

# MINUTES

## Nellie McClung Public School School Council Minutes

Nellie McClung Public School Library  
January 24, 2017  
6:30 PM

### Attendees

Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?	Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?
Melanie Saltzman. <b>(Chair)</b>	Y	Maria B. <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Keith Isaac <b>(Treasurer)</b>	N	Zvi V. <b>(Member)</b>	N
Stacey Reznick-Schipper <b>(Co-Secretary)</b>	Y	Hilda S. <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Avery Zeidman <b>(Co-Secretary)</b>	N	Julia S. <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Shelley V <b>(Member)</b>	Y	Lynne A. <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Gianoula K. <b>(Member)</b>	Y	Maria S. <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Silvia S <b>(Member)</b>	Y	Jennifer B. <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Jody B. <b>(Member)</b>	N	Katerina <b>(Member)</b>	N
Rebecca <b>(Member)</b>	Y		

Council Non-Voting Members:			
Pamela McInnis <b>(NMPS Principal)</b>	Y	Julia Waiser <b>(NMPS Vice Principal)</b>	Y
Lourdes Haist <b>(Teacher Rep)</b>	Y		
Gayle Grossman-Bly <b>(FDK-Teacher Rep)</b>	N	Brian Gerson <b>(NMPS – Teacher Rep)</b>	Y

Non-Voting Attendees:	

Approximately 16 people were in attendance. A sign-in sheet was circulated.

Meeting started at 6:35 pm. An agenda was given out to all that were present at the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting were approved by all

### INITIATIVES:

Various successfully concluded initiatives were discussed and the group agreed to have more. Bingo night was a success and enjoyed by all, lots of positive feedback received.

### **Winter Concert**

There was a minor issue with the seating arrangements as the school tried a new approach of designated photo rows. This worked fine for the most part, was not successful with the kindergarten classes. It was proposed to have less kindergartens perform on the same day. School administration took this under advisement and will re-evaluate the options for future concerts.

### **Speaker Series:**

Two lawyers spoke about the use of technology to grades 6-8 during the day on January 23, 2017 and in the evening to parents. The presentation was very informative and useful. This was the correct age group to present this to. However, the turnout of parents was not encouraging. This was discussed and some suggestions were made on how to get more parents to come out to such events in the future (i.e pizza, refreshments?)

### **Staff Appreciation:**

It was decided (and unanimously voted on) to present each class with Teacher Appreciation Certificates. These certificates will carry a value of \$100 per class and contain special instructions. Teachers will be able to spend it in any store they wish towards supplies they need for the children and once they accumulate \$100 in receipts they will be able to submit to the office for reimbursement. These will be delivered to each classroom in the next week or so.

### **Valentine's Day Initiative:**

Lots of prizes have been donated, some have been purchased from the approved \$500 which was voted on via email. However more are needed. Council members were encouraged to try to get more.

The letter and envelop for distribution to the students was presented to council. This will go out to each student in the next week. The letter contains all of the instructions on collection of funds, what the funds will be used for, and the prize structure. There will be many different prizes available for the children, children will receive ballots depending on the amount of donations they collect. Once at the dance they will be able to put their ballot in the draw for the prizes they want.

There is no cost to attend the dance. As usual grade 8 students will be selling treats.

### **Fun fair Committee:**

A brief discussion about the committee was held. Another sign-up sheet was passed along for council members to sign up. It was discussed about expectation

of each council member to help out during the planning and the event itself however, it was also explained that the committee will take on a more active leadership role and only members with the time capacity and commitment sign up. It was explained to the rest of the council that unless money is requested (which will have to be voted on by the council) all decisions will be made by the committee without taking up valuable time from the council meetings.

### **Funding Requests:**

#### **1. Mr. Gerson:**

- a) Spirit Wear \$200 (clothing which was left over from the spirit wear drive, has been purchased by council for prizes/silent auction)
- b) \$1,000 for the purchase of the remaining equipment for the 3D glasses  
Approved by council

#### **2. Fun Fair**

- a) \$6,000 was approved by council towards the planning/executing the Fun Fair. It is expected that some of the funds will be recovered

#### **3. Teacher Appreciation**

- a) Teacher Appreciation – council approved \$100 per teacher to use towards supplies for children as our appreciation. Total of \$3,000.00

### **PRINCIPAL'S SCHOOL REPORT**

-cost sharing: all the items have been received at the school. Currently waiting for board to send someone to set those up

-lego wall: arrangements have been made with a contractor to come in and install it

Next meeting: February 22, 2017 (this was rescheduled following the meeting)

**7:50 p.m. Adjourned**