

MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School
School Council Minutes
November 5, 2013
Nellie McClung Public School Library
6:30 PM**

Attendance

Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?	Council Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?
Mike Kemper (co-Chair)	N	Rob Ephraim (Member)	Y
Maria Shtemberg (co-Chair)	Y	Zvi Vaxman (Member)	Y
Keith Isaac (Treasurer)	Y	Darren Greenspoon (Member)	Y
Roman Kanter (Secretary)	Y	Melissa Glogauer (Member)	Y
John Kennedy (Member)	Y	Gayla Ber (Member)	N
Mark Jacobson (Member)	Y	Larissa Rajmoolie (Member)	N
Neil Grunberg (Member)	N	Fun-on-the-Run (Member)	N
Avery Zeidman (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:	
Kendra Pozner	
Adam Levy	
Candice Hu	
Jessica Zeidman	
Avery Zeidman	

Opening

- Meeting commenced at 6:30

Preliminary Matters

- Approval of Minutes – October 2nd Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Darren Greenspoon, seconded by Zvi Vaxman, all in favour

Principal's & Vice Principal's Report

- Boundary Meeting November 12, 7pm
 - Meeting to be held at NMPS in the gym
- Cold Weather Policy
 - Wendy Thompson discussed the cold weather policy
 - Stated that if a child is too sick to go outside they are too sick for school
 - The school has established criteria it uses when considering whether to keep students in or not; it is up to the discretion of the Principal
 - The policy is on the website
- Philanthropic Proposals:
 - Kid Like Me
 - Avery Zeidman described the program
 - Program to help kids learn empathy for other kids who may not be as well off as they are
 - Kids are paid for chores or other things they do around the house; the proceeds are then used to buy gifts for less fortunate kids
 - Can revolve around the holiday season
 - Food Drive
 - Maria Shtemberg presented the food drive idea
 - Students bring an item for the drive, and are provided with a ballot
 - There would then be a chance to win a field trip to the food bank for a select number of students, where they would deliver the food
 - Students would then present on their experience at a later assembly
 - Local food bank is on board and would provide flyers, bins and provide time at the food bank for sorting; will provide a list of most needed items
 - Grade 6, 7, 8 students could be used to take in food donations and provide ballots
 - Motion by Darren Greenspoon to support payment for a school bus for the food drive, seconded by John Kennedy, all in favour
 - Motion by Darren Greenspoon to go forward with both proposals, seconded by Maria Shtemberg, all in favour
- Funds Request
 - To come under Teacher's Report

- Equity Scan
 - Part of school improvement is inclusiveness
 - Need to know how the community feels
 - Council members will be asked about what is being done well, what can be improved
 - Members were asked to fill out a survey
- New Website
 - New website being developed
 - Updates will need to be done by school staff
 - Roll out on Dec. 18
 - Starting in January, no more newsletters will be produced because all the information will be posted to the site
 - Email notifications will be sent to notify people when new content is posted

Treasurer's Report

- No funds spent this month
- Fundraising made easy – \$225, \$2,730 previously
- Pizza \$540
- New balance: \$22,466
- \$10,052 earmarked for spending

Teacher's Report

- Athletics
 - Intermediate girls volleyball – tournament coming up
 - Basketball starting in December and January – inter-school for intermediates; house league for juniors
 - Staff athletics
- Snack Program
 - All classrooms get a basket of snacks for the week – intended for kids who come to school without a snack
- Literacy
 - Author visits associated with each grade level
 - Family literacy week starting January 30
 - Book fair on November 12-14
 - Google Drive – support literacy program.
 - Instruction provided on how to access
- Funds requests
 - Family literacy week – author Lana Button
 - Requesting \$250 for the author's appearance fee, and for door prizes (see addendum)
 - Grade 4 team
 - \$1,440 for a number of items (see addendum)
 - Grade 3 Classroom resources
 - \$1,020.48 for a variety of items (see addendum)

- \$6250 in cost sharing is being matched by the Board – 30 ipad minis with hard shell cases, along with 3 LCD projectors will be purchased with the proceeds
- Question about why only certain grade teams entered requests – all grades have the opportunity to enter requests
- Question about whether a budget can be set per grade to be used – may be difficult to determine the size of a budget required per grade; there is confidence in teachers' assessment of needs in order to help benefit students
- Motion to approve all requests by Zvi Vaxman, seconded by Darren Greenspoon, all in favour
- Parent Information Sessions
 - Parent information session commenced on November 5 – offered by teachers on staff at NMPS, on a range of topics

Reports from Committees

- Fundraising
 - Movie night proposed date is Thursday January 16 – movie TBD; hopefully the opening attraction would be the trip to the food bank; if the movie starts at 6pm and ends by 10pm, a permit is not needed. Darren Greenspoon said he will look into a donation of popcorn from Green Acres Day Camp. Children can be encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the movie night
 - Motion by Maria Shtemberg to have movie night on January 16, seconded by John Kennedy, all in favour
 - QSP kick off happened on November 5
 - Volunteer needed to photocopy pizza forms – Maria Shtemberg will do it.
 - Looking into a charity drive for Valentine's Day
- Positive Climates for Learning Committee
 - Week of November 18 – anti bullying week
 - Links will be sent to families for a website called PrevNet – contains quick videos around the topic
 - Suggestion was made around bringing back Paul Davis – presentation about online technology, parents' awareness and how technology should be managed by parents for children at home; during the day, kids are being educated on protecting their profiles online
- Communications Committee
 - No updates

Other

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Action Items (Before Next Meeting)

Action	Responsibility
Provide food drive letter	Jessica Zeidman
Contact fire hall to get food drive	John Kennedy

firefighters to come to school	
Reach out to Paul Davis on coming back to NMPS	Mark Jacobson
Look into popcorn donation for movie night	Darren Greenspoon
Follow up with food bank regarding food drive	Maria Shtemberg

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Maria, seconded by Roman, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Council Meeting Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday January 8, 2014