

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
May 6, 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)	N
Keith Isaac (Treasurer)	Y	Jody Bresgi (Member)	Y
Roman Kanter (Secretary)	N	Mike Behar (Member)	N
John Kennedy (Member)	N	Marina Avisar (Member)	N
Adam Levy (Member)	N	Gayla Ber (Member)	Y
Darren Greenspoon (Member)	Y		
Mike Kemper (Member)	Y		

Council Non-Voting Members:			
Wendy Thompson (NMPS)	Y	Cheryl Urback (NMPS)	Y
Traci Shatz (NMPS)	Y	Candice Schlosser (NMPS)	Y

Non-Voting Attendees:	

Opening

- Mark welcomed everyone
- Meeting commenced at 6:30

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of Minutes – April 3rd Minutes
 - Approval of minutes deferred

Principal's Report

- School Climate
 - Training certain staff members around healthy relationships and bullying prevention
 - Seminars are being organized by Prevnet, and Wendy Craig will be the speaker
 - 8 staff members attend a workshop and 5 staff members going to a training on Wednesday and more staff going to a restorative practice training
 - needs programs implemented that reduce bullying
 - we have a link to a portal that gives us resources to programs that help to reduce bullying
 - programs: peace builders, second steps, and one more program
 - Looking to deliver one program in September to the students. School will buy the program for each classroom
- Random Acts of Kindness:
 - teachers are given slips to recognize students who do something positive and every Friday a few students are announced and acknowledged
- Instruction - working on math problem solving
 - Students do well at application and knowledge questions but have trouble with the communication problems ex. Having problems with word problems
 - working with staff to improve instruction in this area
- Funds Request
 - Grade 8 graduation - \$900.00
 - canopy for track and field - \$189.73
 - 2 basketball nets - \$2196.77
 - Grade 8 graduation - wonderland, camp, cruise, Niagara
 - Grade 8 graduation is to take place on June 26
 - The ceremony will take place at Nellie McClung
 - Reception will take place at Alexander Mackenzie high school, afterwards
 - Dinner and dance to follow at Alexander Mackenzie
 - Going to wonderland for the day
 - A parent of a grade 8 child brought up concern about the graduation trip; feels kids lost out because of the Wonderland trip vs. Niagara

Treasurer's Report

- April 3rd - \$19,454.75

- Incoming - Fund scrip and additional pizza money
 - Spent - Lice Squad, Film and Pictures, Books, Grade 8 Performance
- May Balance - \$22,251.94
- Outstanding - \$6260.00
- Idea of canopy for kindergarten area

Teacher's Report

- Grade 6 VIP program with police officer
- Grade 3 spent 3 weeks at swim to survive program
- Thursday and Friday - jump rope and hoops and soccer for heart
- mid May - French performance for Junior and Inters
- Upcoming regional badminton event and basketball events
- EQAO for grade 3 and 6
- Welcome to kindergarten
- Intermediate and junior track and field day and area event
- MADD coming for a presentation to intermediates
- JK/SK and Grade 2 and 8 - dental screening
- Grade 3 going to Pioneer Village
- grade 2 going to fantasy fair end of May
- Kindergarten year end picnic
- Spirit day
- Grade 4 and 5 have had scientist in the school
- Volunteer tea
- Parent volunteer running a dance club along with a grade 8 student - will be performing on May 13

Fundraising Committee

- Picnic meeting - May 13th at the school at 6:30
- One book at a time program to launch in September - to donate the book to the school
- One time donation letter in September - acknowledge parents who made a donation
- Pizza will start early on September 18
- Fundscrip was an easy way to raise almost \$1500

Positive Climates for Learning Committee

- No updates

Communications Committee

- Gayla is interested in making this happen but needs information

Other

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Action Items (Before Next Meeting)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike, seconded by Jody
Meeting adjourned

Council Meeting Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday June 4, 2013