

Yorkhill Elementary School - School Council Meeting

Monday, October 2nd, 2017

Meeting Minutes

7:00-8:45

Members present: Catarina Burisch, Jenny (Bracha) Fuchs, Ilana Keyes, Yatri Shah, Jin Hu, Tyler Cave, Joey Ng, Stella Hantzakos, Jennifer Angel, Ellen Erdman, Gayle Holtzman

Regrets: Dan Jacobs, Stephanie Ip-Tin, Natasha Parsotam, Raymond Li, Diana Mousavi

1. September 19 Minutes reviewed and adopted by Ilana Keyes and Gayle Holtzman.

2. Principal's report
 - School enrollment is at 410
 - 2 new staff members: Ms. Ceolin, Ms. Chandoo
 - EQAO results at <https://eqaoweb.eqao.com/eqaoweborgprofile/profile.aspx? Mident=624101&Lang=E>
Consideration of small class size in gr. 3 reading & writing and in gr. 6 when looking at results. Gr. 3FI only write the Math.
 - 15th year of Terry Fox Run – Donations collected until October 6th.
 - Second Step program – addresses bullying issues - restorative practices – reporting vs. tattletelling
 - Ms. Duliunas (Technology lead at YES) presented the Osmo Numbers
 - Kit of 4 costs \$1300, to be used with IPADS currently present at school
 - Need to decide if we need and how many
 - Cost sharing program with YRDSB: (Ratio 1:1.25 = \$12500) for technology
 - \$5000 to be used towards purchase of laptops in each classroom
 - Motion to approve cost sharing program – proposed by Ilana Keyes, seconded by Tyler Cave

3. Principal profile
 - Tyler Cave proposed to administrate the profile process
 - Sample profiles are in handbook emailed to all council members – please review samples prior to next Council meeting

4. Family Math Night
 - \$1000 grant received from Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO) to be used for Math Night
 - Proposed date: December/January – Mme Burisch will discuss with staff to decide a convenient date as it will be a staff and family event

5. Fundraising
 - Discussed pricing of pizza compared to other schools – justified by greater fundraising results
 - Discussed sharing technology info with all parents to spread knowledge of how fundraising efforts are spent

6. Triple P Parenting events: proposed dates November 22, February 28
 - Simple Gift: Teaching Children Emotional Regulation
 - Parenting Traps and Strategies

7. Hallowe'en Dance – October 26
 - Need to organise subcommittee as dance prior to next meeting

8. New business
 - Weekly introduction to new activities during lunch (Karate, Ballet, etc.)
 - Discussed best way to introduce new lunch activities would be to invite potential programs to the school's spring market to promote their activities so that parents don't feel students are overwhelmed by commercial ventures during school time – this will allow parents to decide which activities would be beneficial

 - How to address bullying issues – online and offline
 - Plan evening for parents to discuss anti-bullying strategies & maintain consistency between school and home
 - General consensus that school values, Touchstone principles & character Traits need to be reiterated at home and followed through (eg.: Respect)

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Next school council meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 @ 7:00PM (Library)