

School Council Meeting Minutes - Trillium Woods PS

January 31, 2019

Attendance:

Council Members: Marleen, Aya, Ursula, Lixia, Charmaine, Jianhua, Shelly, Heidi, Lopa, Kamran, Belal Taha (Principal), Robyn Reid (Vice Principal), Vicki Andreakas (Teacher Representative)

Absent: Raheleh

1. **Welcome** - Meeting was called to order by Marleen at 6:30pm.

2. **Operations**

- Adoption of Agenda
- Financial Update

Trillium Woods PS School Council Financial Report - January 2019			
Prepared on : Jan. 28, 2019			
Item	Debit	Credit	Balance
Previous Balance (Nov. 28/18)			\$ 32,099.69
Pizza Lunch Deposit - Winter		\$ 13,487.85	\$ 45,587.54
Sub Lunch Deposit - Winter		\$ 5,999.00	\$ 51,586.54
Pizza Lunch (Dec. 12, 19) 2 x \$659.92	\$ 1,319.84		\$ 50,266.70
Pizza Lunch (Jan. 9, 16, 23) 3 x \$696.08	\$ 2,088.24		\$ 48,178.46
Sub Lunch (Dec) 3 x \$519	\$ 1,539.00		\$ 46,639.46
Sub Lunch (Jan) 2 x \$550	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 45,539.46
Fun Fair Inflatable Deposit	\$ 847.50		\$ 44,691.96
Gr. 8 Trip Subsidy - deposit	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 43,091.96
Jigglyump Rock performance (Jan. 28)	\$ 659.02		\$ 42,432.94
Jay vs the World performance (Feb. 12)	\$ 230.52		\$ 42,202.42
Balance as of Jan. 24, 2019			\$ 42,202.42
Pizza Lunch - Winter (\$696.08 x 6)	\$ 4,176.48		
Sub Lunch - Winter (\$550 x 5)	\$ 2,750.00		
Money to be kept in the Account	\$ 1,000.00		
Money to be Spent			\$ 34,275.94

3. **Principal's Report**

- Staffing

A council member voiced concern over too many students in Grade 4 and up. At Trillium Woods PS, there are currently Grade 4 classes with 30 students. This is a result of non existent class caps after Grade 4. Mr Taha explained the yearly enrollment projections: The School Board Planning Department gives projection numbers to the principal who will then create a chart keeping in mind all the different rules, e.g. class cap sizes. The principal will then ask for a certain number of teachers and organization of the school. The proposed organization is approved by the end of February (this process is different this year as the Board is waiting to see what the Ministry is going to do in regards to class sizes and full day Kindergarten), with a possible reorganization in October. The reorganization is due to unforeseen enrollment and can lead to a high number of students per class which has a negative impact on our children's education.

What can Council do? Following action items were discussed:

- All Council members encouraged to call our local MPP and voice concern about class sizes.
- Contact Annie Kidder, director at "People for Education".
- Try to set up meeting with our local MPP (Heidi).
- Set up petition on line (Kamran).

- Use social media to make other parents aware.
- Trip Subsidy
School Council money will be used to subsidize families for the Grade 8 Ottawa trip.

4. Teacher's Report

- Mixed volleyball team won Areas. Team made it to quarter finals at Regionals. Go Tornadoes!
- Automated system iNFORM will be introduced as of February 4 to report your child's absence.
- "Oh Canada" and announcements now at 10:17am.
- Michael Wade at school on Monday February 4.
- Dental screening took place January 14.
- Ongoing: Kindergarten registration and scientist in the classroom.
- Jiggy Jump Dancing took place.
- Grade 8 graduation pictures on February 7.
- Art's Night sometime in March or April.
- Principal Taha's last day clap out took place January 31.
- Justin Dance program starts next week.

5. Council Business

- Hot Lunches - Pizza (Wednesdays) and Sub (Fridays) lunches running well.
- Fun Fair - Date was set to June 13, 2019. Confirmed: Food (Fire it Up BBQ), bouncy castles, DJ Justin, ice cream truck, nail polish station, face painting. Council approved \$3000 to be spent on fun fair.
- Discussion about after school sports program.
- Demonstrate ``Modern Learning Club`` at upcoming Council meeting.
- Movie night committee : Heidi, Charmaine, Lixia, Jinhua.
- February 19: Lion dance to celebrate Lunar New Year.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm