

# YORKHILL E.S. - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 2015

Minutes taken by: Lina Vaxman

**Attendees:** Catarina Burisch(Principal), Karen Birnie (Vice-Principal), Natasha Parsotam (Co-Chair), Kim Sparks (Co-Chair), Jennifer Stemerding (Treasurer), Lina Vaxman (Secretary),Corinne Szulansky, Lu Chen, Brooke Jacobs, Jennifer Lui, , Mei Ng, Yatri Shah, Danielle de Lestard

Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Notes
7:00	Welcome		Kim/Natasha	An attendance sheet was circulated.
7:05	Adoption of October Minutes		Kim/Natasha	Amendments were made and Minutes approved by Kim and Brooke.
7:10	Treasurer's Report		Jennifer Stemerding	We have about \$9000 as carry over. School Council makes suggestions to school Admin regarding the allocation of funds. Moving forward with money coming in shortly from pizza and subway lunches, we need to determine into which initiatives fundraising money will go.
7:20	Principal's Report		Catarina/Karen	<p>Fundraising is a collaborative effort to support the experience of all students at Y.E.S. It is importance to establish areas as guidelines that ensure initiatives are equitable in reaching all children. The following are some ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Technology</b> –cost sharing is 1.5 ratio with the board. This year \$3300 would buy 5 additional document cameras. Each classroom would have a cart with one laptop, one LCD projector, one document camera and one iPad. iPads enable teachers to document and for students to take pictures, record , etc.) K &amp; gr. 1 / 2 classes have 5 iPads instead of laptops.</li> <li>• <b>Arts</b> –bring in drama and music performances</li> <li>• <b>Athletics</b> – purchases resources (games &amp; equipment) and/or provide for coverage for teachers to attend tournaments</li> <li>• <b>Angel fund</b> – support students on a needs basis.</li> <li>• <b>Scientists in the School</b> - Cost could be subsidized or fully paid as in the past. Initiative for programming must come from teachers.</li> <li>• <b>Grade 8 graduation honorarium</b></li> </ul> <p>As teachers have not yet had an opportunity to meet this school year regarding fundraising initiatives, decisions and motions such as the amount allocated to gr. 8 etc. needs to wait. Candice Harding-Calder has been hired for a grade 2 French Immersion class. Cross country – one of our students ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and went to the Regionals. VIP (Values, Peers, and Influences) is a partnership program with York Region Police that is delivered by the school's community officer to grade 3, 6, 7, 8. This program is provided in all YRDSB schools and is delivered in English. High School open houses have begun for the grade 8s.</p>

				<p>Mr. Dishy's room has been freed up. The YMCA after-care program is now located in the music room which has been re-organized. Instruments have been sent for repairs and those not in use have been stored away for safe keeping. Anne Cass will offer Orff workshop to interested staff.</p> <p>Mad Science Program is underway each Monday at lunch time for primary grades.</p> <p>J/I Drama club has also begun and takes place each Wednesday at lunch time.</p> <p>Primary Drama club will be Fridays at lunch time and scheduled to begin November 13.</p> <p>Choir is getting organized and will be happening at lunch.</p> <p>Student Council has taken on the organization of Halloween activities and hosted a haunted classroom experience to all Primary students. They will be hosting and organizing the Remembrance Day assembly and various spirit days throughout the year.</p> <p>Buses are now arriving and departing on schedule.</p> <p>Picture day went well. Retakes are on Nov. 24</p> <p>Vaccinations for grades 7 and 8 students will begin on November 18.</p> <p>School newsletters will be sent to families electronically approximately every 6 weeks</p> <p>Jen Lui suggested that School Council make a submission to the newsletter</p> <p>Corinne mentioned that it would be good to get it translated into various languages.</p> <p>Student washrooms and one stairwell on the main floor have been painted.</p> <p>Barb Rabin from JFCS is in the school each Monday to support classrooms, groups and individual students as needed. She is also available and interested in providing workshops and seminars to parents during the day or evenings.</p>
7:35	Fundraising Options; online payment system		Kim/Jen Lui	<p>Y.E.S. is on the wait list for online payment training for fundraising.</p> <p>Parents can write cheques, pay cash or pay online</p> <p>Natasha - First payment for pizza and sub lunches could be for November, December and January, then February until the end of the year (second payment).</p> <p>Brook – will prepare 2 forms (pizza and subs) Pizza forms until end of January.</p> <p>Pizza lunches will be Wednesdays and sub days will be Fridays. We need volunteers to help</p> <p>Jennifer – creation of a Fundraising committee was suggested</p> <p>Movie night –(licence will run out in May 2016.) possibly January 14 as January 15 is a PA day. The Minions movie is a possibility.</p> <p>The possibility of a holiday celebration will be discussed with staff.</p>
7:40	Community Building Ideas		Kim/Natasha	<p>Events like movie nights, math/games night are fun and educational, at No charge</p> <p>Natasha - talk by Barb Rabin that tie health and wellness, such as movement and yoga exercises could be organized into various stations. Possibly a Wellness Fair</p> <p>Corinne – suggested after school clubs (sewing, yoga). This is difficult as there are no free spaces and rooms need to be permitted after 6:00pm</p> <p>Lina – we can liaise with Garnet A. Williams Community Centre to offer programs.</p> <p>Snack program needs to be shared with staff prior to making a decision.</p>
8:00	Adjournment			Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

\* Next council meeting is December 2, 2015.