

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School

School Council Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Principal Deborah Joyce, Vice Principal Wayne Spencer, Paymon Sani, Bin Chang, Sara Bataghva, Karyanne Wong, Tammy , Agnes Cheung, Karen Quang, Christina Wong, Helen He, Amy Huang, Diana Yau, Dorothy Tong, Bruno DesRosiers, Joyce Allimonos.

Principal Joyce welcomed everyone and introduced Vice Principal Spencer, then last year's Co-Chair, Paymon Sani. We then went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

1) Administration Report

The School Administration provided a Report on this current school year. The Fundraising plan for Council was the first item discussed. The forecasted goal is to raise approximately \$40k. This would allow for various activities such as: Mathletes, etc... The next items discussed were the current service providers: Chess and Robotics. Piano was not continued due to the need for a new provider and uncertain of interest due to low student involvement last year. Different ideas were discussed, such as Visual Arts, Music, Karate, etc... It was agreed a survey would be sent out to determine parent preference before moving forward with any additional providers. These opportunities are and will be made available during the lunch hour since there are 15 buses that bring students to school and take them home at the end of the day.

An update was given on what happened in the school already: Parent meet the Teacher Night was successful, purchases of enough blue tennis balls to eliminate the noise from the student chairs, Student Council Elections will be underway soon, an update on YRDSB union negotiations....

2) School Lunch Program

The School Lunch Program Report was given by Joyce Allimonos. Every day there is a different lunch option made available by Parent Council to both assist the parents and raise funds for the school. Mondays: Sushi provided by Bento Sushi. Tuesdays: Pizza provided by Pizza Hut. Wednesdays: Dumplings provided by Asian Legend. Thursday: Fun Lunch (various hot lunch options) provided by Lunch Lady. Fridays: Five different hot lunch options provided by Astoria.

In the beginning of the year there was an issue with Asian Legend. They had not communicated a minimum order requirement and so when parents placed their orders and our numbers had fallen from last year, Asian Legend said they could no longer provide our school with Dumplings. Since parents had already purchased lunches for the first session of lunches (September 16 – November 15), negotiations helped reach an agreement that Asian Legend would continue to provide Dumplings until mid November if we met their minimum dollar requirement of \$450. This would allow for students to receive the lunches the parents paid for and allow Council time to find a new lunch provider to fill the Wednesday lunch slot for the second lunch session (November 18 – January 31). Numbers were lower than last year because our school no longer has grade two's and have, therefore, approximately 100 less students. Discussions were made about possible lunch providers to replace Asian Legend: Swiss Chalet, Booster Juice, Subway, T & T, Little Duck. It was agreed if Asian cuisine could replace Dumplings, it may result in more satisfied parents and students. A parent volunteered to follow-up with T & T and another parent volunteered to follow-up with Little Duck and report back to the current Lunch Program Co-ordinator. The office staff is preparing School Cash Online for the Second term of lunches soon so a new provider needs to be found quickly.

3) Treasurer's Update

Projected profits from lunch program are \$27,895. This may change due to uncertainty of lunch orders with changes in providers throughout the year.

There is an open balance of \$15,410.36 from last years dollars raised. The first lunch session is projected to raise just over \$6k.

A more detailed report will be given once additional funds are collected.

4) The School Fundraising Proposal was reviewed and the following are proposed for this year:

- a. Athletics
- b. Computer Cost Sharing
- c. Graduation
- d. Snack Program
- e. Athletics Supply Teachers
- f. Events for students
- g. Support for Lead Teachers and Coaches
- h. Fun Fair – although will need to be different this year as inflatables are no longer allowed
- i. Helping another school
- j. Outdoor classroom
- k. Other

5) Open Forum (All)

Attendees expressed an interest in additional activities, such as Mega Hoops, Brain Pop, Math Up, Visual Arts, Music, Curling...

Administration had previously said they would research assisting another school with the help of the schools Superintendent. Follow-up was done by administration and \$2k was set-aside for this. Student Council also wants to assist in this endeavour and will also raise funds to help another school in our community.

Paymon discussed the Wind Turbine project for the grade 6s, This is scheduled to take place in Dec. This project is sponsored and organized by CA Robot.org., a not-for-profit organization that works with YRDSB.

Elections were held and the following were elected

Co-Chairs: Karen Quang and Sara Bataghva

Treasurer: Bruno DesRosiers

Co-Secretaries: Diana Yau and Bin Chang

The possibility of organizing a Movie Night was mentioned and tabled for a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.