

MILLIKEN MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2016

7:00 pm

Attendance: Nandy Palmer (Principal), Rashma Beharry (Teacher Rep), Adil Nashed, Kim Loftus, Mary Massoud, Budi Yusino, Tania Fung

Regrets: Anders Rawlins

Meeting Norms

Adil reviewed the norms for the meeting:

- begin and end on time
- attentive listening
- mutual respect of perspectives
- items not on agenda to be discussed at the end if time allows
- raise hand to speak

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the last Council Meeting on November 26, 2015 and adopted by Mary Massoud and Yusino Budi.

Treasurer's Report/Election of Treasurer

Council Treasurer Jim Yang had informed the Council by email (Dec 14) that he was moving out of the area and resigning his position. Mary Massoud volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer and was unanimously voted in.

The Principal did not have the bank statement but there were no purchases or deposits so the current balance is the same as last meeting at **\$3,469.14**.

Donation/Fundraisers:

Mary updated the Council that she had asked some parents about helping with the subway lunch program but they were not available.

David Lam, local realtor donated \$1,500 to the Raffle for the third year in a row.

The Principal encouraged Council members to follow up with local businesses where requests were dropped off in order to obtain donations/gift/prizes. She had reached out to Bass Prop shop and will see where that is at as well.

Action: Kim to check in with Diana, Tania will touch base with Enterprise businesses at Birchmount and Hwy 7.

Action: The Principal will prepare a thank you letter.

Kim provided info received from Big Box Fundraising on dates and the costs (Box of 33 cards for \$33 - profit of \$11)

Mary provided info on similar quality cards from Costco (Box of 28 cards for \$16.99 +HST).

Council members agreed that the deal was better with Costco and will proceed in that direction.

Action: Tania volunteered to do up sales signage

Action: Yusino volunteered to go to Costco to pick up 50 boxes to sell at the Family Math Night event.

Teacher's Report

Ms. Beharry provided an overview of recent school activities:

- Wee Care Café's
- OPUS was a huge success in December
- Health & Safety events
- Students in grades 1, 2 and 3 are attending Velveteen Rabbit
- Grades 7/8 VIP Program and vaccines for meningitis
- Gr 3 FI Alice In Wonderland

Principal's Report/Family Math Night

Ms. Palmer reiterated that there has been good support by teachers to lead Dance Clubs, Martial Arts, Boys/Girls Basketball, Student Leadership activities.

A teacher's staff meeting took place after school.

There is a PA day this Friday and planning for next year is underway.

Eight teachers are participating in a Family Math Night event on Thurs Feb 25 from 6-8 pm.

It was noted that this would be an opportunity for Council to fundraise and sell food.

ACTION: Mary, Adil and Tania will organize pizza and bottled water provisions. See note above re Sale of All Occasion Cards.

ACTION: Ms. Beharry will be sending a letter to families and request rsvp's so they can plan for food order, as well as daycare needs.

School Council T-shirts

Adil reported that most but not all council members have agreed to pay for t-shirts. The Principal advised that there are orange color vests that are worn by School Supervisors and would be available at no cost. Adil said that he would follow up with members via email.

Other Items

Textbooks - The Principal noted that Math English textbooks are needed and are on order with budget.

Gr 8 Graduation/Trip – The Principal noted that generally only topics pertaining to the entire school are discussed at these meetings. Parents are encouraged to reach out to the teachers for specifics around their classes. There will be a graduation committee consisting of teachers and parents and the Grade 8 teachers are also planning a grad trip.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates in Library at 7 pm:

Monday, February 1, 2016 – it was noted that this is a PA Day and is re-scheduled to

Monday, February 8

Monday, April 4, 2016

Monday, May 16, 2016

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