

# YORKHILL E.S. - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 2015

Minutes taken by: Lina Vaxman

**Attendees:** Catarina Burisch, Karen Birnie, Natasha Parsotam, Corinne Szulansky, Brooke Jacobs, Kim Sparks, Jennifer Stemerding, Lina Vaxman, Yatri Shah, Danielle de Lestard, Melissa Levin, Alan Morris, Shakufe Virani, Lu Chen

| Time | Item  | Purpose | Responsibility | Notes   | Action/Motion                   |
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| 7:00 | Welcome   |         | Kim/Natasha    | Everyone signed an attendance sheet.  |                                 |
| 7:05 | Adoption of November School Council Meeting Minutes               |         | Kim/Natasha    | Correction for previous month's minutes was noted. After approved, they will be posted online.  | Accepted by Corinne and Brooke. |
| 7:10 | Cash-On-Line presentation   |         | Morag Wright   | A newsletter will be sent to parents with link to a website to register online. They will then receive updates– regarding events, reminders, due dates, etc. We will get a receipt and a list of who has paid. For yearbook orders, only one can be ordered per child.  |                                 |
| 7:20 | Treasurer's Report  |         | Jen Stemerding | Currently we have \$10,000 not including \$5,000 from pizza and sub and \$1000 for drama. In total, we have \$12,900. Staff is meeting on December 7 to discuss needs. Copy of financial reports will be provided at future meetings.   |                                 |
| 7:25 | Cost sharing<br>- motion to proceed                               |         | Kim/Natasha    | The sooner we place the order the sooner the technology can get into classrooms \$3,310.88 is the max for the year (1.5:1). Printers are not in every classroom. School is well-furnished & current.  | Motion was passed               |
| 7:30 | 1,000 School Challenge<br>-sponsoring a refugee family from Syria |         | Melissa Levin  | Brief presentation regarding Initiative from some Toronto schools. Half of the 25,000 refugees will be privately sponsored. 18 schools are participating so far across Canada. Open to Syrian refugees and others. Government pays 50%<br>Sponsoring a family includes: filling an application, agreement holders can assist; we would be responsible for the first year – approx. \$27,000 (rent, food, navigating city...) and settlement |                                 |

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|      |  |  |                        | support ( housing, work, school, furniture...) ;we can partner with another school or schools; we need a coordinating committee to implement this (5 individuals to gather information and guidelines (from YRDSB?) to proceed.   | Shakufe and Alan to look into this.  |
| 7:40 | Principal's Report<br>- Update re:<br>Second Steps<br>Program & Conflict<br>Resolution     |  | Catarina/Karen         | Initiatives in the school - Food Drive until December 11; door decorating contest; environmental initiative – recycled Crayola markers; VIP underway for grade 6 students; School Council Forum – next Wednesday; report cards go home next Friday; Second Steps will be discussed at staff meeting; conflict resolution room is for anyone who has an argument to be resolved is ongoing since September during lunch recess-referral process will be revisited with staff |  |
| 7:45 | Fundraising Ideas<br>--movie night,<br>dance-a-thon,<br>Culture Fest,<br>games night, etc. |  | Kim/Natasha/Jen<br>Lui | January – movie night, games night that include parents/family Thursday, Jan. 14-Movie night (prior to PD day) – <i>Minions</i> at 6:30 (6:00 pizza). Popcorn, pizza, drinks will be pre-ordered online (Brooke and Morag) Natasha and Brooke will organize; look into pizza from Regino's with individualized sleeves & matching price; dance-a-thon – need to consult staff   | Movie night –<br>accepted<br>Pizza lunches<br>next order –<br>accepted<br>Kim to look into<br>Regino's |
| 7:55 | Community<br>Building Ideas -  |  | Kim/Natasha            | Suggestions include: workshop with Barb Rabin with babysitting; wellbeing night with stations (yoga, nutrition, naturopath, aromatherapy); Olympics; collaborate with other councils to have parent nights; offer free babysitting; apply for PRO grant next year.  |  |
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|      | New items  |  |                        | The following items will be addressed at the next meeting, as we ran out of the time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school snacks update</li> <li>- grade 8 grad subsidies by SC</li> <li>- volunteer to submit SC segment to school newsletter- due date?</li> <li>- IBM grant update</li> </ul>  |  |
| 8:00 | Adjournment  |  |                        |   |  |

\* Next School Council meeting is Wednesday, January 6, 2016.