

# YORKHILL E.S. - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 1, 2015

Minutes taken by: Lina Vaxman

**Attendees:** Catarina Burisch, Karen Birnie, Jennifer Lui, Alan Morris, Natasha Parsotam, Corinne Szulansky, Tewfik Zitouni, Brooke Jacobs, Kim Sparks, Jennifer Stemerding, Michelle Larocque, Marjaneh Tashayudi, Shekufe Virani, Lina Vaxman,

**Not present:** Liv Corriera,

Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Time	Notes
7:00	Welcome & Approval of Minutes	Welcome	Alan		Minutes were approved by Corinne and Kim.
7:05	School Council Election	Nominations and elections	Catarina Burisch, principal  Karen Birnie, vice-principal		The School Council consists of a maximum of 15 parents, 1-2 community representatives., 1-2 co-chairs to share duties, a treasurer, a secretary, fundraising and communications representatives – these are traditional roles that we have had in the past. We don't have nomination forms because of the current job action. Concerns were addressed regarding communication between parents and the school regarding children with allergies since no school emails or newsletters are circulating. Parents need to notify the school of medical concerns and allergies. Elections: 13 members are present today; Kim and Alan are co-chairs today. Voting membership is dependent on members being present (they are allowed to miss 2 meetings). There should be a minimum of 4 meetings throughout the school year. In pervious years, meetings were held every month except for December and March. The school council constitution was outlined. Newly-elected co-chairs: Natasha and Kim Treasurer: Jennifer Stemerding Secretaries: Lina, Michelle, Natasha. Everyone introduced themselves.

7:15	Adoption of last School Council Meeting Minutes				Names of attendees are recorded at every meeting.
7:20	Principal's Report		Catarina Burisch		<p>The principal put on a presentation that provided an overview about the school, such as the principal's role, student enrolment and school council. Our projection was 475 and currently we have 478 students. Email is the best way to communicate with the principal and vice-principal.</p> <p>Ms. Wright and Mrs. Cortes are working full-time in the office; there are 4 caretakers, and there are 12 new staff members in the school. An assembly was held that highlighted the Terry Fox Marathon. The Terry Fox Walk is tomorrow (Friday, October 2) in the morning – students will be walking around the school, remaining on school property. Donations can be made only online. Currently, money and forms are not being sorted in the classrooms. Teachers are following union parameters. Last Friday, there were presentations held for grade 7 and 8 students by MADD.</p> <p>There will be a guest visit from an author for students in grades 6, 6 &amp; 8 on October 7 - Vicky Grant.</p> <p>The cross-country run event is on October 8. This week was safety week: there were 1 fire drills and a lock down practice.</p> <p>Volleyball practices are on after school for the intermediate students. This is done on a purely voluntary basis – no forms are sent or collected.</p> <p>During the current job action, the focus is on instruction. The staff keeps adapting to union parameters while continuing instruction, in a safe and nurturing way. Teachers' focus is on instruction. Concerns regarding student progress or educational programming are still being addressed. The caretakers are maintaining the health and safety in the</p>

					<p>bathrooms and classrooms – hallways are not being cleaned. They are not cutting the grass but are taking out the garbage. Issues need to be brought to the attention of the principal and/or vice-principal.</p> <p>LEGO club with Alan is not running this year. Punctuality is important. The front door is to be used only for bussed children at the end of the day. Attendance is taken as he/she gets on the bus. Grade 3s get on first and go to the back, then grade 2s then grade 1s, followed by kindergarteners. Grade 1s' attendance is taken for the entire year.</p> <p>Communication: we will be adding Synervoice – it's a phone system with a callout. It will be coming into effect this month. It can be translated into other languages.</p> <p>The snack program cannot be run due to current issues. There is some grant money for the program. Distribution of snack is problematic – it would be affected based on whether there are parent volunteers.</p> <p>Natasha: last year we had baskets of apples/carrots outside the office - there are many factors that will affect this now.</p>
7:30	Treasurer's Report		Jennifer Stemerding		<p>We have \$9,000 carried over from last year. Last year, \$11,000 was collected from pizza lunches and \$3000 from subs. Current issues prevent pizza and sub lunches from being run – no forms nor collection of money is occurring. All school forms and moneys are being safely stored.</p> <p>Drama club has begun and is running.</p> <p>Jennifer Lui: Other schools are doing pizza lunches – how are they doing it? Let's find out.</p> <p>Karen: Rosedale is putting it on hold.</p> <p>Movie licence was renewed.</p> <p>Alan: can we have movie nights? Not until issues are resolved. Movie nights did not bring in much money – brought the community together.</p>

					We paid for the DJ for Halloween already. We can ask for a credit for the future if it is cancelled.
7:40	Pro-Grant				<p>Last year we had a Para Pan-Am games evening – athletes, presentations, food. We did not apply for the PRO grant this year. We can bring this up again at the next meeting.</p> <p>Corinne: parents approached her about after – school programs – Alan : we can't have them due to current issues and equity.</p> <p>Alan: we can look into finding vendors that support music itinerant/instructional teachers.</p> <p>The Yorkhill Website will be updated shortly.</p>
7:50	School Council dates for the year:				<p>Nov. 4, 2015</p> <p>Dec. 2, 2015</p> <p>Jan. 6, 2016</p> <p>Feb. 3 2016</p> <p>Apr. tba</p> <p>May 4, 2016</p> <p>June 1, 2016</p>
8:00	Adjournment				Adjourned at 8:45 pm