

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
May 12, 2014
Nellie McClung Public School Library
6:30 PM**

Attendance

Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?	Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?
Maria Shtemberg (Chair)	Y	Rob Ephraim (Member)	Y
Keith Isaac (Treasurer)	Y	Zvi Vaxman (Member)	Y
Roman Kanter (Co-Secretary)	Y	Darren Greenspoon (Member)	Y
Avery Zeidman (Co-Secretary)	N	Heather Moskoske (Member)	N
Mike Kember (Member)	N	Lynn Axmith (Member)	Y
Neil Grunberg (Member)	N		

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

Non-Voting Attendees:	
Bryan Gerson	

Opening

- Meeting commenced at 6:35

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Approval deferred pending distribution of minutes

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance (April 1)	\$18,717.92
Inflows:	
Pizza	\$170.80
FundScrip	\$1,650.00
<i>Total Inflows</i>	<i>\$1,820.80</i>
Outflows:	
General Spend	\$7,846.08
Committed funds not yet spent	\$660.66
<i>Total Outflows</i>	<i>\$8,506.74</i>
Closing Balance (May 11)	\$12,031.98

- Keith Isaac to provide a high level break down of what funds raised was spent on during the year
- Fund Requests (see addendum for further details)
 - \$1,479.25
 - 2 flutes
 - 1 clarinet
 - 1 racket duplex
 - Motion to approve by Zvi Vaxman, seconded by Darren Greenspoon, all in favour
 - \$12,254.71
 - Computer technology for the goal of each student/teacher having a device in the classroom
 - Mr. Gerson provided the benefits of this purchase, and how technology is already used in the classroom
 - Looking for:
 - 15 chrome books to have consistency of technology
 - Additional devices in the intermediates
 - Question about whether the purchases can wait until the technology cost share comes in next school year.
 - Motion to approve spend on speakers, and power bars; defer spend on Chromebooks until next meeting; and defer the rest of the items until the cost share funds come in, by Darren Greenspoon, seconded by Zvi Vaxman, all in favour

Principal's & Vice Principal's Report

- Volunteer tea
 - May 20 at 8:30 to 9:30 am
 - Child supervision provided until 8:55
- Annual BBQ June 11
 - Volunteers now available for running the event
 - Volunteers needed to count all orders
 - Food orders for the BBQ are coming in
 - Stephenson's contacted to supply a generator to run sound system, inflatables – cost for both is approximately \$150. Wendy to see if AZ Rental will supply their own generator for inflatables
 - Themes for baskets have been finalized. Each class responsible for a basket. Information to be sent home on what each class is responsible for. Volunteers will be needed to compile the baskets in early June. Maria Shtemberg to organize baskets
- Fundraising plan – no votes
 - Fundraising plan supposed to be put together
 - Wendy Thompson distributed a sample (see addendum)
 - Council meetings will no longer have voting on funding; fundraising will happen and it will be applied to what is in the plan
 - Council encouraged to continue fundraising, but with a parallel focus of initiating/promoting different events/activities (i.e., Literacy Week)
- Success stories:
 - Spring concerts
 - Successful events
 - Wendy Thompson noted that she has fantastic teachers who were running the two concerts
 - Poetry slam
 - Spoken Word Club
 - Ms. Gordon Rach, Ms. Urback and Mr. Raha ran the club
 - NMPS poetry group competed against three other schools in the finals and came in 2nd place
 - Turning points
 - Provincial essay contest
 - NMPS placed 2nd and 3rd
- Race to the finish
 - Wendy Thompson noted that there is a need to maintain calm, consistency and structure for the students during the final weeks of school
 - Wendy is calling on parents to be mindful of pulling kids out of class early now in order to maintain the good routine and allow students to participate in year-end activities
- Tentative class organization
 - Wendy Thompson presented **tentative** break down of classes by grade for 2015/2016 school year
 - 4 x full daycare
 - 1 x Senior Kindergarten/Grade 1
 - 2 x grade 1

- 2 x grade 1/2
- 1 x grade 2/3
- 1 x grade 3
- 1 x grade 3/4
- 2 x grade 4/5
- 1 x grade 5/6
- 1 x grade 6/7
- 1 x grade 8

Teacher's Report

- Battle of the books
- Book fair
 - Earned over \$2,000 in books
- Author visits
- Kindergartens had butterfly kits
 - Caterpillars doing well
- May 7 welcome to Kindergarten evening for all incoming kindergarten students. Approximately 50 families showed.
 - Idea of having school council members at next year's meeting to discuss role of council and how parents of incoming students can get involved.

Other

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Action Items (Before Next Meeting)

Action	Responsibility
Distribute minutes from previous meeting	Avery Zeidman
Provide high level break down of how funds raised were spent during the year	Keith Isaac
Compile theme baskets	Maria Shtemberg

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 7:45, by Roman Kanter; seconded by Darren Greenspoon; all in favour

Council Meeting Dates