

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Thursday October 4, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Tim Dunn (Principal)	Susan Wansbrough (VP)	Shameela Shakeel (2017-2018 Chair)	Cathy Miles (2017-2018 Vice Chair)
Kara Bilo (2017-2018 Treasurer)	Karen Dunn (Staff Representative)	Julie Brenner-King	Karin Larkan-Hill
Michelle Deboer	Evelyn Morgan	Roni Silbershatz	Anne Scott
Shakoufeh Daneshian	Lorna Coulter	Celine Morrow	Cindy Persaud
Jane Hwang	Chelsea Yu	Oxana Dawe	Haitao Song
Cheryl Cline	Mike Mazomenos	Kelley Ciavatta	Ali Shehab

Regrets: Aliya Syed (2017-2018 Secretary)

Principal and Vice-Principal's Report:

- **Class reorganization** - none was needed which makes for a smooth transition/beginning to the school year
- **Meet the Staff BBQ** - well received, although some parents felt that the cost of \$6 per combo was too high
- **Scholastic book fair** - great success, with over \$5,000 for library resources
- **School size** - 633 students (4 kindergartens + one SK/1 split, 2-3 classes in all other grades); Over 50 staff; new portable outside for grade 4/5 class
- **Extracurricular** - many programs are underway (colouring club, yoga, cross-country running, volleyball, etc...see every Friday's Week ahead email for list of clubs and important dates)
- **Constitution** - need to update the School Council Constitution this school year
- **Safety/Lockdown/Evacuation** - criteria and procedures discussed briefly, with respect to safety of our students and training of staff on PA Day

Closure of 2017-2018 School Council:

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of October 4, 2018 - **\$3,794.06**

MOTION - "I move to approve the Treasurer's Report"

~ Motion made by Karin Larkin-Hill, seconded by Evelyn Morgan, all in favour.

- **2017-2018 Council officially dissolved**

Opening of 2018-2019 School Council:

- All were welcomed to the first School Council meeting. There was a good turnout and it was hoped that people would continue to attend future meetings.
- Nominations for positions on the 2018-2019 Council were reviewed, with the following outcome. Congratulations and welcome to this year's 12 newly appointed School Council members:
 - Chair - Shameela Shakeel
 - Vice Chair - Cathy Miles
 - Secretary - Anne Scott
 - Treasurer - Kara Bilo
 - Parent Members: Lorna Coulter, Evelyn Morgan, Karin Larkin-Hill, Roni Silbershatz, Julie King, Celine Morrow, Chelsea Yu
 - Staff Member - Karen Dunn

Topics for Discussion:

PRO Grant

- awaiting approval; no school has heard yet if the funding has been approved. This is the money used for the speaker series. The grant comes from the provincial government.

Metro Green Apple Grant

- need to apply for this year - Cathy Miles offered to help with grant writing this year

Children's Dream funding for Kindergarten yard

- John Taylor, former Deputy Mayor of Newmarket, has a foundation called Children's Dream. Last year he approached Shameela about supporting an initiative that fosters greater outdoor physical activity for children. Stonehaven School Council shared with him our vision for a greener outdoor space for the kindergarten yard and Shameela submitted a grant application in the summer of 2018. We were granted \$2,500 to use towards this project. A small outdoor committee exists for this project. More volunteers are welcome. Please let us know if you would like to join.

Suggested Events and Fundraisers for the Year

- A sign up form for parent volunteers to take the lead on events and fundraising was circulated. The leads will be supported and guidance will be provided by Shameela or Cathy. It is hoped that this would generate new volunteers coming forward to assist in events and fundraising.
- Wednesday, October 31 - Fall Dance - Celine & Kara
- Monday, November 12 - Chapters FUNdraiser - Evelyn & Karin
- Friday, December 7 - White Elephant Sale - Celine & Kara & Michelle
- November/December - Poinsettias - Cathy & Lorna
- Thursday, January 17 - Movie Night - Julie & Michelle
- Thursday, February 14 - Friendship Dance - Lorna & Oxana
- Wednesday, February 20 - Snow Valley Tubing Trip - Roni & Shameela
- April/May - Spring Flowers through North 40 Farms - Cathy
- Wednesday, April 24 - Cake Walk & Artisan Market - Michelle & Cheryl & Kym Sloggett
- Friday, May 3 - Wellness Day TBD - Kara & Celine & Cathy
- May - Evolve Skateboarding TBD - Shameela
- June - Staff Appreciation Luncheon TBD - Oxana & Kelley & Ali

Reminder of upcoming School Council meeting dates: December 6, February 7, April 4 and May 23

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Addendum:

On October 10, 2018, Shameela sent an email message to School Council members and motioned for an email vote on fund allocations as follows:

\$1,300 for Forest of Reading books (all grades)

\$1,000 for Scientists in the School (primary grades)

\$ 500 for Angel Fund (to be used by the school administration as needed, usually for field trips and items for students in need)

\$3,000 earmarked for YRDSB cost-sharing program in November (for technology items; board matches this contribution)

11 of 12 School Council members voted via email and the motion passed. Note that the 12th member was not included on the email because we did not have contact info at the time.