

YORKHILL E.S. - SCHOOL COUNCIL

February 11, 2015

Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Time	Notes
7:00	Welcome & Approval of Minutes	- Review and accept the minutes of January's meeting	Alan/Kim	5	Minutes accepted by Kim and Corinne
7:05	Board policy changes	Filling of Treasurer's position	Alan/Kim	5	Jennifer S. accepted the position of Treasurer
7:10	Principal's Report	<p>Term 2 highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -technology needs through cost sharing \$ -Strings presentation \$300 -Tobacco Education \$120 -Winter Carnival \$100-150 -JF&CS Presentation \$120 -Parent Symposium (takers?) 	Nereo	15	<p>Parent Symposium: April 15th during the evening, featuring various workshops. Nereo provided the list and asked those who are interested in attending to email and he will register on behalf of the group. There is space for approximately 3 participants.</p> <p>Proposed costs:</p> <p>Treasurer's Report – The account that expenses are paid from is overdrawn. The other account has a balance \$34k with \$5k of expenses to be deducted, outstanding.</p> <p>Strings Presentation: Violinist (a Yorkhill parent) with the Toronto Symphony, will give a presentation to the students from JK-3/4. \$300</p> <p>Tobacco education presentation for older students. \$120</p> <p>Winter Carnival: It was proposed to cover the cost of miscellaneous expenses. Teachers have been soliciting donated items from local businesses, but some additional funds would be helpful to cover the cost of hot chocolate and a few other miscellaneous items. \$100-150.</p>

					<p>JF&CS presentation – Wednesday, April 1st – earlier school council meeting (6:15) to facilitate the presentation. The presentation will discuss children who worry too much/ Anxiety in children. \$120</p> <p>Technology: The Board-sponsored computer cost sharing program allows the school to spend a combined total of \$12,500. For every \$1.00 that the school contributes, the school board will contribute \$1.50. So far a Media cart and document cameras have been purchased. There is room to still purchase \$9,314 worth of technology (\$3,725.92 is the amount the school would contribute.) There are also upcoming expenses for repairs of existing technology items. \$6,000 from the school council budget to replace 20 laptops.</p> <p>Question was asked – how many computers are accessible per classroom? Approximately 4 and they are shared between classes. The school board pays for warrantied repairs.</p> <p>French Immersion program – the school board gives permission for the school to go in to a deficit position to set up the new French Immersion classrooms.</p> <p>Playground repairs – money carried over in the past to carry forward for playground repairs. This item has been put aside for technology purchases. The research and preparation is very time consuming. It was suggested that Henderson Public School just recently updated their playground and perhaps they could offer suggestions of what the costs are and which vendors were used.</p> <p>Question was asked about the use of itinerant teachers to support music education. Nereo</p>
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					<p>advised that none of the teachers have approached to ask for this assistance and this is only done at the request of teachers.</p> <p>Motion to support the proposed costs, totalling \$4,415.92. Motion passed.</p>
7:25	Pan Am Games	Update		10	<p>Jennifer S. provided an update: The committee has met and exchanged several emails. Guest speaker from Parapan Games is confirmed, however a firm date is required to book these individuals.</p> <p>Ms. Angel is organizing the classes to make flags to represent the different participating countries.</p> <p>June 10th for the opening ceremonies, 11th is the full day with a rain date of the 12th.</p> <p>Possibility of using Garnet Williams community centre for activities.</p> <p>The committee previously discussed charging an entrance fee to cover the cost of foods to represent the cultures of the Pan-Am games. The event is supported by the PRO grant and that should be sufficient to cover those costs, as well the intention of the PRO grant is to get parent involvement so we should not be charging.</p> <p>Play day events followed by the PRO event night.</p> <p>Suggestion made to have a representative from the committee to meet with a teacher representative and Nereo.</p> <p>It was mentioned by Ms. Hantzakos that there was a CN Rail presentation – Police Officer from CN about traintrack safety – grades 4-8. The feedback from students was very positive.</p>
7:35	Fundraising Report	-	Robyn	15	<p>Sharon provided an update: The dance-a-thon raised \$2300 less \$500 in expenses.</p> <p>Pizza raised \$12748, less approximately \$6000</p>

					<p>expenses and Subway raised \$6400 less expenses.</p> <p>March 12 is proposed as the next movie night. License is yet to be purchased and movie selected. From the time the license is purchased there is 13 months to use it.</p> <p>Drama program: At the show there is a raffle featuring a variety of baskets that also helps with fundraising. Junior Drama presentation June 8th.</p>
7:50	AOB		Kim	10	<p>Kim reviewed the Acorn program – parents can produce cards, calendars, mousepads and other items from their children’s artwork. Timelines: March 23rd distribute the forms to teachers, the children have a week to complete their artwork, then the artwork is sent to parents and they have a set time to place their order. Council supported this fundraiser.</p>

In attendance: Nereo Bonomo, Natasha Parsotam, Kim Sparks, Brooke Jacobs, Sharon Rosenzweig, Janice Niss, Lina Vaxman, Corinne Szulansky, Stella Hantzakos, Jennifer Angel, Jennifer Stemerding, Alan Morris, Jennifer Lui, Karen Birnie.

Next meeting: April 1st – 6:15. Immediately preceding the JFCS presentation on Anxiety in Children.

Minutes by: Natasha Parsotam