

# MINUTES

**Nellie McClung Public School**  
**School Council Minutes**  
**September 9, 2013**  
**Nellie McClung Public School Library**  
**6:30 PM**

## Attendance

<b>Council Voting Members</b>	<b>Present (Y/N)?</b>	<b>Council Voting Members</b>	<b>Present (Y/N)?</b>
Mark Jacobson <b>(Chair)</b>	Y	Maria Shtemberg <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Keith Isaac <b>(Treasurer)</b>	Y	Jody Bresgi <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Roman Kanter <b>(Secretary)</b>	Y	Mike Behar <b>(Member)</b>	N
John Kennedy <b>(Member)</b>	Y	Marina Avisar <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Adam Levy <b>(Member)</b>	N	Gayla Ber <b>(Member)</b>	Y
Darren Greenspoon <b>(Member)</b>	Y		
Mike Kemper <b>(Member)</b>	Y		

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

<b>Non-Voting Attendees:</b>	
Fun on the Run	Aurete Lavie
Carmela Rzhovsky	Emanuel Schwartz
Zvi Vaxman	
Avery Zeidman	
Jessica Zeidman	
Rob Ephraim	
Zina Ameen	
Rehana Murtaza	
Dalton Morgan	

## **Opening**

- Meeting commenced at 6:37

## **Preliminary Matters**

- Approval of Minutes – June 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - Motion to approve by Mike Kemper, seconded by John Kennedy, all in favour

## **Principal's Report**

- Wendy Thompson introduced herself to all
- Wendy asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves
- New staff
  - Wendy discussed new staff at the school: Ms. Behar, Mr. Raha, Ms. Mazza, Mrs. Grossman-Bly; Ms. Gibeau, Ms. Haber, Mrs. Papadopoulos, Ms. Du, Ms. Alba (EA), Ms. McAllister (caretaker), Lead Caretaker – Ms. Nella
- Class Placements/Reorganization Process
  - Class placement was explained during June meeting
  - Will know this week (w/o September 9<sup>th</sup>) from the Board if classes need to be reorganized
  - Parent asked if reorganization to be done end of the month, and if JKs would be moved. Wendy noted that they attempt to keep JKs where they are
- Elections
  - September 13 is the last day to accept nominations for 2013/14 year; Wendy encouraged those in attendance to nominate themselves or someone else
  - September 26 is election day

## **Chair Report**

- Annual Review of Council Constitution Continuation from Last Meeting
  - Keith Isaac raised an issue about Section 8.3 of the constitution
  - Issue around signing authorities
  - Procedures around dispensation of funds were discussed
  - Motion to strike current Section 8.3 (Treasurer role), and replace with “reconcile funds to all income and expenditures with the minutes of each meeting, to prepare financial reports, and to have a vote on Council” by John Kennedy, seconded by Maria Schtemberg
  - Mark to revise
  - Article 11.1 – Signing Authorities
    - Motion to strike sentences 2, 3, 4, by John Kennedy, seconded by Mike Kemper.
  - Article 11.2
    - Question about whether the statement that funds should be used in the same year received – is this enough to account for the fact that funds can be carried over
    - A parent questioned why all funds are not spent in the year received – council members provided the reasons for why some

funds are carried over – late collection from year end BBQ,  
need for a float for pizza lunches at start of year, carry over for  
cost sharing for technology

### **Treasurer's Report**

- No change from June 4<sup>th</sup> report
- \$1,930 raised from Fundraising Made Easy; not yet deposited into account
- Opening balance - \$4,940.07, before funds collected from Fundraising Made Easy
- Request by Wendy Thompson for new area rugs in six portables and one classroom.
- Parent (Dalton) suggested we use Council funds a different way and school enhancements like area rugs should be paid by school
- Mark Jacobson asked why this request does not come out of the school budget – Wendy said that the budget from the school comes in November
- Keith Isaac asked by when cost sharing would be submitted – by late October - \$6,000 – to be funded by pizza money potentially.
- Motion to strike request for area rug purchase, by Mike Kemper, seconded by John Kennedy, all in favour.

### **Teacher's Report**

- Curriculum night to be held on October 9
  - Adult only event to understand the curriculum that will be taught to the children
  - Cheryl emphasized that this is not an opportunity for parents to have a teacher conference and get a progress update on their children
- Candace Schlosser noted that a traffic enforcement officer was at the school highlighting the rules and noting that she will be there in the mornings and afternoons to enforce
- Fun on the Run noted that they will donate \$500 again this year
- Positive Climates for Learning Committee Report
  - No updates

### **Fundraising Committee**

- Forms for pizza lunches sent out
- Volunteers needed for handing out pizza
- Adam Levy's Fundraiser/Charity Idea
  - Free the Children – Toronto based organization founded in 1985 for sustainable agriculture and infrastructure around the world
    - Selling chocolate bars - \$2/bar
    - Prizes to students and classes
    - Fundraising window of October 16-30
    - Free the Children representatives to come and kick off the initiative
  - Mike Kemper raised a concern that we do not really know where the money is actually going to once it is given to the charity

- Potential alternatives to selling chocolate bars, raised by those present:
  - Simple donations
  - Penny drive
  - Star donation wall
- Motion to not move forward with this initiative in current form, by John Kennedy, seconded by Gayla Behr, one objection raised by Darren Greenspoon

**Positive Climates for Learning Committee**

- No updates

**Communications Committee**

- John Kennedy noted that the committee is open to requests for the newsletter:
  - \$500 from Fun on the Run
  - Construction on the new park
  - Parking enforcement
  - School council forum
  - New council members
- Newsletter will be distributed to parents electronically prior to curriculum night

**Other**

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**Action Items (Before Next Meeting)**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Update constitution as noted in the minutes	Mark Jacobson
Release newsletter, with topics noted in the minutes included	John Kennedy

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mike, seconded by John  
 Meeting adjourned 8:00

**Council Meeting Dates**

Next meeting: