

**MILLIKEN MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 7, 2016**

**7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Nandy Palmer (Principal), Padmini Padiachy (Vice Principal), Mary Massoud (Co-Chair), Angela Scrofano (Co-Chair), Fiona Veening (Co-Treasurer), Kashif Khan (Co-Treasurer), Kim Loftus (Secretary)

**Absent:** Sophie Momeni (Teacher Rep)

**Meeting Norms**

Mary 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 of Oct 5, 2016 and adopted by Fiona Veening and seconded by Angela Scrofano.

**Treasurer's Report**

Fiona received the bank statement and reported that the total in the bank is **\$6,018.78**. This includes the cost-sharing for computers of \$4107.72. Further expense clarifications for classroom games will be accrued and provided at next meeting.

**School Dress Code/School Code of Conduct**

The Principal provided the Dress Code and Code of Conduct and read through with the Council. There were no questions or concerns – just a typo on the Code of Conduct where 'Students are to speak politely...' is duplicated and should be removed. Re Indoor recess expectations, the line re 'students are not allowed to use devices...' can be amended to include 'unless instructed by teachers'.

**Teacher's Report**

Mme Momeni was absent so Mme Padiachy reviewed the many activities going on at the school.

A Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, Nov 11 at 10:30

School has a Twitter account, @MillikenMillsPS

Progress reports are due next Friday (Nov 18)

Grade 8 students are visiting high schools

Walter filling stations are working on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Principal's Report**

Mme Padiachy advised that parents are invited to attend a School Council Forum on Monday, November 21 from 5:30-8:00 pm at Milliken Mills High School and to advise the Principal (Ms. Palmer) if available to go.

Mme Padiachy also handed out information about BIPSA which stands for Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement. Officially launched in August, it has been prepared with input from a variety of experts and leaders to develop and implement strategy foundations that foster the mindset for Leadership, Equity and Innovation. These are embedded in the strategies for Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health & Well Being. There was further discussion about the strategies and where more information can be found online.

Mme Padiachy advised that the school will be hosting an event to celebrate International Day for Human Rights on Thursday, December 8 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Classes from Primary, Junior and Intermediate levels will participate.

The Council asked about selling food (pizza) or conducting fundraising activities such as 50/50 or gift basket draws but only Fiona is available – more discussion will be needed.

**ACTION:** further discussion to take place offline with school and council members.

**Invest In Students Donation Fundraiser and Updates:**

Co-chairs Mary and Angela advised that to date \$410 has been raised from the donation letter sent home. They also obtained lists of games from teachers and were able to purchase most of the games and to distribute them to the classrooms where they received great responses and applause.

Donors are needed to provide prizes for the Spring Draw – so far they have received \$25 Costco Gift Card, Mompreneur Labels, Starbucks card and Pizza Pizza card from Markham and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue location.

**ACTION:** further discussion to take place offline to organize the Spring Draw. There is no meeting in December so January 10 we will need to confirm details. Tickets to go out after March Break the week of Mar 20-24.

**Draw Date:** Thursday, June 1 (Friday is PA day)

*Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.*

**Upcoming Meeting Dates in Library at 7 pm:**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Monday, February 6, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017

Monday, June 5, 2017