

Yorkhill Elementary School – School Council Meeting
Monday, November 6th, 2017
Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM – 8:35 PM

Members Present: Catarina Burisch, Diana Mousavi, Jenny (Bracha) Fuchs, Rosana Salama, Raymond Li, Ellen Erdmand, Stella Hantzakos, Jennifer Angel, Gayle Holtzman, Stephanie Ip-Tin, Joey Ng, Ilana Keyes, Dan Jacobs, Tyler Cave, Yatri Shah

Regrets: Natasha Parsotam

1. October 2nd Minutes reviewed and adopted by Jenny Fuchs and Seconded by Gayle Holtzman.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - Hallowe'en dance a success: \$864.48 net profit
 - Hot Dog Tuesdays' profit: \$891.50
 - Pizza Wednesdays' profit: \$5428.30
 - Subway Fridays' profit: \$659.50
 - Total of \$15 273.23 available to school council (after costsharing of \$5074.22)
 - Issue of Pizza over-ordering – Stephanie Ip-Tin and Jenny Fuchs
 - Issue of overcharging discussed and approved/accepted

Treasurer's report approved by Jenny Fuchs and Seconded by Stephanie Ip-Tin.

3. Principal's report

Programming: Progress reports coming out on November 22, Gifted screening taking place in the beginning of December, Swim to survive program for Grade 3's is a success.

Wellbeing: Monthly character trait; highlighted each day during morning announcements, addressed in class and celebrated at the end of each month with each grade taking on the initiative to plan and deliver important messages in student friendly terms.

Equity: Cost sharing program submitted.

Continued financial support requested for:

- Arts packages – details to be shared in January
- Scientists in School for each of the 18 homeroom classes
- Math manipulatives for classrooms
- Athletic funds to support coaches attending tournaments

Principal's report approved by: Gayle Holtzman and Seconded by Ilana Keyes

4. Submitting School Council Principal Profile
Administrated by Tyler Cave: Deadline set for November 24

5. Proposed date for Family Math Night: Thursday, January 18th, 2017 – Catarina to discuss with staff members and confirm the date

6. Halloween Dance Review

Overall success, however we need to discuss issues and find solutions to avoid logistic problems during future events. An email thread will be sent out by Yatri to all members of council to present issues and solutions.

7. Enhancing the YES school experience – due to time constraints, we decided to defer prioritizing the following programs until the January 9th meeting:

- Enhanced communication: theme Days
- Links for parents around cultural significant days
- Book drive to cull books from home
- Student council: spirit days
- Inclusivity and community outreach program: DANI , Retirement homes
- Trees in our school grounds, Community garden
- Programs to focus on bullying solutions/resolutions

-Dan has offered to send out an email thread outlining these programs with a brief description of what they entail. Members to respond as to priority

8. New business

Item of concern: bullying - Younger grades facing bullying issues

A few suggestions:

*Lunch assistants to be coached/trained to resolve conflict during recess time

*Reintroduction of Resolution Room

Other items to discuss during next meeting:

*Pizza Pizza literacy club – Stephanie Ip-Tin to email Mrs. Angel

*McCormick Fundraiser – a possible venture for school council

*Professional Videographer for Winter Concert – sell footage of concert to raise funds and reduce chaos

*Sell hot chocolate etc during concert to raise funds

*Concern brought up about sandbox hygiene, basketball nets, outdoor facilities, safety

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next school council meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2017