

# MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes - Trillium Woods Public School

January 25, 2018

### Attendance

**Council Members:** Rebecca, Marleen, Lopa, Charmaine, Belal Taha, Annette Livi, Kamran, Shelly, Jinhua, Ursula, Melanie, Heidi, Barbara Svab

**Absent:** Raheleh

### Agenda

1. **Welcome:** The Meeting was called to order by Rebecca at 6:36 PM

2. **Operations**

- **Approval of Meeting minutes**

The minutes from the meeting, held on November 9, 2017 were accepted online. The minutes from January 25, 2018 will be emailed to all the council members for review and acceptance.

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was accepted as published. No new topic was added to the current agenda.

- **Meeting Norms** – Be respectful and inclusive to all members of the council and their views

- **Financial Update**

The financial report is published as below.

Trillium Woods PS School Council Financial Report - Jan, 2018

Prepared on Jan. 24, 2018

Item	Debit	Credit	Balance
Previous Balance (Nov. 11)			\$ 28,615.27
Pizza Lunch Deposit		\$ 12,314.94	\$ 38,930.21
Pizza Lunch (Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20)	\$ 5,631.92		\$ 33,298.29
Pizza Lunch (Jan. 10, 17, 24)	\$ 1,925.52		\$ 31,372.77
Sub Lunch Deposit		\$ 6,328.42	\$ 37,691.19
Sub Lunch (Nov & Dec)	\$ 5,369.00		\$ 32,322.19
Sub Lunch (Jan)	\$ 3,228.50		\$ 29,093.69
Computer Cost Sharing	\$ 6,224.09		\$ 22,869.60
EggDomp Healthy Earth performance	\$ 839.25		\$ 22,030.35
The Secret Life of Riley R performance	\$ 33.90		\$ 21,996.45
Fun Fair deposit - Main Event Fun Games Inc	\$ 847.50		\$ 21,148.95
Balance as of Jan. 23, 2018			\$ 23,368.95
Pizza Lunch (\$641.84 x 6)	\$ 3,851.04		
Sub Lunch (\$624.25 x 6) *	\$ 3,685.50		
Money to be kept in the Account:	\$ 1,000.00		
Money to be Spent			\$ 14,632.41

### 3. **Principal's Report**

- **Inclement Weather** – An inclement weather day is a day where road or weather conditions make it impossible to operate a school bus safely. On days that extreme weather warrants the cancellation of school transportation, schools will remain open unless also deemed an emergency because of a breakdown of essential services. The decision to cancel transportation is made by 6:00 a.m. Trillium Woods Public School records almost 70% attendance on Inclement weather days. Any lunch service arrangements made by the school, special lunches or special events/field trips will be cancelled on designated inclement weather days. Parents need to inform the school office if their child will not be attending on an inclement weather day, otherwise the school's safe arrival procedure will apply.
- **Communication** – All information regarding cancellation of transport due to inclement weather is communicated via the major radio channels, TV news at 6:00 a.m. School Principal Mr. Taha ensures to send out the inclement weather bus cancellation alert to all parents as soon as the decision is broadcasted. All parents are reminded to send in a packed lunch for their children.

Council and school staff have jointly decided to keep a box of Granola bars – which may come handy just in case any parent missed the alert and no lunch was packed for their child.

- **Student & Parent Survey** – 2 separate sets of survey were rolled out to parents and students to get their feedback on the school climate. Ms. Livi shared the results of the survey with the Council members. Overall school results were very much in line with the board results.

### 4. **Council Business**

- **School Safety** : Council members wanted to review the safety of the children who get dropped off at school. Often parents drop off the kids in the middle of the parking lot loop. Parents are also seen to park their cars at no Parking zones. Council members in collaboration with the school staff will run a weeklong traffic check to ensure safety of children walking to school.
- **Hot lunch** – Hot Lunch programs are running extremely well. The volunteers are running with a lot of expertise. Currently, there is Pizza on Wednesdays and Sub Lunch on Fridays. There is great response from the students. School cash online will remain open for 4 weeks to accommodate as many registrations as possible. No in-session requests will be accepted after the Pizza/Sub lunch registrations close.
- **Fun-Fair Updates** – Fun Fair will be held on June 20, 2018. Sub-Committee to help organize the event has been formed. More volunteers are requested to join.

### 5. **Teacher's Report** – The following exciting activities have been taking place in school:

- On December 20, a School Concert was showcased where children from grades k-2 participated.

- Peace by PEACE is a unique conflict resolution and community-building program for Grade 5 students. Volunteers from the University of Toronto and York University deliver an 11-week curriculum that empowers grade 5 students to deal with the pressing issues of conflict, bullying, and violence in their lives, schools, and communities. A hands-on approach, based on games, activities, and discussions, engages students and provides them with practical skills. The program culminates with a 3-hour festival where students celebrate their learning and graduate from the program.
- Grade 8 Ottawa Trip Parent Info Night was during the first week of January
- “Into the Woods” – a musical production was presented on January 18.
- JiggiJump was created in partnership with Ophea and combines music and adventure to get kids moving. Students will learn about keeping themselves and our planet healthy. This presentation is booked for Monday, January 15 at 9:00 for students in grades JK to 2  
Wednesday January 24, 2018 was Jersey Day
- Be Bold Workshops will be taking place for students in grades 6-8 on February 1st. This youth run organization will be addressing current issues such as gender stereotypes and prejudice through activities and small group discussions. A schedule will be created and shared with you as we get closer to the date.
- February is Black History Month, we will be doing morning announcements, as well as a Trivia Contest, about the contributions of Notable Black Canadians.

6. **Parking Lot:** Nil

7. **Adjournment :**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM by Rebecca & Marleen