

MILLIKEN MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

289 Risebrough Circuit, Unionville, Ontario

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School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 5, 2016

7:00 pm

Attendance: Nandy Palmer (Principal), Padmini Padiachy (Vice Principal), Sophie Momeni (Teacher Rep), Anders Rawlins, Mary Massoud, Kim Loftus, Fiona Veening, Angela Scrofano, Sabrina Wang, Kashif Khan

Meeting Norms

Anders 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

Introductions were made around the table and the minutes were reviewed from the last Council Meeting of May 16, 2016 and adopted by Mary Massoud and seconded by Anders Rawlins.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Massoud reviewed the bank statement and reported that the total in the bank is **\$10,126.50** consisting of:

Credits: 3,501.58 Opening Balance 2015/2016
\$4807.22 Raffle
\$ 590.00 Invest in Students (parent donations received)
\$ 240.54 All occasion card Sales
\$ 164.46 Math Night
\$ 493.70 French Night
\$9797.50 Opening Balance 2016\2017
\$ 329.50 Curriculum Night
\$10,126.50 Total in Bank

Elections

Mme Palmer reviewed nomination forms with those in attendance. A member of Council suggested that anyone running for Chair should have attended Council meetings the year prior to ensure familiarity with school activities and processes as well as review of the YRDSB School Council Handbook. The following council attendees were elected onto Council:

Co-Chairs: Mary Massoud and Angela Scarfano

Co-Treasurers: Fiona Veening and Kashif Khan

Secretary: Kim Loftus

Quest Conference

Mme Palmer outlined the dates for this years Conference which will be themed as Deep Learning in a Digital World. The event is scheduled for Nov 16-18 and parents along with members of the educational community are invited to explore current educational issues and learn together to improve student achievement and well-being. There is a cost of \$600 to attend and as the council had not yet reviewed fundraising goals, it was suggested that it be deferred until it could be determined if there would be funds to provide for this. It also appeared that none of the parents attending the Council meeting would be available to attend the event.

Teachers' Report

Mme Momeni introduced herself and provided an overview of the many activities for students that are underway as well as those coming up which include:

- Band with Mme Hwang
- Study Hall and Karate Classes with Mr. Hanson
- Dance Club with Mr. Miu
- Terry Fox and Cross Country outdoor activities
- Field Trip to Loblaws
- Basketball and Volleyball with Mr. Kellman
- Grade 7 vaccines Oct 19
- French Book Fair with Ms Boyd and Author Visit from Richard Springer Oct 25
- Class Photo's Oct 24
- Grad 3 FI travelling to Markham Theatre
- Dental Screenings Oct 26

Principal's Report

Mme Palmer introduced the new VP Padmini Padiachy, who explained she will spend half time at MMPS and the other half at another public school.

Mme Palmer reiterated the purpose of Council which is:

1. *School Councils serve as advisory bodies*
2. *To make recommendations to the Principal/and/or the Board on any matter with the exception of confidential and personnel matters*

She provided a handout to everyone present that further outlined the Roles and Responsibilities of School Councils.

Mme explained that the Boards focus remains the same this year on Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health. She provided a draft School Fundraising Plan and council members discussed items needed that pertain to these focus areas which should include:

1. Cost sharing for LCD and additional technology (\$7,500);
2. Musical instruments (approx \$500)
3. Indoor games for homerooms (approx \$100/class)
4. School Jerseys for sporting events

Further ideas and suggestions (such as the raffle just after March Break to end of June) will be discussed via email, as well as suppliers to establish costs to meet these goals.

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Council discussed the Invest in Students letter that Mme Palmer provided last year where parents could opt to make a donation and send in a cheque (min \$25/30) which met with a good response. It was requested that Mme Palmer update and distribute to classrooms for students to take home this year. School Council members would have to coordinate and distribute these letters to classrooms.

There was conversation about whether there will be upcoming school concerts and events (EQAO Nights, etc) as they provide opportunities to fundraise. Both Mme Momeni and Mme Palmer will canvass teachers to get their input.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates in Library at 7 pm:

Monday, November 7, 2016

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Monday, February 6, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017

Monday, June 5, 2017