

## **School Council Meeting Minutes**

October 7, 2019 from 6:45 PM – 8:15 PM

### **In Attendance:**

Executive Members: Gina Pappas, Julie Horne, Kathleen Griffin, Penny Ortega

School Administration: Trish Dynes, Nadia Mackinnon

School Teacher Rep: Phil Whissel, Kate Hishon

Voting members: Abhshek Jotangia, Amanda Kelly, Maple Kyriacou, Mary Haitas, Melissa Pellegrini, Tony Koubridis

Others in attendance: Raymond Zyg, Ethan Anderson, Sara Potash, Louella Mendonsa

**Regrets:** Sara Jamil, Dawn Gallagher Murphy

### **1. Welcome and establish meeting norms**

- Meetings begin and end on time
- Consensus decision making
- Be open minded, objective, and respectful
- Individual students, parents, and teachers are not to be discussed in meetings
- Refer parent or student issues to the teacher or principal

### **2. Introductions & welcome to any newcomers**

### **3. Adopt minutes from September meeting**

- a. Amanda motion to adopt
- b. Mary seconds
- c. All in favour – minutes passed

### **4. Chair's Report**

- a. Nothing to report

### **5. Fundraising for 2019/2020**

- Pizza lunch program (starting Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Hero Burger (starting Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Cookie Dough sales (campaign starts Oct 10 for delivery on Nov 14)
- Lunch Lady
- Mable's Labels – is set-up; Information will be sent out in the next newsletter

### **6. Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2019-2020 School Council Budget**

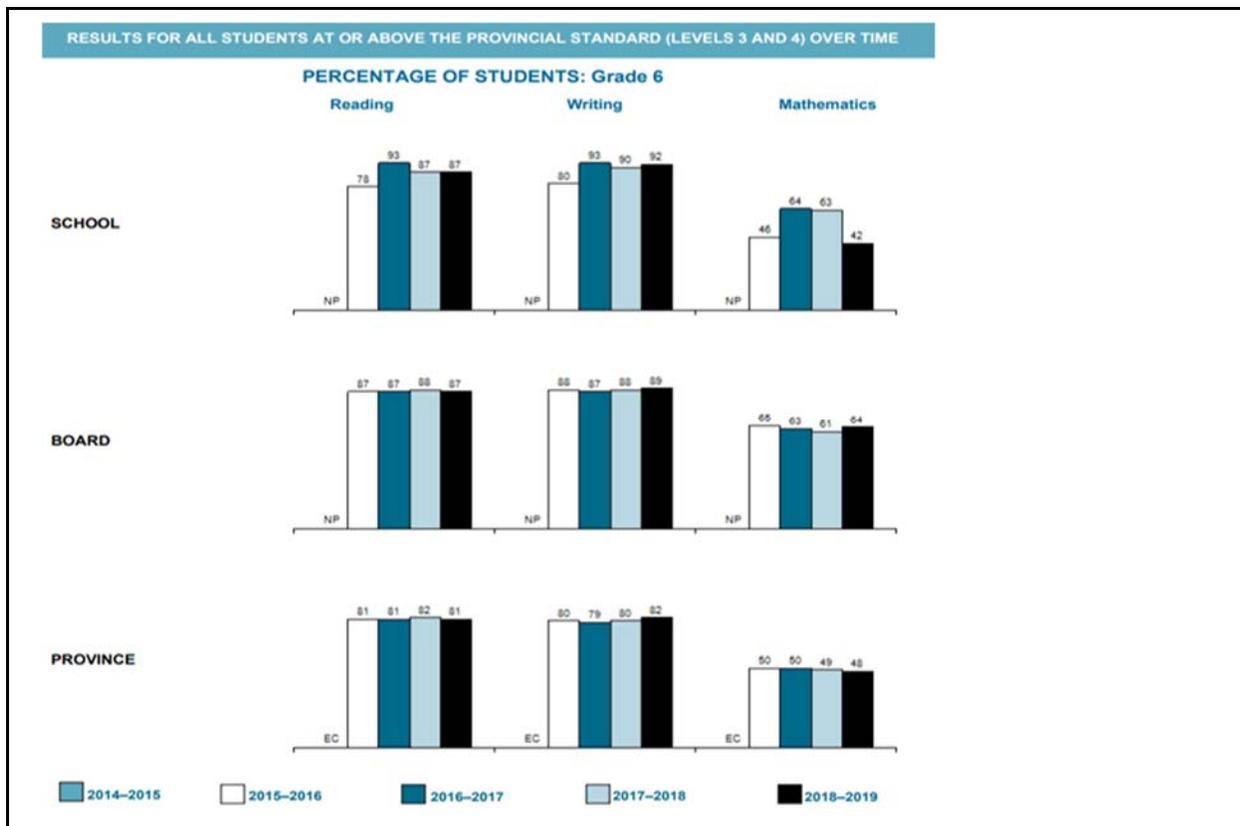
- a. See attached Treasurer's Report for budget details
- b. Are we impacting our sales (pizza vs burgers)?
  - i. We don't know – Treasurer thinks we'll probably be okay
- c. For the Hero Burger, do we want to designate the money from that for something specific?

- i. Wasn't determined. With the cookie dough, we have specified what it is for – and we need to establish this tonight.
- d. BUDGET: Bank balance has increased gradually over the years (see Treasurer's Report)
- e. Lunch Lady profits are a commission for allowing her to offer her services in the school;
  - i. PROPOSAL: Any money that we get from Lunch Lady would go to our nutrition program
- f. General Expenses:
  - i. Lice Check 3 x year;
  - ii. Scientist in the School, budget was increased to ensure it covers one workshop per class (in the past, not all of the classes participated so smaller budget was okay);
  - iii. In the past, we've given \$2000 to Grade 8 grads
    - 1. Request was made to get an update from the Grad Committee from a parent with regards to their fundraising efforts
    - 2. YRDSB Board Policy states: "Charges for other activities associated with graduation should be kept at a reasonable level, taking into account the need to ensure that all students are included, cultural sensitivity, and consultation with School Council. Charges must be on a cost recovery basis only, and should be transparent by itemizing the costs for students and parents."  
 "Any cost incurred for attending graduation ceremonies (e.g. rental of cap and gown) should be itemized for students and parents. Cost should be minimized if none in order for all students to attend the ceremonies. Participation in the celebration that follows the ceremony is voluntary."
  - iv. Equitable Fund: is the equitable fund being accessed?
    - 1. Admin advised that it has been used.
  - v. Technology Cost Sharing is approximately the same
  - vi. School Council Award: need \$100 to do the new one for this year – Dawn will drop off frame this week
  - vii. Almost \$8000 towards sciences
  - viii. \$2000 to the arts
  - ix. School garden \$500
  - x. Money left over from last year for outdoor play equipment/sports equipment
  - xi. Multicultural Night has a budget of \$500 – but last year we spent more so we may have to discuss increasing the budget
  - xii. Movie Night
- g. QUESTION POSED: Is there anything missing? Any requests from the school that Council can fund?
  - i. Principal replied that she would like teacher input
- h. Cookie Dough: Let's determine what the money is for so we can inform the parents
  - i. Kathleen – motion to devote money from Cookie Dough sales to purchase digital subscriptions for math and literacy initiatives
  - ii. Maple seconds
  - iii. All in favour – motion carried

## 7. Principal's Report

**PRINCIPAL REPORT FOR ORPS SCHOOL COUNCIL – Oct 7 2019**

	<b>Grade/ Division</b>	<b>Details</b>																
<b>Modern Learning</b>																		
<b>Orange Shirt Day</b>	All	Took place on September 30 to recognize First Nations children in the Residential School System																
<b>Picture Day</b>	All	Pictures were taken today. Retakes on November 12																
<b>Mental Health and Well-Being / Equity and Inclusive Education</b>																		
<b>Live Theatre</b>	Grade 1 and 2	The Grade 1 and 2 classes went on a trip to the Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts on October 3 to experience the live theatre show called Dogman.																
<b>Bus Safety</b>	All	Bus Safety program took place on October 2 for all students.																
<b>Farm Trip</b>	Kindergarten	The Kindergarten students will be visiting the Brooks Farm on October 22.																
<b>Flag Football</b>	Gr 6,7,8	Tournament takes place on October 11.																
<b>Cross Country</b>	Gr 4 and up	Cross Country practices continue with the Meet scheduled on Oct 15 in Newmarket.																
<b>Mathematics</b>																		
<b>Mathletes Program</b>	Grades 2 - 6 Grades 7,8 (leaders)	The Mathletes program will take place here at the school on October 16 and 17. Math activities will run all day. Mathletes for Families will be Oct 17 starting at 5:30pm.																
<p align="center"><b>Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Grade 3</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Subject</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Reading</td><td>79%</td></tr> <tr><td>Writing</td><td>72%</td></tr> <tr><td>Mathematics</td><td>62%</td></tr> </table> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Grade 6</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Subject</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Reading</td><td>87%</td></tr> <tr><td>Writing</td><td>92%</td></tr> <tr><td>Mathematics</td><td>42%</td></tr> </table> </div> </div> <p align="center"> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #00728f; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Reading         <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #e6e6e6; margin-left: 20px; margin-right: 5px; border: 1px solid #000;"></span> Writing         <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #a6c9ec; margin-left: 20px; margin-right: 5px; border: 1px solid #000;"></span> Mathematics     </p>			Subject	Percentage	Reading	79%	Writing	72%	Mathematics	62%	Subject	Percentage	Reading	87%	Writing	92%	Mathematics	42%
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- a. Additional info: Meet the Teacher evening was cancelled because all permits for after school activities were cancelled by the board.
  - b. EQAO Scores: math scores have dropped
    - i. Professional Development will focus on math
    - ii. This test is our only Provincial standardized test
    - iii. Question was raised as to whether we as the school council can help with the professional development of the teachers to address this problem
      1. School council is limited – cannot raise funds for teachers for their Professional Development – School Council can only raise money for students
8. **Student Dress Code** (*Amanda & Dawn*)
- a. Postponed until next meeting
9. **School Council Events & Family Engagement**
- a. Walking School Bus program: because the Meet the Teacher event was cancelled, we couldn't get volunteers or participants to sign up; suggestion made to try at every upcoming event - next one is the Mathletes event – we'll have a table for this and a table for Multicultural Night at Mathletes; We need a volunteer for the table (for walking school bus program); Melissa said she may be able to do IF she can leave work early. Will confirm.
  - b. Mathletes Family Math Night (October 17) – SPREAD THE WORD; Nothing left to do with this;

- c. Family Movie Night (November 19 and a date in February is being considered): Still considering the movie – but it's a go for November 19
- d. Multicultural Night (April 7): Date is CONFIRMED – will be recruiting families at the Mathletes event
- e. Social Media Education night (a day in January was proposed): Paul Davis (only available as of end of May) and Chris Vollum is available on January 21;
  - i. 50 minute presentation for students grade 4 to 8 and 75 minute presentation to parents in the evening
  - ii. \$1025 + HST – we set aside \$1500 – suggestion to use the extra money:
    - 1. Something for the student – something they can keep/hold that will remind them of the concepts they learned
    - 2. Something for the teachers – to help them reinforce the ideas that were learned
    - 3. Break bread together as a community prior to the evening seminar for parents – where we sit down and eat together, get to know each other – emphasizing the idea of a physical community as opposed to the virtual ones we see with social media
- f. Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Jan 31<sup>st</sup> PA day)

10. **Next meeting date:** Monday, November 4, 2019

11. Adjourned at 8 PM