

***Minutes for SWL School Council Meeting***  
**February 12th, 2014 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

	✓/x	Council Members	✓/x	Staff Members
1	✓	Houri Awedikian – Chair	✓	Laurie Finn - Principal
2	✓	Shalini Bhardwaj	✓	Craig Barton – Vice -principal
3	x	Michelle Dougal		
4	x	Elaine Friesen – Secretary		
5	x	Helen Huang		
6	✓	Elisa Lau	✓	Beth Rinne - Custodial Staff
7	x	Lisa Leong-Poi		
8	✓	Julia Li – Treasurer		<b>Parents / Guests</b>
9	x	Lucy Liu	✓	Roxanne Tang
10	✓	Doris Tang	✓	Charity Stappas
11	✓	Jeevan Trehan		
12	✓	Nancy Tye		
13	x	Victor Wang		

1. **Welcome**

2. **Minutes from Meetings**

Minutes from November 6 meeting reviewed and approved

3. **Treasurer’s Report/Update**

Julia presented Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 report on revenue and expenditures

Balance of \$37,357.80

Wish List report presented.

Everything that was ordered on the wish list has been received (i.e. books, notebooks, cameras, musical instruments and drama equipment, instructional supplies, outdoor play equipment).

4. **Principal’s Report**

**New EOAA (Elementary Office Administrative Assistant)**

Carmen Lo started Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Parent School Council Forum**

- There is a Spring forum on Wed Apr 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 9pm at Sheraton Parkway at Highway 7 and Leslie.
- There will be sharing of board initiatives, workshops and opportunity for parental input and feedback.
- Doris and Jeevan are signing up to attend (each school can send two parents).
- Laurie will help with the registration deadline of Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Challenge of Practice** – every school has been asked to identify an area of student need, develop a program and implement measures to track the impact of the program. All staff members and grades were involved in the development. SWL's Challenge of Practice focuses on oral language strategies to improve critical thinking. It extends beyond rote learning to application, synthesis and problem solving. It involves different ways for students to articulate and consolidate their knowledge and explain their thinking. An external group from the Ministry will visit and provide feedback.

### **Communication Upgrades**

The SWL Website will be enhanced and will have a different look by next month. The school will be able to post things more immediately on the website. There will be a calendar feature

### **Synervoice messages**

The school will be able to send out full messages to parents via this technology. This can be used for attendance calls as part of the Safe Arrival Program

### **Update on School Addition**

Construction/expansion will commence at the end of June .

It is anticipated that construction will be completed by January 2015.

There are 25 classrooms currently.

Grade 2's are all transferring over from Grade 1 Sir John A McDonald

It is anticipated that the school will have 100 more students for 2014-2015.

Class size limits/ratios must be adhered to.

Laurie is proposing to accommodate the student population by fully utilizing the six oversized classrooms on the main level.

The teachers would be involved in-team teaching.

This plan will allow the gymnasium and library to remain accessible for school and class activities.

There are discussions underway for a new school (primary dual track) in Cathedral Town for 2017

### **Skating**

Two skating trips are being coordinated for SWL students

These will be one hour skating sessions at Angus Glen on March 21st and 28<sup>th</sup> .

Thanks to student council for bringing forth this request.

### **School Assistants**

SWL has posted for school assistants – both regular daily (12:20 to 1:20pm) and supply positions. Interested candidates are to contact Mr. Barton or Mme. Fazal.

5. **Sub-Committee's Reports/Updates**

- Healthy Eating (Laurie Finn) - Snack day planned for April
- Positive Climate for Learning/Safe Schools (Laurie Finn)
- Pizza (Jeevan Trehan, Shalini Bhardwaj)  
Shortage of volunteers noticed particularly if special lunches are on a day other than Friday
- Sub Lunches (Nancy Tye, Elisa Lau, Shalini Bhardwaj)  
Mr. Sub continues to provide excellent service, individually labelling each sub lunch
  
- Pro Grant (Elisa Lau, Victor Wong, Shalini Bhardwaj)  
Letter will go out next week  
This is a Family Math evening – **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. *Let's Do Mathematics Together!*  
*Using Mental Math Strategies to develop flexible and strategic mathematical thinking through mathematical reasoning, proving and precise and clear communication*  
Elaine Friesen is the contact person helping with this
  
- Fun Fair – scheduled for June 5 with rain date on June 12<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 to 7:30  
We are looking for volunteers and someone to lead the Fun Fair
- Parent Sessions: 3 to date with 1 from Pro Grant in March

6. **Confirmation of next meetings**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

June 4<sup>th</sup>