

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
February 19th, 2013
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)	Y
Keith Isaac (Treasurer)	Y	Jody Bresgi (Member)	Y
Roman Kanter (Secretary)	N	Mike Behar (Member)	Y
John Kennedy (Member)	Y	Marina Avisar (Member)	Y
Adam Levy (Member)	Y	Gayla Ber (Member)	Y
Darren Greenspoon (Member)	Y		
Mike Kemper (Member)	Y		

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

Non-Voting Attendees:	
Jessica Leinwand	
Emanuel Schwartz	
Candice Schlosser	
Marjie Fazelipour	

Opening

- Mark welcomed everyone
- Meeting commenced at 6:30

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of Minutes – January 14th Minutes
 - Motion by Mike Kemper and seconded by Gayla Ber. Motion approved.

Principal's Report

- Funds request
 - document cameras, wants 6 for the portables, wants access to technology for portables, cost is \$381.15/per - \$2584.19 includes HST
 - need LCDs to view document cameras and we only have 1 for the portables
 - suggested to buy 2 more doc cameras and 2 LCD projectors
 - Math manipulatives - junior team is requesting more manipulatives, cost \$1013.05
 - Books - cost \$14,000 - literacy and book resources across all 3 divisions. Top up level books for guided reading program. PM writing for Grades 1-4. Grades 3-5 National Geographic - goes with science curriculum. Grade 7-8 series on social justice. Books are shared amongst the classrooms. 60 different 6 packs for K-3.
 - A motion was made by Marina to purchase 3 document cameras and 2 LCD projectors for \$2266.75. John seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
 - A motion was made by Marina to purchase Math Manipulatives totaling \$1013.05 and seconded by John. Motion Passed.
 - A motion was made Marina to purchase the books totaling \$14,000.00 and seconded by John. Motion passed.
- Bully survey was done anonymously just after winter break for Grades 4-8:
 - tallied results and shared with the staff
 - Wendy and Candace have been sharing the results with the kids
 - most common verbal and social/emotional
 - happening at recess and lunch on the field and pavement
 - can't see verbal or social/emotional bullying
 - some students stood out in the bully survey
 - shared with a parent about one student
 - going to do it again and going to revise the survey
 - shared with staff that kids come to them and teacher is not listening
 - students need to know we care
 - 55 students identified as bullies Grade 5 or up
 - 40 students identified two or more Grade 5 or up
 - preamble explained to students about types and that it is happening currently
 - some students are being spoken to already
 - quite even between males and females

- Actions to improve include: some kids are removed from the restorative circles, parents called or brought in, creating growth plans, offering social skills clubs, agencies outside of school, social worker intervention
- JFCS social worker comes and does sessions with students
- learns where to focus time and energy to social/emotional bullying
- need education piece to explain to parents not to misuse the word bullying
- thinking of programs to implement: tribes throughout the school, kilometer club - gives students something to do at recess, future aces, random acts of kindness, character trait, focus on line of touchstone, second steps, learning buddies, peer mentoring
- On PA Day did mandatory training on caring communities and workplace from Ministry of Education. There was a threat component to report through writing to administrators. Annual training as well through Board.
- talked about active communication and supervision from the staff
- a lot of work needs to come from within - needs to train students where to go and how the staff should listen and act
 - Bob setup training with Parent Volunteers and Paid Parents
- Two social skills group run 6-8 weeks long
 - second session is running now with a primary and junior/intermediate group
 - board wide opportunities for students to participate
 - peace tree conference - teacher attended with 5 junior students
- Wendy responded to Board that front door is not locked and community wants it locked. The Board is moving in the direction of the Ministry and has surveyed all schools about whether doors are currently locked. Apparently, the Ministry is providing funding for the Fall..
 - Parent community needs to abide by the rules of the school.
 - Constant push back from Parents and taking time away from what school staff should be doing.
 - Students need to feel comfortable telling issues to the parents.
 - Did a tour of the school to look at the security features of the school.
- Requested \$9,422.53 in funds from previous meetings. Some has been spent.
- Fun Fair
 - need volunteers
 - do we want to save a date
 - interested in June 9th
 - Wendy to send out email to parents asking for volunteers and to attend a meeting in march
- Cold weather policy
 - board has a policy and discretion is also made by administrators
 - Changes are made based on the condition

Treasurer's Report

- Keith provided update on the Council's funds

Teacher's Report

- No Updates

Fundraising Committee

- photographer has done work for JCC and is offering fundraising portrait shoots for families. Will give \$30 of his \$50 sitting fee to the school. He will also give us 10% of the package fees. Might be a conflict of interest with the school photos. They offer school packages. Could he be part of the fun fair? Suggest we save the idea for the fun fair.
- pizza continue in spring in April - 12 weeks and increase amount by \$0.25
- donating a book on your child's birthday letter - great idea and need to work out the logistics

Positive Climates for Learning Committee

- No update

Communications Committee

- will send an email about getting content for the newsletter

Chair Report

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Other

- Teacher appreciation - a parent approached and asked if we were doing anything. No decision was made.

Action Items (Before Next Meeting)

Adjournment

John Kennedy made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Keith. Motion passed

Council Meeting Dates

Next meeting: April 3, 2013 at 6:30