



Ventura Park P.S. – School Council Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2019
7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Council Members	Role	Oct 1	Nov 5	Feb 4	Apr 1	Jun 10
Dennis Lazovski	Chair	✓	✓	✓		
Victoria Gamaniouk	Treasurer Liaison	✓	✓	X		
Mojgan Rezvani	Secretary		✓	X		
Jenny Alfandary	Member	✓	✓	✓		
Danit Fischtein	Member	✓	X	✓		
Naomi Fogel	Member	✓	✓	✓		
Dana Glickman	Member		✓	✓		
Maya Obadia	Member		✓	X		
Rosita Sadiklar	Member	✓	✓	✓		
Dina Simkhaev	Member	✓	✓	✓		
Shanyn Waxman	Member	✓	✓	✓		
School Admin						
Arin Otis	Principal	✓	✓	X		
Mary MacKeracher	Vice Principal	✓	X	✓		
Daniel Cohen	Teacher Rep	✓	X	X		
Jessica Forde	Teacher Rep	✓	✓	✓		
Sara Freedman	Teacher Rep	✓	X	X		
Michelle Kwendo	Teacher Rep	✓	✓	✓		
Others present						
Julie Stein	Non-Member	✓	X			
Kulsum Narajeli	Non-Member	✓	X			
Sefi Chasid	Non-Member		✓			
Derrick Bao	Non-Member		✓			
Sherri Kogan	Non-Member		✓			
Pam Braude	Non-Member		✓	✓		
Loni Grafstein	Non-Member		✓	✓		



Item	Agenda Item / Discussion / Action Required
1.	<u>Welcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Meeting Commenced at 7:00am
2.	<u>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Approved by: Dana and Jenny
3.	<u>Appreciation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Pam - Pizza volunteers' term one ◄ Dennis - Pam and Victoria ◄ Jenny - Lice Check approval
4.	<u>Treasurer's Update.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Pizza and subs money collected \$7800 and \$2000 ◄ Available funds \$26,715.92 ◄ Similar orders for pizza and subs for second term ◄ One extra box of gluten free (2 boxes per term) ◄ Subs- similar (refer to treasurer's report)
5.	<u>Council Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Parent education committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Danit- No pro-grant this year. Two ideas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speaker Viktoria Prooday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising an emotionally intelligent child and raising a child in a digital age. Cost \$800. 2. Triple P Parenting- 4 topics available. Program is free. Do we want to use school council money for child care and pizza? Triple P would like to do presentation for council and teachers. Choices - Power of positive parenting, Raising confident, component Children, Raising Resilient Children, Managing fighting and aggression, hassle free shopping with children. Forest Run received a pro-grant this year. VP will look into checking why another school received the grant and Ventura did not. ◄ Fun fair committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fun Fair date - June. 6th ○ Expenditures going up ○ Silent auction - looking for donations ○ Dana will promote on Facebook for silent auction



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Principal's and Teachers' Update

Vice principal:

- Staff update:
 - Wendy Lu instead of Mme. Aziza
 - Kerry Mendelson doing 1-3 prep
 - Mme. Matthew still away
 - Mme. Lofsky- Julia Bondik
- Lego club will not happen this year due to Mme. Matthews being away
- Mental Health Week- Amazing job - Yoga, X-Movement teacher links, Gratitude Tree in Hallway, Positive Message signs in washrooms and mirror
- Funds Raiser (Humane Society- sold stress balls, colouring books, sudoku) Children bought items, submitted their receipts and were paid back once fund raiser was done. Students came up with ideas of how to present and advertised in each class with much passion and excitement. Raised \$614 profit in 3 days.
- X-Movement coming back, excellent reviews from students, teachers and parents.
- Grad Committee- Bake sale this week, raising money. During sports games. Mme. Bloom in charge of Grad. Dana will contact her for ideas.
- Humane Society- students did everything on their own (posters, coming up with ideas).
- Grad trip will possibly be to Blue Mountain for a full day, leave the school on a coach bus at 7:30 am.-10:00 pm.
 - Activities - Zip lining, hiking, mini-golfing, walk the village. Bring own lunch or buy at the location.
- Charity week idea to start in the school. Students will come up with ideas to which type of charity to choose charity of choice.
- Report cards going home on Feb 15th.
- Spirit wear - Mr. Otis would like to get reviews of this year new clothing. Most attendees at council meeting are asking to bring back a logo on the clothing. Survey on google for students to put their input.
- Healthy Snack Program- Received money from board \$500, not enough. Council is being asked to put in \$1500 towards the program. All council members at the meeting are agreeing to put the money towards the program.



	<p>Teachers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Last Thursday inter. girls basketball team played at Vaughan exhibition games and won a pennant. ◄ Tomorrow February 5- Inter. Girls basketball exhibition game at Glen Shields. ◄ Feb 6- inter. girls and boys basketball game at Forest Run playing against Forest Run and Thornhill Woods. ◄ Feb 12- Girls and Boys inter. Basketball playing at Wilshire. ◄ Areas- Inter girls Feb 20 from 9am-6pm and Inter boys Feb 22 from 9 am-6pm. ◄ Jr. Basketball tryouts - end of March. ◄ Groove Like a Girl presented during January assembly. ◄ Dribble like a girl continues. ◄ T-shirts have arrived and will be distributed later this week. ◄ Lots of student initiated programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ students run programs: Dance club led by grade 6 students performed at January assembly. ○ Intramurals are running until end of the month, led by students. ◄ Request by parent to send out reminders about spirit day earlier. ◄ Friday coming up is 100 day of school spirit day. ◄ March 3 spirit days - soccer jersey day, ◄ Master chef is a big success.
7.	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Littering in the back of the school. Requesting to place garbage bins outside. Mme. Kwendo and Mme. Forde mentioned that the children should not be bringing food outside. Another concern is that in hot weather lots of bees and flies around the garbage bins. ○ Environmental clean-up - class duties and DVPA (daily physical activity). ○ Request for more benches. ○ Changing the outside designs for outdoor activities. ○ Picnic tables are requested as well. - Issues with picnic tables - the cost is too high, need to use a board approved table. ○ Parent Education Committee - How committee decides which speaker is chosen.
8.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◄ Next council meeting Monday, April 1, 2019 ◄ Meeting adjourned at pm.

