

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
December 11th, 2012
Nellie McClung Public School Library
6:30 PM**

Attendance

Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?	Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?
Mark Jacobson (Chair)	Y	Maria Shtemberg (Member)	N
Keith Isaac (Treasurer)	Y	Jody Bresgi (Member)	Y
Roman Kanter (Secretary)	N	Miriam Goldenberg (Member)	N
John Kennedy (Member)	Y	Mike Behar (Member)	Y
Adam Levy (Member)	N	Marina Avisar (Member)	N
Darren Greenspoon (Member)	Y	Gayla Ber (Member)	Y
Mike Kemper (Member)	Y		

Council Non-Voting Members:			
Wendy Thompson (NMPS)	Y	Cheryl Urback (NMPS)	N
Traci Shatz (NMPS)	Y	Bob Berman (NMPS)	N

Non-Voting Attendees:	
Emmanuel Schwartz	
Aurete Lauie	
Natasha Tso	

Opening

- Mark welcomed everyone

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of Minutes – November 19th Minutes
 - Approved by John Kennedy and seconded by Gayla Ber. Motion Passed.

Principal's Report

- Kiss & Ride Congestion
 - Congestion is inevitable
 - people have been pretty respectful
 - pylons help with sightlines to see kids
 - issue in AM with hatched parking spot
 - Wendy will send out an email to seek help with morning entry volunteers and to remind the community of rules
 - would help if more families walked to school
 - Mark proposed there would be a better flow if two lanes and no parking allowed on the west side of Thomas Cook between the school's south driveway and Lebovic Campus Drive
- New School will be opening 2014/15 at Valley Vista & Ilan Ramon Drive
- Recess/Behaviour
 - There are some issues with the primary students at recess
 - Wendy is asking that families need to work together with the school on this
 - Fun on the Run and the school purchased recess bags for Primary grades and they are allowed to use this equipment on the recess yard. This equipment includes soccer balls, footballs, Velcro mitts, Frisbees, jump ropes, bats, mini hula-hoops
 - There are various layers of support in the school for kids
 - Child Youth Works run social groups before recess for students who need it
 - Restorative Room is staffed by Educational Assistants with training who sit and work through things with students
 - Issues include: physical aggression, verbal, lies
 - Video games are causing issues of violence on the recess yard
 - Wendy is going to look for an article to send home information to parents about the issue and how to work at home with the issue
- Washroom Incident at a Junior High School in Toronto
 - there was an e-mail from a parent concerned about this
 - the JK/SK procedure for the three classes that don't have bathrooms is working
- There was a concern brought to council about caretakers talking to students
 - Wendy explained that caretakers are part of the school community and are able to communicate and work together with the community of staff and students in the building
- Wendy asked council to pass along information about winter weather and how parents should report ice patches to the office. She will include this in an upcoming newsletter

Treasurer's Report

- Opening Balance on October 9th was \$23,351.62
- As of Dec. 7

- Fundraising \$13,506.3 including pizza
- QSP raised \$350.00
- Fundraising made simple currently had \$80.00 in the bank with at least another \$500.00 to come
- Will look into FundScrip to save money on Pizza Pizza purchase
- Spent \$7891.89 on technology, music equipment and lice squad
- Current Balance is \$25,966.46

Teacher's Report

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Fundraising Committee

- Jody proposed starting a Pasta Lunch program option
- School Council would hire a woman to make the pasta on-site
- Jody will inquire about Thursdays and see if the woman would bring a sample to the January 14th meeting.
- We raised \$1690.80 from QSP
- Card Donations money is still coming in
- Miko Warehouse Toy Drive money is being co-ordinated by Jackie and there is no information on this program at this time

Positive Climates for Learning Committee

- No update

Communications Committee

- No update

Chair Report

- Thank you to Jody and Darren for fundraising
- Mark asked if we should be doing bully training for teacher's. Wendy responded by saying that the school does in-house training and sends staff to workshops. The equity team and safe schools team brings materials back to other teachers and the ministry of education will be mandating training at some point in the future.

Action Items (Before Next Meeting)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by John Kennedy, seconded by Keith Isaac. Motion passed.

Council Meeting Dates

Next meeting: January 14, 2013 at 6:30