

R.L. Graham School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 9, 2016

Location	R.L. Graham Staff Room	COMMENCE:	6:30 pm	ADJOURN:	8:21 pm
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ATTENDANCE

Jane Macpherson, Principal	<i>Present</i>	Lee Canavan	<i>Present</i>
Susan Dickson, Vice Principal	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Lee Dale	<i>Present</i>
Alison Fardy, EOAA	<i>Present</i>	Linda Peters, Teacher	<i>Present</i>
Amanda Allen	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Lori Wheeler	<i>Present</i>
Amanda Hislop	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Melissa Hames	<i>Present</i>
Charlene Gunn-Hagerman	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Robin Rheame	<i>Sends regrets</i>
Corinne D'Angelo	<i>Present</i>	Samantha Oxley	<i>Present</i>
Gerald Meade	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Sara Halk	<i>Sends regrets</i>
Ingrida Roberts	<i>Present</i>	Sharon Poulter	<i>Sends regrets</i>
Kara Skripnikova	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Staci Bassie	<i>Present</i>
Karen Hellier	<i>Present</i>	Tanja Hinkkanen	<i>Sends regrets</i>

ITEM	DISCUSSION	REPORT BY:
Opening Remarks	<p><u>Approval of January Minutes.</u> <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Ingrida and Karen.</u> <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Please note that both Terry and Melanie Boland have resigned from School Council effective February 8th, 2017.</p>	Corinne D'Angelo
Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Council Valentine's Day cookie sales to be cancelled due to peanut concerns with the chocolate chips from the high school. Something else will be held at a different point in the future. Lots of hard work going into the electives this year. Trampoline/laser tag sold out quickly, possible second trip to be considered. Library makeover happening now with a Canadiana theme. Gerald Meade, teacher at Denison High School, has had his students make a wooden moose from an online pattern. Possibly get them to make a wolf as well as some frames for the walls. Green bins and boomerang lunches still a success. Helpers from Mrs. Dionne's grade seven and eights a part of the process. Staffing for 2017-2018 moving forward. Please contact the office if moving or for kindergarten registration. Cost sharing has run out for the year. Grade 5s All Star Reading Challenge, through Toronto Raptors and DeMar DeRozen. Raptors to donate all the books. 1 book per week for 10 weeks per child, write a book report per week. Highest scores get to go to a Raptors game. Feb 23rd press conference for grade 5s to get a picture with DeMar DeRozen. Trip is \$5 per student to attend Hershey Centre in Mississauga for the trip. All grade 5 students participating in the event will attend and be on tv. VIP Program, police officer linked with our school is Jan Meecham, she will meet with the grade 6s to discuss Values, Influences and Peers. Raise policing issues, students awareness of laws, drugs, gangs, peer pressure. First session on Wednesday and will run for six weeks. Grade 7s and 8s get one session each. 	Jane Macpherson & Susan Dickson

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Principal Report Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance week is in full swing, presentation is postponed until Tuesday because of the snow day. • The Board Parents Symposium: dinner and presentations at the Sheraton, like to meet the needs of the community. Looking for 3 parents to attend. Topics to be put forward and discussed at meeting. • Healthy schools Public Health Survey around active play. Survey to hand out. Definition of active play, without structure. Spent time completing the survey. 	
Treasury Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New account has been created: the Benevolence fund. This money is for field trips for children in need that may not be able to pay for them. The general criteria is that if a child is not able to attend school function because they cannot afford it, then funds to cover would come out of this fund. • \$285 in Canadian Tire money still not used. Donations of hats, mitts, underwear, socks, or possibly ECO team and other in-school clubs could benefit from a little help. • Money Student Council won (\$500 from Santa Claus Parade) went to decorating the character room; bean bag chairs, decor, etc. 	Staci Bassie
Dance-a-thon Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In need of prizing, one big ticket item possibly an android tablet around \$100-150 cost. • Teacher experiences as prizing and any other items, toys, games, etc would be used. • Professor Jamz will do a kick-off presentation prior. • Dance-a-thon is April 7th. • Looking for volunteers to help the day of. All day or portions of the day. • Dance is held by grades; kindergarten and primary, juniors and then intermediate separately. 	Corinne D'Angelo and Staci Bassie
Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of a pancake dinner to raise funds for graduation; food handling issues, require certificates, etc. • Jason, the head of culinary at KHS, would cater to the food for the graduation. Looking for finger foods, portable to be eaten during the dance. Other school use him as well so will need to book early. Menu choices will be presented to the grade 8s for feedback. Ice cream, sprinkles, chocolate fountain, not sure of specifics yet. • No photo booth this year with a savings of about \$289; photo props and backdrop will be provided for students own cameras/phones. • There will be balloons as decoration again this year but no archway as it was a struggle to transport and then move. • Roman pillars to be recycled as they will no longer be used. • Car wash may not occur if pancake dinner goes well. 	Ingrida Roberts
Fun Fair Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first meeting at Boston Pizza went well with 16 people attended or showing interest in helping out. • Sharon working to get "Robocop" and getting police car • Fire truck and firemen have been secured for the day • Continue to ask for artisans and community businesses, Staci sent out email asking last year's participation, 11 have responded to be a part of the "community marketplace" so far • Dawn Mitchell will handle the food again this year. 	Corinne D'Angelo and Staci Bassie

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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook first submissions due March 20, 2017. Teachers are encouraged to send in photos of field trips, classrooms activities, etc. by the end of February. • Cost sharing technology purchases in recent years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2014: SmartBoards and presentation kits were purchased. ○ Please note: there is now a SmartBoard or computer with speakers and documents camera OR a LCG projector in every classroom. ○ 2015: \$10,800 went to 30 ChromeBooks ○ 2016: \$15,700 bought 43 ChromeBooks and 4 document cameras • School Council funds can not be carried over year after year without a plan, for example Fun Fair monies can be carried over for the playground as it is a large expense taking years to save for • School photography: the school photography company is an administration decision, not one made by council. • Current Lifetouch contract is to the end of next year. • Lifetouch works with board technology making it easier to use. • More choice for backgrounds required and the price is going up yearly. • Tablecloths: Would like to get away from throw away tablecloths, not good for the environment. Online company in the US could be used to purchase 12 dark blue, polyester, tablecloths at \$6.88 each plus shipping. • Considering making them from fabric at Fabricland as well. <p><u>Motion to spend \$200 on reusable tablecloths.</u> <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Samantha.</u> <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p>	Corinne D'Angelo
Motion to Adjourn	<p><u>Motion to adjourn the meeting.</u> <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Staci.</u> <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p>	
Next Meeting	Thursday, April 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.	