



ROY H. CROSBY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES: MARCH 9, 2015

ATTENDANCE

- Attendees: Brenda, LEEANNE, Sanobar, Jane, Angela, Kristin, Kim, Elaine, Lesli, Petra, Jing, Shirley, Yangyu, Julie, Neal, Jing, Cherrlyn, Winnie, William
- Regrets: Nancy

OPENING REMARKS

- No questions/comments on Jan minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Cash position is \$10,164.11
- Pizza continues to be a significant revenue generator
- Estimated net funds balance for year end is \$1,102.87
- This amount will be adjusted once Grant funds are deposited, as this is outstanding

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Money Mentors Workshop: 15 people registered, 8 attended; weather was a challenge and the event started late
- Last spring, there was a parent climate survey that was published and results were shared with the school
 - 76 parent responses; one parent response may have been applicable to more than one age group
 - School Safety survey question: quite positive
 - Student discrimination/bullying: a large majority of parents didn't know about policy
 - The survey identified some areas to improve: ways to support child's learning at home and teachers communicating about the child's well-being; Parents not knowing where to go for mental health support
 - High marks: students enjoyment of school – 96%
- The "Great Big Crunch": an event promoting healthy eating and eating local produce. Meeting at the gym where everyone gets an apple March 12
- March 27: Earth Hour --- celebrating on the Friday before, from 1:30 – 2:30pm
- April 15: Regional parent engagement meeting which includes workshops and information will be available online after
- April 17: Prologue performance
- Last week of May/1st week of June – EQAO testing. Dates have not been set yet
- June: 50th anniversary celebration. A committee of parents and staff will be supporting the celebration.
- June 15 – grade 6 farewell, to be held at Markham District. The evening will include awards and cake

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Sex education: Guidebooks are available [on line](#)
 - Council discussed mixed information about the opting out of the program.
 - Principal advised that this curriculum will be implemented in the next school year.



- c. Last November 2014, each School Council Chair was asked to complete a survey where answers were used to contribute to this curriculum
 - d. If you wish to read more materials, go to the Ministry of Education website for more details on this curriculum
 - e. Teachers will send out a notice to the parents prior to the beginning of the 'topic'
- 2) Lesli: Golf Tournament fundraiser – has run for 4 years in a row
- a. Would be held at Markham Green – 9 hole course includes cart, dinner. Event usually includes a silent auction after dinner; adults only
 - b. On average, raised \$3,000. \$75 entry fee/person; Maximum 72 people
 - c. Usually event starts around 5 and shotgun;
 - d. Volunteers would be needed to help to collect silent auction items like alcohol basket; jewellery; yoga; baked goods; etc.
 - e. Council was asked whether they would support this event. This event will be deferred for this year.
- 3) Lesli: Spring dance for April 24
- a. Request for songs form will be sent out after March Break
 - b. Theme: 1960s theme to go with the 50th anniversary. Each person who dresses up and/or donates the most will help towards getting "house points" for their class
 - c. Volunteers: Please help with Christmas lighting/lighting; decorations. If you can volunteer, even if it's for a shift --- please contact Lesli
 - d. Funds to be spent on lighting, decorations and give aways. 1st to approve – Angela and 2nd Kim: up to \$500
 - e. Suggest we collect items for the food bank
- 4) Pizza order
- a. 24 pizza boxes to be ordered
 - b. Down on volunteers for the past 2 weeks. Need more volunteers every Wed, especially for the younger grades. If you can volunteer 15 minutes of your time every Wed, please contact Sanobar
- 5) Welcome Package
- a. Comments?
 - b. Brenda to provide the cost of laminating the cover for the next meeting for the council to vote on
- 6) Code of behavior
- a. Questions? No questions
- 7) Pro-grant
- a. Application is due May 24
 - b. Brenda --- will send out separate survey to determine what workshop items may be great to have for the pro-grant. Survey results will help guide what we can use the PRO grant for.
- 8) EQAO Rankings.
- a. Parent asked: Why the rating has changed?
 - b. Brenda's response: Every student in grade 3 and 6 complete the 'test'. It's a snapshot in time with these grades. Many of the kids here have English as a 2nd language. Teachers take in the info and reassess curriculum if needed.
 - c. We have a very small 'sample' population. If child doesn't complete, then they are counted as a '0'.