

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
March 26th, 2012
Nellie McClung Public School Library**

Attendance

Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?	Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?
Mark Jacobson (Co-Chair)	Y	Zvi Vaxman (Member)	
Jackie Garber (Co-Chair)		David Lui (Member)	Y
Sonia Buk (Treasurer)		Gayla Ber (Member)	
Roman Kanter (Secretary)	Y	Pooja Gulati (Member)	Y
Marjie Fazeli (Member)		John Kennedy (Member)	
Leanne Goldshlager (Member)		Mike Kemper (Member)	Y
Yaffa Rabkin (Member)		Sheetal Jogie (Member)	Y
Carol Klait (Member)	Y	Fun on the Run (Community Rep)	Y

Council Non-Voting Members:			
Wendy Thompson (NMPS)		Lisa Vien (NMPS)	Y
Traci Shatz (NMPS)	Y	Shara-Lynn Fraser (NMPS)	
Cheryl Urback (NMPS)			

Non-Voting Attendees:	
Marina Avisar	
Parm Pabla	
Antonella Ferris	
Bob Berman (NMPS)	

Opening

- Bob Berman attended as a stand-in for Wendy Thompson

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of Minutes – February 29th Minutes
 - **ACTION:** Voting on minutes to be deferred for electronic vote
- Vote on whether to implement electronic approval of minutes
 - **ACTION:** Voting to be deferred for electronic vote
- Call for any new business to be added to this agenda or the next agenda
 - No new business

Principal's Report

- Camp Green Acres
 - Wendy and Bob Berman met with a parent who is moving into the community and is one of the Green Acres owners
 - Offering to host the school's fun day (June 3 or 10) at Green Acres
 - All expenses except food will be covered.
 - Darren Greenspoon will come to the next council meeting to discuss
 - Camp Green Acres located on Kennedy Road north of Major Mackenzie Drive
- Spirit Wear
 - Wendy has asked that school council help with team shirts
 - Uniforms \$33.50 x 20
 - Basketball shorts \$42 x15
 - **ACTION:** Vote on providing funding by the Council for team uniforms
 - To be verified if the school is making any profit on the sale of spirit wear
- Fundraising Parameters
 - Fundraising initiatives brainstormed
 - Marina to present matrix fundraising decisions
 - Need to consider to which causes the school will give money
 - Email back in January which outlined criteria
 - Anyone wanting to join the committee to contact Marina
- Social networking discussion
 - On April 25, Paul Davis to come in to discuss the dangers of social networking. To be done for both students and parents
 - Cost to the school is \$595 + HST
 - **ACTION:** Vote to cover the cost of Paul Davis visit

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Urback

- Grade 8 Graduation Request
 - Request by grade 8's for \$500 for graduation – see letter.
 - **ACTION:** to vote on approving \$500 funding for graduation
- Book Clubs
 - Different picture books by Canadian authors, and being voted on
- Battle of the Books
 - Planning formalized "battle of the books"
- Earth Week
 - One class from every division demonstrates an eco activity
 - All classes receive Golden Garbage can award
 - Earth hour from 12:30 to 1:30 on Friday March 30.
 - Activities to be done by teachers around Earth Day
 - Brainstorming activities: to sell water bottles in the neighbourhood
- Yearbook Update
 - Yearbooks be available for \$20 each
 - Competition to be held for cover design
 - **ACTION:** to be investigated if advertisements are still allowed in the yearbook

Treasurer's Report

- Utilizing and expanding our pool of parent volunteers
 - Sonia to circulate email with report
 - Secretary to incorporate into the minutes
- Treasurer's Report:

-91.32

Triple P Dinner

Movie Night 475.81

QSP 2088.12

Pizza First Semester 8312.05

Second Term Pizza reminder funds 16394.63

(14 weeks to go times 497.76 weekly = 6968.64)

Pizza Second Semester Estimate 9425.99

Bank Account Balance as 3/26/2012 27179.29

Chair Report (Time Permitting)

- Constitution (Discussion/Finalization/Approval)
 - Question about whether school/union members have a vote on council
 - In the past, these groups have had voting rights on school council
 - **ACTION:** Mark to check in the document "The Road Ahead" on the Ministry website to see if there is stipulation around whether the various unions of the school have voting rights on Council.
 - Questions:
 - Section 5: number of members at large
 - **ACTION:** Mark and Wendy to review attendance of past meetings and see who has not been showing up to the meetings and ask them whether they still would like to be on the Council
 - **ACTION:** Carol to draft communication around having parents know that the draft constitution will be posted on the website and that parents have a limited time to review and provide their comments
- Details/ramifications of electronic voting
- Lice Squad
 - Lice squad was in today (March 26).
 - A number of kids were found to have had lice and were sent home

Fundraising Committee Report

- Nominations/selection – new chair?
 - Looking for new chair
 - **ACTION:** Motion for Miriam Milashut and Marina Avisar to be co-Chairs of the fundraising committee
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- Movie nights
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- Year-end picnic
 - See Green Acres discussion in the Principle's report
- Events scheduled for remainder of the year
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Communications Committee Report

- Two meetings held
- School council newsletter and principal profile discussed
- A number of principal characteristics were outlined
- Criteria is used by school board for consideration for next principal and VP
- Bob Berman clarified that this criteria is not only for principal, but for VP as well
- Newsletter
 - To Put parent volunteer requests in the newsletter, saying that if they want various programs to continue running for their kids, volunteers are needed.
 - Bob Berman discussed experience in Thornhill, saying that the Council is no longer responsible for fundraising; rather, they were an advisory council to the school administration.
 - Traci suggested that school council members come and have a discussion with parents of incoming kindergarten students on May 17 – have a sign-up sheet for volunteers
 - Marina suggested that there be teacher involvement, and tell the parents that they are going to go and help the teachers and at the same time they can view some of the school functions
 - Parent appreciation night – opportunity for principal/council to recruit volunteers
 - Friendship list – parents can volunteer their contact information; teachers cannot be involved.
 - **ACTION:** Council to have representation on May 17 kindergarten orientation night to recruit volunteers – Marina to represent council and do presentation on vision of the school council

Positive Climate for Learning Committee

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New and/or Other Business

- Split classes – next year

- To be discussed with Wendy
- Bob discussed how split classes are determined/formed; how they make class placement work
- Bob suggested forming a sub-committee and discussing their concern around split classes
- Portables – next year
- School website
 - School council link on the site is broken
 - **ACTION:** Traci to look into fixing broken links

Next Meeting

ACTION: Wendy to circulate possible alternate dates for Council meeting since the April 25 date has a conflict

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Council Meeting Dates

Monday November 14
 Wednesday December 7
 Monday January 16
 Wednesday February 29
 Monday March 26
 Wednesday April 25
 Monday May 14
 Monday June 4