

***Minutes for SWL School Council Meeting***  
**October 7, 2015 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

	✓/x	<b>Council Members</b>		✓/x	<b>Staff Members</b>
<b>1</b>	✓	Houri Awedikian – Co Chair		✓	Laurie Finn - Principal
<b>2</b>	✓	Shalini Bhardwaj		✓	Kathryn Gravill – Vice -principal
<b>3</b>	✓	Alex Cheung – Co Treasurer			
<b>4</b>	✓	Diana Yau – Secretary			
<b>5</b>	✓	Nancy Tye – Community Rep			
<b>6</b>	✓	Elisa Lau			
<b>7</b>	✓	Raymond Cheung			
<b>8</b>	✓	Yifu Li – Co Treasurer			<b>Parents / Guests</b>
<b>9</b>	✓	Felix Cheong			Dorothy Tong
<b>10</b>	✓	Juliann Ng – Co Chair			

**1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- Welcome from Houri Awedikian and Mme Finn

**2. Treasurer’s Report/Update**

- Yufi presented annual report on school revenue and expenditures from Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to Jun 19, 2015
- More detail on the funds collected at the beginning of the school term will be discussed at later meetings

**3. Nominations/Elections for Executive Members:**

- Mme Finn outlined the roles and responsibilities of the school council members.
- Elections and acclamations of the following school council executive members:
  - Co-Chair - Houri Awedikian
  - Co-Chair – Juliann Ng
  - Co-Treasurer – Alex Cheung
  - Co Treasurer – Yifu Li
  - Secretary – Diana Yau

**4. Principal’s Report**

- School Year start up
- Update on Labour Sanctions: No teacher rep and no caretaker rep due to labour sanctions. CUPE (sec, caretakers, cyw) are at stage 2 and ETFO (teachers) are at stage 3; province and union exec are talking this week starting on Mon, admin is

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<http://www.sirwilfridlaurier.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/council/minutes.htm> and in the School Council binder in the  
 administration office

- not part of the union, media updates is what we are following as well as parents; while talks are on rotating strikes for month of Oct have been called off
- 4 items in regard to school profiles (Leadership Profile, School Profile, Homework Policy and Code of Behaviour) needed to be review. If there is any input, please contact Mme Finn before end of October
  - There will be a Fall Parent School Council Forum on Nov 9, 2015. More details to follow
  - School playground structure repaired 2 weeks ago. School hired the company that installed the structure 4 years ago for the repair. Invoice has not been given yet.
  - Computer cost sharing program – currently on hold because of labour sanctions. Council agreed to spend \$4125.00 which will be matched by the Board for a total of \$8250 to purchase 25 Chromebooks so more students in particular the grade 4 to 8 students will have access to a device in school for their homework and research. School currently has 16 laptop carts. Motioned by Mme Finn, seconded by Alex Cheung and Felix to move forward. Motion passed.
  - Investment in Ed allocations cannot go forward until labour sanctions are lifted as resources requested are linked to initiatives in the School Improvement Plan

#### 5. **Chair's Update**

- Investment in Education (Houri)
  - \$7801.88 collected but still need to reconcile with EOAA Carmen as some cheques have been returned to parents for correction.
- PRO (Parents reaching out) Grant Update
  - Ministry of Education approved \$1000 grant for this year
  - Elisa Lau will lead the coordination of this year event. Topic will be related to social media; how to guide parents to teach kids on social media.

#### 6. **Sub-Committee's Reports/Updates**

- Special thanks to Jean and Wanda for their time and efforts to sort out all the forms collected from the beginning of school year. Houri will give them a card on behalf of school council to appreciate their help.
- Investment in Education: please refer to above
- Pizza
- Lunch Lady
- Extreme Pita (Shalini) – 162 orders for 9 months. \$7300 collected
- Sub lunches (Elisa – report to follow)
- Lunch order forms need to be reviewed and updated to ensure parents know that they cannot pick dates for the lunch order. It is either all or none.
- Fun Fair – Juliana will lead the coordination. Bouncing castle has been pre ordered
- Other fund raising opportunity
  - Northern Karate offers 8 weeks program for students during their lunch break. All profit will be donated back to school. Company want to use the gym for

their lesson. Gym space right now is occupied by school programs. Shalini will seek more information on the cost and other space option

7. **Other Business**

- Parents awareness on school and school council activities
  - Twitter – School currently has 130+ followers. Mme Gravill tries to tweet 3 times a week.
  - School council meeting reminder through school email blast
  - Facebook? Mme Finn will ask if the Board will support facebook

8. **Confirmation of next meetings & Adjournment**

- **November 25<sup>th</sup> / February 3/ April 6/ May 25**