

# MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School**  
**School Council Minutes**  
**January 8, 2014**  
**Nellie McClung Public School Library**  
**6:30 PM**

## Attendance

<b>Council Voting Members</b>	<b>Present (Y/N)?</b>	<b>Council Voting Members</b>	<b>Present (Y/N)?</b>
Mike Kemper <b>(co-Chair)</b>	Y	Rob Ephraim <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Maria Shtemberg <b>(co-Chair)</b>	Y	Zvi Vaxman <b>(Member)</b>	N
Keith Isaac <b>(Treasurer)</b>	Y	Darren Greenspoon <b>(Member)</b>	N
Roman Kanter <b>(Secretary)</b>	Y	Melissa Glogauer <b>(Member)</b>	Y
John Kennedy <b>(Member)</b>	Y	Gayla Ber <b>(Member)</b>	N
Mark Jacobson <b>(Member)</b>	N	Larissa Rajmoolie <b>(Member)</b>	N
Neil Grunberg <b>(Member)</b>	Y	Fun-on-the-Run <b>(Member)</b>	N
Avery Zeidman <b>(Member)</b>	Y		

<b>Council Non-Voting Members:</b>			
Wendy Thompson <b>(NMPS)</b>	Y	Cheryl Urback <b>(NMPS)</b>	Y
Traci Shatz <b>(NMPS)</b>	Y	Candice Schlosser <b>(NMPS)</b>	Y

<b>Non-Voting Attendees:</b>	
Adam Levy	

## **Opening**

- Meeting commenced at 6:40

## **Preliminary Matters**

- Approval of Minutes – November 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - Motion by Roman Kanter, second by John Kennedy, all in favour

## **Principal's & Vice Principal's Report**

- Front Door Security
  - Beginning February 3rd
  - Door to be locked 15 minutes post-commencement of classes
  - The policy is new to the school board, so there may be some issues to iron out
  - Wendy Thompson is encouraging council members to inform others about the new policy and to show patience as issues are being worked out
- Registration Starting January 17
  - There is space for everyone, so Wendy is asking that only those registering for kindergarten come on January 17
  - Registration will also begin for grade 1 French Immersion – any NMPS senior kindergarten registered, is to register at NMPS – there are no limits as to how many children will be let into French Immersion
  - Any others go to Ventura to register, even Forest Run overflow
  - Grade 7 students at NMPS have the choice of staying at NMPS for 2014 or going to Anne Frank PS – decision needs to be made before March break – a note will be sent to parents instructing by when and how they are to inform the school of the decision
- Literacy Night
  - Survey sent to parents to help plan with literacy night
  - Responses expected by Friday January 10, and a date will be set once responses are sent.
- Equity: LGBTQ and FNMI
  - Training around LGBTQ and FNMI going on at the Board
  - Education going to be done for teachers and extended to students as well
  - Roll out will be considerate of families' sensibilities towards the subject so that information is rolled out in an appropriate manner
  - Board working group is called Positive Spaces

## **Treasurer's Report**

- November 1 balance
- Fundraising
  - \$126 from QSP
  - Pizza: \$8,000 net
- Expenditures:
  - \$6,250 cost sharing
  - \$3,098.22

- Balance at January \$27,576

### **Funds Request**

- Girls on the Run – grades 3-5, for 20 girls
  - See attachment for details
  - Promotes self esteem
  - \$139/student
  - Asking for as much as council is willing to fund, the balance will come from the students
  - Looking for teachers to run it in grades 6-8
  - Motion by Keith Isaac to approve funds up to 3 teams, with parents reimbursing \$40 per child; should a greater number of girls enroll, a vote will be held by Council by email; seconded by John Kennedy, all in favour
- Intermediate division – 13 wireless Bluetooth keyboards
  - See attachment for details
  - Help with working with tablets
  - Cost is \$499.46
  - Motion to approve by Mike Kemper, all in favour

### **Teacher's Report**

- January 30 Lana Button, author will come to the school to speak to grades 1 and 2 from 6:30 to 7:30
- Triple P coming on January 22 over lunch to discuss positive parenting (see attachment)

### **Reports from Committees**

- Fundraising
  - Need to vote on a new date for movie night
    - Motion by Maria Shtemberg to hold movie night on Thursday February 13, seconded by Neil Grunberg, all in favour.
  - Pizza sales
    - Pizza orders down for winter term
    - Total profit for winter term is 8700
    - Passover falls during the middle of spring term; question of whether to run pizza days during those days
    - Motion by Melissa Glogauer to omit pizza day on Passover, all in favour
    - School will consider selling pizza to students who choose to have it
- Positive Climates for Learning Committee
  - No updates
- Communications Committee
  - No updates

### **Other**

- New website ready, Traci Shatz has requested that final minutes be sent to her for posting once they have been approved at the following council minutes
- Maria Shtemberg showed a video from the food bank day
- Neil Grunberg discussed a buddy bench
  - Kids who cannot find someone to play with during recess – a bench where kids can go and sit and hopefully meet other kids that maybe cannot find their friends or be invited by other kids to play with them
  - Concern that kids on the bench may be targets for bullies – not a concern if you have older kids as ambassadors
  - Wendy Thompson noted that the bench needs to be secured
  - Neil Grunberg will forward to Traci Shatz how much it is costing Silver Pines PS to install such a bench
  - Neil Grunberg will also forward all the research around the Buddy Bench

**Action Items (Before Next Meeting)**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Buddy Bench information from Silver Pines PS to be forwarded to Traci Shatz	Neil Grunberg

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15

**Council Meeting Dates**

Next meeting: Wednesday February 26, 2014