

Minutes for Sir Wilfrid Laurier PS - School Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Present

Council Members

Houri Awedikian
Lesley Bereteau
Shalini Bhardway
Elisa Lau
Annette Li
Seema Nirula
Rob Taylor
Doris Tang
Jeevan Trehan
Doris Tang

Staff Members

Craig Barton (Vice Principal)
Laurie Finn (Principal)
Doris Rock (School staff)

Proceedings

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Principal, Laurie Finn.
- Welcoming new members and introduction by all members.
- Motion to approve last year's meeting minutes by prior school Council Members.
Approved by Doris, seconded by Houri, followed by Nancy, Shalini, Elisa and Jeevan.

Treasurer's Report/Update (provided by Elisa)

- June 25, 2014 funds remaining of \$6,160.19. Question raised as to the minimum amount required. Minimum of \$1,500 is required by Constitution.
- Approx. \$4,600 available and will be used up for the school year in addition to funds raised in current school calendar year.

Principal's Report (provided by Laurie)

- 29 classes in total with 2 Grade 2/3 split classes.
- School expansion construction phase
 - Phase 1 began in July/2014 to labour day.
 - Phase 2: Sept to Dec/2014.
 - By November, construction will be completed and furniture/prep work will be done by Dec/2014. There will be 5 classes moving into new classrooms.
- Discussion on School Improvement plan in three parts with focus on intakes from Grade 2 and tracking student results for those transitioning from Grade 8 to 9.
- Information provided on various school committees/Network/Council Constitution/School website

- Discussion on "Investment in Ed" and allocation of carry over funds
 - Teacher's "wish list" will be presented in next meeting
 - Technology: goal is to improve #class/computer ratio from 3:1 to 2:1 (upgrade by 2017)
 - School Board will match \$6,500 in computer cost sharing program. **Motion** to allocate \$6,500 from Investment in Education fund to computer purchase. The **motion passed** with all present council members voting yes.
- Presented Spring 2014 EQAO Summary Result with yearly comparison table
 - Drop in 2014 Junior math results – variance to be further investigated

Sub-Committee's Report/Update

Pizza (Provided by Jeevan)

- Approx. \$21,000 in cash order, this would generate roughly \$12-13k in net revenue.
- Jeevan to provide actual revenue and net profit impact by next meeting.

Extreme Pita (Shalini)

- 1st time order with vendor and vendor provided bags for each class.
- 220 orders with total revenue of \$8,900, cost of \$6,200 and net profit of approx. \$2,600.

Sub Lunches (Elisa)

- Mr. Sub has provided 3 standardized Sub choices
- Approx. 200 orders, with total of 1134 subs ordered. Increased from prior year by 148 subs.
- Elisa to provide revenue and cost figures

Fun Fair (Elisa/Jeevan)

- Prior year cost approx. \$600 with 15-20 parent volunteers.
- Current year cost will be provided in next meeting. (Jeevan/Elisa)
- Potential sponsorship by local chain businesses (ex. Longo's, Best Buy, Tim Horton's). However, difficulty arise from businesses required to submit application approval from its head office operation, requiring 3-4 months approval process.
- Elisa will start planning for Fun Fair and send emails about the event.
- Jeevan will book Bouncing Castle for the following year's Fun Fair event. Decision made to have Fun Fair on Thursday, June 2, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Nominations/Elections for Executive Members

- Houri Awedikian/Jeevan Trehan – co-chairs
- Yifu Li – Treasurer
- Annette Li – 1st meeting Secretary (rotating Secretary)
- Lesley Beneteau – 2nd meeting Secretary (rotating Secretary)
- 3rd-5th meeting Secretary - TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Annette Li.