

# S.P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2018

## In Attendance

K. Cooper    W. Galbraith    P. Hambley    R. Hibberd  
M. Houston    R. Lawrence    C. Stone

## Welcome and Introductions

## Budget

- Budget as of March 5, 2018 was presented:

<b><u>S.P.S. School Council Fundraising Account 2017-2018</u></b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,608.09</b>
<b>Income</b>	
	Pizza <u>\$ 5,378.53</u>
	<b>\$ 5,378.53</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
	2017-2018 Agendas \$ 1,000.00
	Playground Maintenance (savings) \$ 1,000.00
	Technology (matched by YRDSB) \$ 2,000.00
	Chess Tournament <u>\$ 70.00</u>
	<b>\$ 4,070.00</b>
<b>Future Expenditures</b>	
	Pizza (3 weeks) \$ 1,050.00
	Grad Gift – Photo Composites \$ 500.00
	2018-2019 Agendas <u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	<b>\$ 2,550.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,366.62</b>

## School Photography

- Thank you to Lifetouch Canada and Edge Imaging for their informative presentations in December and January, respectively.
- Council is very satisfied with our relationship with Edge Imaging and chose to continue it for the 2018-2019 school year.
  - Individual photos will be booked earlier next year (late September) to ensure photos are available to families in plenty of time for sharing over the December break;
  - Class photos will be taken on Retake day (October) so any classroom reorganization that may occur is reflected in the photos;
  - A wider choice of backgrounds will be available for online ordering;
  - A new booklet format for prints will be requested.
- **Action Item:** PH to meet with RH to determine and book photo dates for next year

## School Funding Requests

### Sutton Stingers Gymnasium Mural

- The Sutton Stingers gymnasium mural choice was finalized and approved. Cost will be \$2090.50 (including HST)
- **Action Item:** RH to coordinate with Angela Fraser about dates for painting the mural over the summer



### Scientists in School Day – May 3, 2018

- All students will take part in a half-day workshop with their class (at S.P.S.) presented by Scientists in School (<http://www.scientistsinschool.ca>). Workshops have been chosen by grade teachers to support their science programs and to enhance and inspire Science learning. Fifteen workshops will take place.
- Council agreed to pay the full cost of \$3373.05

### Annual Contribution to Tree Maintenance Fund

- Council agreed to transfer \$250 to the Tree Maintenance Savings account (funds held against the future cost of maintaining/replacing the trees that have been planted in our schoolyard)

### **Tree and Playground Report**

- RL updated Council on the condition and maintenance of the trees that have been planted in the schoolyard over the last several years
  - Stones around the trees were moved/reset as necessary in the fall; trees are being pruned for shape and to remove dead limbs
  - Supports will be removed this spring from trees which are well-established
  - Failing hackberry tree in the kindergarten garden will be replaced by RL in honour of his late sister
  - Accessibility path to the playground is showing signs of wear; Council will request that the path be paved when the tarmac edge is being repaired

### **Community Conversations on Classism**

- PH and MH attended events hosted by the YRDSB Equity and Inclusivity Committee; Discussion tables were attended by the Director, Superintendents, Trustees, administrators, teachers, parents, and members of the public
- Discussions centered around identifying and eliminating classroom, school, and Board practices which exclude or discriminate against students and families based on socioeconomic status/wealth
- Topics included:
  - The assumption that all students/families have access to a computer/device and internet access outside of school for homework, assignments, school communication
  - “Cashless” school offices which only allow payments to schools using debit or credit cards online through SchoolCashOnline
  - Sales at school – pizza lunches, fundraisers, trips/excursions for which students are asked to pay

- The use of prizes or incentives to encourage fundraising e.g. prizes for goals reached or highest class totals
- Council agreed that classism is an important issue that will be considered during future planning and decision-making

## **Announcements**

### Regional Parent Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill

- Hosted by the YRDSB Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee
- Workshops covering a range of parenting & education topics
- Contact Mrs. Hibberd for more information or if interested in attending

### Fresh from the Farm Spring Fundraiser (pilot)

Fresh From the Farm has announced a spring greenhouse vegetable fundraising trial; dates will be available in April

### Basket Auction

Council will organize/take part in a basket auction fundraiser in the spring (possibly as part of a school open house/fair)

## **Next Meeting**

Monday April 9, 2018

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Sutton Public School Library