

S.P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

In Attendance

K. Cooper W. Galbraith P. Hambley C. Heyting K. Hiltz R. Hibberd M. Houston P. Wood

Regrets

R. Lawrence

Welcome and Introductions

Financial Report

- Budget as of April 9, 2018 was presented:

| <u>S.P.S. School Council Fundraising Account 2017-2018</u> | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance | \$ 6,608.09 |
| Income | |
| | Pizza \$ 4,923.97 |
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| Expenditures | |
| 2017-2018 Agendas | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Playground Maintenance (savings) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Technology (matched by YRDSB) | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Chess Tournament | \$ 70.00 |
| Tree Maintenance (savings) | \$ 250.00 |
| | \$ 4,320.00 |
| Future Expenditures | |
| Logo for Gym Wall | \$ 2,100.00 |
| Scientists in the School | \$ 3,375.00 |
| Pizza | \$ 990.00 |
| Grad Gift | \$ 500.00 |
| 2018-2019 Agendas | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | \$ 7,965.00 |
| Closing Balance | \$ (752.94) |

- Council agreed to transfer the unspent balance of \$1733.86 from the Playground account to the Fundraising account.

School Photography

- Photo Day for the 2018-2019 school year has been booked with Edge Imaging for Oct. 5, 2018. Individual and class photos will be taken on this day
- Retake Day for the 2018-2019 school year has been booked for Nov. 1, 2018

Sutton Stingers Gymnasium Mural

- Angela Fraser will paint the logo mural on the gym wall in July



Tree and Playground Report

- RL reported on the condition and maintenance of the trees that have been planted in the schoolyard over the last several years
 - Trees have been pruned for shape and to remove dead/damaged limbs
 - Failing hackberry tree in the kindergarten garden will be replaced by RL in late May or June
 - Grass will be reseeded between the playground and drainage swale where it was damaged when the drainage was improved. The area will be roped off through the spring and summer.

YRDSB Parent Symposium – Parent Voice Matters!

- PH and SPS Vice-Principal S. Dickson attended a workshop presented by Aldergrove Public School (Markham) about ongoing efforts at their school to *“Engage Parents, Families, Elders and Community to support student achievement”*
- Topics included:
 - Beginning-of-year questionnaire to learn about methods of communication, language/translation, preferred meeting times, important dates and celebrations
 - Beginning-of-year orientation evening for families new to the school
 - Town Hall-style meetings to gather community input on goals, expectations, issues
 - Family activity nights to allow families to connect with the school community together
 - End-of-year Community Report Card to gather data and track whether the school is successful in meeting goals and expectations and where gaps are occurring
- In light of the rapid growth of our school population, Council will consider organizing an orientation session in the fall for families new to our school

2018-2019 PRO Grant

- Ministry of Education Grant to assist schools to “*remove barriers to parent engagement that may prevent some parents from fully participating in their children's learning*”. The application deadline for this \$1000 grant is June 5, 2018
- Eligible ideas include:
 - workshops for parents; guest speakers
 - Childcare/transportation for parents so they can attend school events or workshops
- More information is available at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/guidelines.html>
- Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting to determine if Council will apply for this grant for the 2018-2019 school year

Indigenous Artists in Communities and Schools Project

- MH presented information about this Ontario Arts Council grant to “*teach arts workshops in schools during the upcoming school year, engaging children and youth in creative, active, hands-on and in-depth arts experiences*”.
- More information is available at <http://www.arts.on.ca/grants/indigenous-artists-in-communities-and-schools-proj>
- MH to investigate whether SPS would be eligible to apply and to oversee the application process

2018 Grade Eight Graduation

- Graduation to take place June 26, 2018; event planned by Grade 8 staff, students & families
- KH presented information about the possibility of holding the graduation ceremony and celebration in the ballroom at the Jackson's Point Ramada
 - RH will discuss with staff; Grade Eight students and families will be consulted

Principal's Report

- RH reported on the upcoming happenings at SPS over the next few months – spring is a very busy time!
 - Scientists in the School: May 3
 - Jump Rope for Heart: May 18
 - EQAO for Grades 3 & 6: Tuesday May 22 – Monday June 4
 - Family Fun Fair: June 20 (Council to participate with basket auction)

Next Meeting

Monday May 7, 2018
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Sutton Public School Library