

Parkview Public School Council
Tuesday, February 8, 2016
Parkview Public School - 7 to 8:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

2. Welcome & Introductions

No quorum, at present.

3. Approval of January 12, 2016 Minutes

Approval was deferred until quorum achieved.

4. School Wide Report – Carey Hewson

Primary Division: Students really enjoyed Earth Rangers presentation (thank you Council) and skating at Crosby Arena (thank you to those that donated skates/helmets and parents that volunteered). Grades 1/2/3 floor hockey will be starting with Ms Chong/Mr Hewson plus grade 7/8 helpers. Grade 2 will be having a smoke alarm program.

Junior and Intermediate Divisions: Coed volleyball team won areas and participated in the regional division last week. Robotics club continues. Hockey (grades 6/7/8) is finished with Team Hewson winning over Team Trivelli. Grades 7/8 have Hoops for Heart (Heart & Stroke) on Friday (basketball).

Discussion regarding adding 2 “free skate” days to primary program, so students can practice what they learned during the instructional days. Because it is instructional time, 100% participation is required. Students can’t opt out of gym, yet 2 students didn’t participate in the primary skating. The school is obligated to provide instruction to ALL students during this time. Skates and helmets were collected to ensure all students had equipment. A nominal fee was charged for skating (\$14.50 total). It is unclear if that may have been the reason for non-participation. It was suggested that the older grades might enjoy a skating program. However, the same issues apply.

Other programs that have/are being considered include tennis (Unionville Tennis Club) and swimming (as it is considered a life skill). It was noted that additional time needed for off-site instruction, comes out of instructional time for other subjects and that can be problematic.

6. Principal’s Report – Lisa Dilworth, Penny Lam

Parent volunteer update: volunteer forms were sent home in September with all students and a list was compiled. Teachers access the list when looking for volunteers. At present, only need for more parent volunteers is the Hot Lunch program (Fridays). Parents are discouraged from volunteering in their own child’s classroom (because of

problems in past years) but are welcome to help in other classes. Volunteering for field trips with your child's class is permitted.

Parkview Pulse distribution: currently there are 214 subscribers (can view this number on side bar of Pulse) but it is unknown as to how many Parkview families this number represents (there may be more than one subscriber per family), unsubscribe option available, teachers have a deadline to submit information, suggest bookmarking <http://parkviewpulse.org/> for most current information (sometimes there are corrections/updates after the issue is distributed) the Pulse, and there is a translate feature for those that need it.

Suggestion to add student voice to Pulse (like a blog), this could be used to promote Grade 8 fundraising efforts. How to reach out to families not getting the Pulse? ALL Parkview families are to receive an email about Pulse later this week. Request to add reminder that deadline to sign up for Hot Lunch is February 12. Pulse is the primary communication tool being used. Parents really like it! Suggestion made to add Pulse information to outdoor Parkview information board.

Robotics Club: Another Lego kit has been requested. Now that the students are working towards their competitions, an additional kit is needed. Approval deferred until quorum achieved. All interested students were able to join the club.

Intermediate Music Night: Music Night will not be happening this year. An alternative arts night will not be happening. Staff will be focusing on academics. Something will be considered for next year and it may be different than what has been done thus far. Does everyone know? Can it be put in the Pulse? Any written communication about it needs to go through the Superintendent. Unclear if all intermediate classes know, but they will be told.

Parkview Fundraising Plan:

Updated Fundraising Plan presented. Recent expenses shown as follows:
Learning & Teaching: Scientists in School (\$194), Math Manipulatives (\$3,88.25)
Technology: Computer cost sharing (\$4800) and Robotic Kits (\$1000)
Equity & Inclusivity: Primary Play (\$847)
Engagement/Well-being: Outdoor play equipment (\$1494.99)
Environment: Earth Rangers presentation (\$350)
Costs to January 16: \$12,574.27. Projected revenue is \$31,000.

Teacher Wish List: As requested by Council in January, staff submitted additional items for their classrooms. Wish List distributed. Items are not prioritized. Majority are math focused. Speakers, listening center and microscopes also requested. Total cost \$3546.80 (taxes included). Request to review list and ensure all items can be purchased by Council in accordance with YRDSB guidelines. Wish List to be revisited at March Council meeting.

Math Night: Very well attended. Fun and interesting night for all! Majority of participants were Parkview families (only 6 from Ramer Wood). Over-subscribed so may hold a 2nd Math Night at Ramer Wood later this year.

7. Treasurer's Report – Henna Alvi

Monthly School Council Account Treasurer Report distributed.

Opening balance \$28,048.13.

Deposits: Bag2School (\$200), QSP (\$75.31 and \$9.82), Northern Karate School (\$1,807) and Pizza lunches March 4 to June 10 (\$305.80).

Expenses: Scientist in School – prior year (\$388), Computer cost share (\$4734.39), Pizza lunch (\$6,451.42), and Robotics kits (\$1,000).

Expenses WISH LIST: Sports equipment (\$1494.99), primary performance March 7/16 (\$847.50), YRDSB WL B&B/Quality Classrooms/wintergreen learning (\$350.70, \$1,143.22, \$1,067.48, \$355.08, and \$971.68), Healthy Snack program (\$1,500), Grade 8 Graduation (\$1,000), Earth Rangers assembly (\$350), and Grade 7 Lake St George Trip assistance (\$170.45).

Opening balance plus deposits minus expenses leaves \$36,138.71.

Outstanding Wish List expenses: Grad Night (\$500), Grade 8 Trip (\$1329.55), Tents – BBQ/Sporting events (\$1,000), Technology – computers (\$1,765.61), Natural Park Assessment (\$3,500), Movie Night – Primary (\$200), Gym/DPA equipment (\$5.01), Earth Day (\$200), Math Wish List (\$68.64), approximate Pizza lunch expenses (\$1,660.08) and approximate juice expense (\$294.80).

Projected balance after these outstand expenses are taken into account: \$25,615.02.

(Note: Quorum has been achieved.)

Two expenses were approved by Council Executive between meetings, as per Article 6.2 Roles and Responsibilities, Parkview Public School Council Constitution as amended June 16, 2015, and are to be ratified: \$75 deposit for Karaoke for BBQ, \$170.45 for student assistance for Lake St George.

Andrea Winarksi motioned to approve a \$75 deposit for the Karaoke for the Parkview BBQ. Kim Wideman seconded. Vote taken, carried.

Andrea Winarksi motioned to approve \$170.45 for student assistance for the Grade 7 Lake St George trip. Kim Wideman seconded. Vote taken, carried.

Kimberley Kwan motioned to approve amending Article 6.2 Roles and Responsibilities, Parkview Public School Council Constitution as amended June 16, 2015 to include “in

total” in relation to the approval of expenditures between meetings. Without this added clarification the intent of the clause could be misinterpreted and numerous \$300 expenses approved. Henna Alvi seconded. Vote taken, carried.

Robotics Club: Andrea Winarski motioned to approve the purchase of a Lego robotics kit for the Robotics Club at a cost of \$431.38 (taxes included). Susan Testa seconded. Vote taken, carried. Would another kit be helpful? To be added to the Wish List for discussion/approval next month.

8. Committee Updates

a) Environment: Lisa Brygidyr, Kimberley Kwan

Upcycle Art Contest details to be distributed to teachers by the end of February. One submission per class and display will be 4 days only (ending on Earth Day). Book Exchange notices go home after March Break with the “exchange” happening after Easter. Bike Tune-Up clinic to be confirmed for April 13 (okay with school calendar) with a local bike store. Focus on promoting recycling programs existing at Parkview.

b) Fundraising: Kim Wideman

Looking into recycling ink jet cartridges as a potential fundraising program. Noticed that our current recycling programs are in different locations. Suggestion to create a recycling centre that houses ALL programs with improved signage. Looking into pricing for containers and reviewing what programs are still active. Goal is to have all this organized by Earth Day.

The Earth Rangers presentation included the launch of a battery recycling program. These boxes are located outside the office. Students received cards about it.

An outdoor seating area for the intermediates was created from trucks of 2 dead trees at the back of Crosby Arena. Kim Wideman was thanked for contacting the City of Markham and making it happen.

Parkview BBQ – Julie Sellery

BBQ Budget distributed showing profit since 2011 and expenses from 2015. Budget approval is being sought so that expenses can be paid as received.

Projected expenses for the 2016 BBQ are as follows:

Hart Entertainment (inflatables, candy floss machine)	\$2260
Scaraoke Entertainment (karaoke)	\$375
Oriental Trading/Party City (prizes)	\$700
North Beach Events (Rock climbing)	\$628
Meat Shoppe (licensed food provider)	\$3000
Costco (drinks/condiments)	\$120
Miscellaneous (tape etc)	\$400
Candy	\$600
Popcorn	\$300
Picnic tables/tents	\$300

Colour printing		\$400
	TOTAL	\$9083

Note: float of \$575 required for the event.

Julie Sellery motioned to approve the Parkview BBQ Budget of \$9,100. Andrea Winarski seconded. Vote taken, carried.

Earth Rangers battery collection information is to be included in upcoming Pulse.

Electronic Recycling and Bag 2 School collections planned for early May. Dates may change due to new PA Day on May 6. New date for electronics recycling confirmed for May 14 (okay with school calendar). Bag 2 School – to be confirmed.

Ink cartridge recycling (Etobicoke company) would earn Parkview \$1 per cartridge. Also looking for a company that would recycle commercial cartridges. New fundraising ideas welcome – please email Kim Wideman.

c) Family School Partnership/Hot Lunch Update: AJ Lou, Lauren Greene-Roesel
No update.

d) Grade 8 Committee: Susan Testa, Marie Martel
Bottle drive is ongoing, raising \$500 so far. Coffee sales continue until the end of February, raising \$150 so far. Next committee meeting: end of March. Graduation at York Downs, continue to work on getting the price reduced.

e) Healthy Living: Sally Innanen
Council funds (\$1500) have allowed program to increase the number of snack portions offered to each classroom. Lots of positive feedback on snacks received. Trying to do a special treat once per month, this month was muffins (Sweets from the Earth, nut free and individually wrapped, approximately \$0.50 each).

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In regards to the Hot Lunch update, the policy referenced should be the Ontario School Food & Beverage Policy (PPM150) and the website link added (<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/ppm150.odf>). No other changes requested. Kimberley Kwan motioned to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes, as amended. Kim Wideman seconded. Vote taken, carried.

9. Next meeting(s): March 8/16, April 12/16, May 10/16 and June 14/16.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Recorded by Kimberley Kwan, Vice-Chair, as acting Secretary.
These minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a record of motions and discussions.