

Yorkhill Elementary School (YES) School Council Meeting Feb 27th, 2017

The following is a summary of discussions. Order of presentation does not reflect the order of discussion or the extent of all discussion surrounding the topic.

In attendance: Catarina Burisch, Jennifer Angel, Kim Sparks, Neda Pilaram, Ilana Keyes, Natasha Parsotam, Katherine Ross, Catherine Hall

Regrets: Rina Patel, Jennifer Stemerding, Brooke Jacobs, Stella Hantzakos

Adoption of previous meeting's meeting:

- Adopted

Treasurer's Report:

- Natasha indicated that Jennifer can no longer maintain the position of Treasurer and that Ilana is willing to take over position until June
Need to verify procedure on replacing this position in Constitution

PRO (Parent Reaching Out)Grant Application:

- deadline is in May 26th, up to \$1000; to build bridges between community/parent; submit by June for following year
- *Math night/* wellness night, game night, Canada 150 ideas discussed
- Kim suggested a STEAM Night; could bring 3D printer or "Makerspace" activities, "Makerfair" where people show/tell their innovations; will discuss at April meeting

Parent Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!

- Symposium held 2x a year, chose from 20 workshops and meet/greet parents from other schools, being held at the Sheraton Markham Wed March 29th
- Cath, Natasha and Ilana volunteered to attend with Catarina

Principal's Report:

- Earth Rangers presentation held at school today; huge success
- Barb Rabin's Parent evening: good feedback, interesting insight on how to talk to children, if interested she would return for another evening
- Natasha: how to support learning skills at home, as a next topic for speaker
- Arts package booked and first performance The Coat March 1st, Vision of Turtle Island march 31, Fables de la Fontaine May 3, Drum Fit (TBD)
- Cost-sharing: 15 laptops and 5 chrome books already in circulation
- Mad Science at lunch to return in April
- Teachers are involved in Math PD

- Student survey grades 5-12, 30 min on-line will be happening end of March
- Grade 6 (Values, Influence and Peers) VIP program happening in March
- intermediate basketball teams: girls participated and boys made it to final game
- Katherine: inquired regarding lack of music teacher, Catarina recognizes the need and workshops are in place to support this need
- Cath suggested having lunchtime extra curricular music program possibly supported with school council monies
- YES Market Place May 4th :Tables are \$50 or \$75; Book fair in library same night
- Avoid businesses related to tutoring, education (i.e Kumon...)
- letter to be sent home, inform parents of where money is going
- Once we have commitment of who's coming we can advertise to parents
- BBQ table, volunteer spouses to run it
- Decide on posters at April's meeting
- Create a Google doc to log confirmed vendors, Jennifer to share with staff
- Students could make art and sell it, or donate their creations
- Ilana to draft letter re: raffle tickets purchased ahead of time through School-cash-on-line could receive a tax receipt. ex: \$25 get 7 tickets, or \$5 each at door
- suggested that raffle be held at specific time and winner would need to be in attendance to collect the prize or else it would be given to someone else
- Letter to parents before March break; vendors to be confirmed by April 18th
- Natasha to explore renting industrial BBQ that Northmeadow C.C uses, perhaps NoFrills on Bathurst could donate buns/hotdogs
- Advertise on signboard outside *Spring Market May 4th Community welcome*
- Cath will make an excel spread sheet to track purchases
- Kim, idea to have 3 'wildcard' baskets for parents who are not able to attend

Movie Night March 9th

- Reminder in weekly update about purchasing tickets for movie night
- Decision made to keep date regardless of advanced ticket sales

Letterhead:

- School Council letters to be sent out on school letterhead; Spring Market

Adjournment:

-meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Next Meeting:

-Monday, April 3, 2017 @ 7:00 in the Library