School lunches - are not allowed at this time - Covid protocols. Arin and Angie will look into this a bit more.
- b. Big Box of Cards - Camp Cards (Shoshana)
- c. Flipgive fundraiser <https://www.flipgive.com/home> (Diana)
 - i. Shoshana made motion, Danny seconded,
 - ii. voted 'for' Diana, Renata, Raina, Toni, Debora, Yana
 - iii. Need to send an email to voting members to reach quorum (reach out to Jen Jackson and Fabiana to find the list) to finalize this decision. Email to be sent for voting by Thursday. Diana - will put something together for the email about FlipGive for information
- d. Script - gift card purchasing site (Renata)
- e. Cookies or Chocolates
- f. Spring Flowers (Jill)

7. **PRO Grant** - parent engagement, anti-racism, cyber safety, etc.
- a. What events might we be interested in?
 - i. cyber bullying
 - ii. mental health (<https://www.boomeranghealth.com/janice-mulligan/>)
 - iii. socialization and play
 - iv. emotional development (<https://www.3eemotionaldevelopment.com/>)
 - v. canvas programs - consent, LGBTQ education (Canvasprograms.com)
 - b. Send information about different programs - let council members look at it, then voting via Google Forms, specifics to be included in email to voting members
 - c. Arin and Angie will discuss and provide some feedback about programs

8. Special Events

Brainstorming:

- a. Carnival - possibly need to reach out to staff and see interest (Genova/Kotliarova), what can parents do to support? Grade 7s and 8s did a lot to support, school council donate money
 - b. Skating programs - possibly not happening in York Region right now
 - c. Online shows - magic show, bingo, games night
 - d. Events with staff
9. **Next meeting** - Mon. Jan. 17th, 2022 @7pm
- a. Suggested future dates: Feb 28th, no March meeting, April 25th, May 16th, June 20th
 - b. possibly moved to Wednesdays - discuss and then send out new dates if changes are to be made

New Business:

1. Vaccine discussion regarding Grade 7 shots that used to be given at school - HPV, meningitis, etc. - follow up will be done with public health.
2. Yearbook - currently is done for grade 8 only at this school
 - there is interest in a whole school yearbook
 - Renata would be willing to support
 - Arin and Angie will look into this.
3. Meeting Dates and Times - will they be consistent? - Mondays seem to be the day currently. Request is for a schedule ahead of time for families to plan.
 - previously 3rd Wednesday of the month - Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, April, May and June (no Dec or Mar).
4. School Council email address - one exists. Best connection is to email Yana (council chair) peregudina.yana@gmail.com
5. Voting Member Contact: Suggestion was made to email voting members a week prior to meeting to make sure enough people will be there to make decisions. Danny is willing to help to set this up with Yana.