

Minutes for SWL School Council Meeting
Wednesday May 28, 2014
7:00pm to 8:30pm Council Meeting

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

1. **Welcome:**

2. **Review of minutes from previous meetings** (Elaine)

- Minutes from Feb 12, 2014 and April 2, 2014 meetings were approved via email. No new business arising from the minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes as presented (Houri/Jeevan) Approved 10-0-0
- Review/approve motion for allocation vote for GROW program
 - Motion to allocate \$2000 towards the GROW Program was circulated via email (Houri/Jeevan). The **motion passed** with at least 6 council members voting yes via email.
 - Confirmation vote at council (Houri-Jeevan) Approved 10-0-0
- Review/ approve motion for allocation vote for funfair fund
 - Motion to allocate \$4000 for the 2014 Fun Fair expenses, was circulated via email (Jeevan/Nancy). The **motion passed** with at least 6 council members voting yes via email.
 - Confirmation vote at council (Jeevan/Nancy) Approved 10-0-0

3. **Treasurer’s Report/Update** (Elisa)

- Annual Report in the works
- Everything on the school wish list has been purchased and accounted for. What was projected has been achieved and expensed (lunch fundraisers, fun fair, GROW program, plus a balance for the new school council)
- Money has also been earmarked for outdoor classroom (\$1000) and playground (\$1000) as per our constitution

4. Principal's Report (Laurie)

- Students will be participating in the GROW program June 13, 16, 17, 18
- School council meetings for 2014-2015 will be every first Wednesday every other month. There might be an exception for November, where we are coordinating with Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School
- With construction going on, there will some reorganization of physical space for the students and their classrooms.
- Thank you school council for another great year.

5. Chairs' Update

- School Council Annual Report (Houri)
 - Houri presented council with a draft of the annual report responses. This is to evaluate our past school year and to celebrate our accomplishments. The document will be sent to the York Region School Board
 - Summary
 - Activities to support parents – PRO grant Family Math night, several workshops organized by the school staff
 - Engage parents in the community – school newsletter, council email blasts, twitter, parents invited to participated in lunch programs and fun fair
 - Input invitation – always request through feedback from parents at various events and through student agendas
 - We participated in the GROW program to encourage inclusivity and positive character.

6. Sub-Committee's Reports/Updates

- Book of Forms Update (Houri)
 - Council thanks Brenda Tabe for her work with the Book of Forms. Houri will be managing the book of forms moving forward.
 - Committee will finalize the forms from the various lunch fundraisers and adding June 4, 2015 – fun fair date to the calendar
- PRO Grant 2014-2015 (Elisa)
 - Request for \$1000 submitted May 12, and form submitted
 - Suggestion to future councils - Try to spend all that is allocated. As usual, we should partner with other schools and cross advertise
- Lunch Fundraisers
 - A Big Thank You to all our volunteers for the Pizza, Hot Dog, Fun Lunch and Sub lunch fundraisers.
 - Council was presented with price lists and menus for the 2014-2015 lunch fundraisers. We had new submissions from Sushi, Extreme Pita, Pita Pit and Booster Juice. The new vendors also provided samples of their lunches

- Council voted on Pizza Pizza, Mr Sub, Fun Lunch with Lunch Lady; and Extreme Pita as their new lunch fundraisers for 2014-2015.
- Jane Nish will be managing the Fun Lunch Program while Shalini will be managing the Extreme Pita lunch program next year.

7. Review of Board Policies and Procedures

FYI only

Go to the links to provide feedback as necessary.

POLICY	RESPONSE DUE BY
Working Document Policy #103.0 , Awards	October 3, 2014
Working Document Policy #635.0 , Student Dress Code	October 3, 2014
Working Document Policy #408.0 , Appointment of Architects	October 31, 2014
Working Document Policy #445.0 , School Names	October 31, 2014
Working Document Policy #462.0 , Student Accommodation - Sites and Facilities	October 31, 2014
Working Document Policy #536.0 , Performance Appraisal Process	October 31, 2014
Working Document Policy #105.0 , Communications	January 2, 2015
Working Document Policy #215.0 , Electronic Participation in Board, Advisory and Board Committee Meetings	January 2, 2015
Working Document Policy #520.0 , Deferred Salary Leave Plan	January 2, 2015

7. Confirmation of next meetings & Adjournment

October 1 November 18 (with PET) February 4 April 1 June 3

8. Other Business

- Promoting school council activities
 - School newsletter. It was suggested that Houri can email Laurie with a summary about school council by Aug 15 (for Sept/Oct Newsletter). It would be nice for future chairs of council to submit a message the monthly school newsletter. We can also highlight council meeting dates on the newsletter emails
 - We also discussed using synavoice to inform parent community about council meeting
- There was interest from parents in having SWL students participate in Math competitions.