

School Council Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2018

Prepared by: Heather Patterson

Attendees:

Sandra Aldcorn, Chair

Jane Paterson, Principal

May-Lynn Kitaura

Stacey Kambanis

Ann Reid

Bindu Balakrishnan

Vasuki Murphy

Heather Patterson, stand-in secretary for Pamela Martin

Ian Morrison, teacher rep

Last meeting minutes approved by Sandra Aldcorn and Ann Reid

Principal's Report presented by Jane Paterson:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - SCHOOL COUNCIL May 16, 2018	
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Milroy is back with us, Ms. Griffin is back to being our regular supply - Ms. Kim is off, Ms. Tubesam is replacing her likely until the end of June - Ms. Hur is working mornings only until the end of the school year, Ms. Cheng (7/8) will be covering the afternoons, mainly in the Ks - Ms. Gillings is returning next week, Ms. Blatchford has been covering in the C. Class - Mr. DiMaria is back with us
Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tech Order/Cost share - 14 chromebooks, 3 tech tub trolleys - Library furniture and white board
Student Council - student and teacher leader Character Eco Me to We Our healthy school	Me to We <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selling buttons for \$1 to raise funds for charity Character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assemblies: Leader by Example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Feb. Initiative o March Perseverance o April Integrity Healthy School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcements + mental health week posters, May 7 - 13 <p>Eco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - waste reduction
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March: Boys basketball, Area tournament: 1st place, Regional tournament: 2nd place (Mr. Winer) - Apr. 24, Hosted girls area basketball tournament, much improvement (Ms. Leone)
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr. 2 Kindergarten: Early Development Inventory (EDI) - Feb. 23 Markham theatre- Wizard of Oz, 115 students, Natalie Storer in production - Feb. 28 – March 2, Bands to music retreat overnight at Jackson’s Point - - Mar. 1, Regional Robotics, Seneca College: 1st place finish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire Safety for Gr. 4 - March 20 Healthy Heart presentation prior to Jump Rope event - Ganaraska March 21, 22, 23 - March 22, Harriett Tubman theatre presentation - March 28, Gr. 6/7/8 bands at Music Alive - Pancake Day in Mr. Morrison/Ms. Lown’s K - Apr. 4 Parent Symposium (Ann Reid and Mary Lyn) - Apr. 13 Gr. 4 Fire safety - Apr. 18, STEAM night - Apr. 24, Gr. 6-8 walked to Markville for band concert - Apr. 25, Jump Rope kick-off assembly - Primary Swimming, weekly - Apr. 25, Jr. Achievement for Gr. 7/8 - Apr. 26, Hep B vaccination Gr. 7 - May 7, Robotics Provincial Competition, placed 3rd out of 18 teams - May 7, Skills Ontario Young Women’s Conference, 18 Gr. 8 girls (Ms. Cheng/Ms. Dranfield) - May 7, evening, concert band performed at Markville pops concert - May 10, Battle of the Books, very successful participation by our team (Ms. Robson) -

Staff Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrating Social Emotional Learning and Resiliency into your classrooms and schools - K-3 Creating Equitable and Inclusive Classrooms - ELLs in the problem-solving math classroom - Math rep training - Supporting students with ASD - PLT time: math, Primary oral lang. development, coding, green screen video, stop frame animation, sewing machines
UPCOMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday Jump Rope for Heart - EQAO, next week, Wed. to Fri., Gr. 3 & 6 - May LBE Courage - Spring Concert May 30. <i>Note: Only the following are performing in this concert: Cohen, Hunter, Kennedy, Tzogas, Cheng and the Junior band)</i> - Volunteer Tea, June 8, 10:30 am, Library - fire dept. splash party, June 13 - June LBE Optimism - PA Days, June 4 and 29 -

Mrs. Paterson finished her report by announcing that she will be retiring at the end of this school year (end of June 2018). Her replacement has not yet been announced, but expected to start transitioning in June. The Council congratulated Jane and wishes her all the best in her next adventure.

Treasurer’s Report *(Presented by Sandra Aldcorn, on behalf of Jamie Aldcorn who could not attend the meeting)*

Cash Available: \$5,600 not counting the o/ \$150 that has not come out yet (can spend approx. \$3000)

Main driver = pizza (winter was down revenue, but Spring only down 10 slices from Fall number)

Teacher Proposals:

Mr. Morrison

Requested < \$200, Council **approved \$300** to cover the following

1. Implement a “wood-working” maker space in his kindergarten classroom (mitre box & saw, hammers, nails, etc.). Sandra suggested writing a letter to the local Home Depot to see if they would consider donating anything in addition to what can be purchased with council funds
2. Sticklets: Rubber device with 3 holes (can make tripods) – 18 pieces for \$60
3. 2 way viewers: put an insect in it and you can view it from different angles (requested 2, council suggested and approved 5 of these)

4. Outdoor Chalkboards (laptop chalkboards) – in winter, whiteboard markers don't work.
\$37.95/10

Mr. Hunter

Would like to take a Math PD over the summer – Cost is \$500 USD, Ms. Paterson suggested that the council consider covering a portion. **Council approved \$200 CAD** contribution

Ms. Milroy

3 plastic tables for outdoor space (similar to what was spent by school for Mr. Morrison's outdoor space). **Council approved \$300**

Council suggested that we also send out letter to parents asking for donation of more used tables

S.T.E.A.M. night Update

Incredibly successful – good turn out (at least 230-250 people came)

Great feedback

As part of grant request we had committed to completing exit surveys, with we forgot to do.

Bindu to put together 3 questions and send to Jane to send out to the community via email (include in News & Events Section of next newsletter).

Requested items from community:

Mr. Morrison is looking for any donations of old technology (things the kids can take apart) – eg. Old computers.

Jane's concern is with storage of too much junk. **Jane will ask for specific donations (eg. Little Tykes picnic tables in good shape)**

Pro-Grant proposal for next year is due June 5, 2018 (Jane might reach out to Patty O'Sullivan).

Potential grant ideas for next year: do another STEAM Night – would allow us to learn from this year and re-use materials & build on it

Decided to apply for similar STEAM night and build on it – try to include the community (eg.

People in the community that could run some of the activities. MaryAnn volunteered her husband who is an engineer).

Spring Concert

May 29, 2018

Does not include all classes. Mostly the primary classes – Jane to confirm with Ms. A-C which classes are performing. Done – Jane confirmed on May 23/18 the **following classes are**

performing: Cohen, Hunter, Kennedy, Tzogas, Cheng and the Junior band.

Note: had originally hoped to do a school BBQ on same night however logistics too difficult

School Council social event at The Duchess to be planned for June 5/18 @ 6:30pm.

This Concludes the last meeting of the 2017/2018 School Year!