

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
November 19th, 2012
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)	N	Jody Bresgi (Member)	Y
Roman Kanter (Secretary)	Y	Miriam Goldenberg (Member)	N
John Kennedy (Member)	Y	Mike Behar (Member)	N
Adam Levy (Member)	Y	Marina Avisar (Member)	Y
Darren Greenspoon (Member)	Y	Gayla Ber (Member)	N
Mike Kemper (Member)	Y		

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

Non-Voting Attendees:	
Jessica & Avery Zeidman	jessandavery@rogers.com
Parm Pabla	Saini-parminder@hotmail.com
Sheetal Jogie	j-jogie@yahoo.com
Natasha Tso	Kokodog88@gmail.com
Karey Morra	Kolgirl1@hotmail.com

Opening

- Mark welcomed everyone

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of Minutes – October 29th Minutes
 - Motion to approve by John, seconded by Kemper, all in favour

Principal's Report

- Cold Weather Policies
 - Wendy reminded all about cold weather policies
 - Children should be dressed appropriately; if they are too sick to go outside, they are too sick for school
 - The December newsletter will detail Board standards around temperatures and keeping kids inside
 - Wendy also has discretion around when to keep kids indoors
- Vaughan Food Drive
 - Wendy will contact Vaughan food drive and the school will collect food for the drive
 - Marina suggested reviving last year's program of the mitten tree and scarves
 - To be initiated by November 23rd
 - Lost clothes not claimed will be distributed prior to the holidays
 - Marina suggested contacting Leibovich Centre around getting a Menorah for the drive
- Wendy inviting person in January from OISE to come for a Math Night and discuss with parents on how to use manipulatives
 - Parents will be able to purchase manipulatives as well

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer was not present to provide full update
- Additional revenue from pizza lunches
- No funds have yet been deducted for technology

Teacher's Report

- No updates

Fundraising Committee

- Committee to meet and determine types of volunteers needed
- Pizza lunches – need additional volunteers; kids have assisted as well.
- Wendy suggested that fundraising committee needed to be mindful that there are other fundraising initiatives during the year and that the Council needs to be cautious about not over-requesting for volunteers
- Wendy provided letter and research by Bob Berman about Ventura's donation letter. If the Council is going to do this, it needs to go out soon because people have until the end of the calendar year to be eligible for 2012 tax receipts
- Wendy suggested greeting cards fundraiser

- Committee to narrow down initiatives to be done by the Council.
- Traci noted that two people needed to come to the school and count the money that is taken in

Communications Committee Report

- First newsletter completed
- John looking to getting something more impactful for newsletter medium
- Wendy suggested that paper copies may be possible since they do not go out monthly
- Wendy looking for a volunteer to photocopy newsletters – Maria volunteered to do it if she can get out by 8:30
- Darren looking for a volunteer to copy the pizza form
- Committee looking for submissions for subsequent newsletters
- Darren suggested having copies of the newsletter for Thursday and Friday during the student-led conferences
- Jody and Marina recommended focusing the stand at the conference for call-outs for volunteers
- School newsletter to go home on Wednesday November 21
- A poster will be put in front during the student led conferences asking for parent volunteers – people will be asked for name and email of volunteers
- Karey to put display together
- John to email Council about frequency of newsletter
- Council Facebook page is set up
 - Wendy noted that she does not endorse a Facebook page. Recommendation made that it be set up like a company page whereby it is more of a “push” page, thus not allowing for comments
- John suggested putting in place a Twitter account whereby messages can be sent to people

Positive Climate for Learning Committee

- Marina needs an additional volunteer
- Wendy noted that she sent out notices to parents and got 10 volunteers to read to kids about bullying
- Other initiatives are under way.
- Paul Davis – runs technology awareness workshops around cyber-bullying. Mike to reach out to Paul and find a date to come to NMPS

Chair Report

- John and Maria to be designated to check Council email
- Mark suggested having a technology demo in January, whereby the Ministry will provide \$500 to run it. Would be an opportunity for kids to showcase to parents their knowledge of technology and a chance for members of the community to meet each other.

Action Items (Before Next Meeting)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike, seconded by John. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Council Meeting Dates

Next meeting: December 11, 2012 at 6:30